



Activity Review

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

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JUST THE FACTS

Reporting Period

- January 1-December 31

General Requirements

- Applies to CPAs on active, can't use title, or probationary status;
- 40 CPE hours this calendar year if licensed before March 31, 2019;
- Courses must be in one of seven fields of study: accounting & auditing; consulting services; ethics; management; personal development; special knowledge & applications; or tax; and
- If more than 40 hours completed in the calendar year, up to 20 hours may be carried forward to the next year

Ethics Requirement

- Two (2) hours of professional or regulatory ethics & conduct CPE per calendar year regardless of licensure date; and
- Ethics course sponsor must be in good standing on the NASBA Registry of CPE Sponsors, nasbaregistry.org

FAQs about the Annual CPE Requirement

Q. How many CPE hours must I complete in 2019 if I was licensed after March 31, 2019?

A. If you were licensed in April, May, or June 2019, you must complete 30 CPE hours by December 31, 2019.

If you were licensed in July, August, or September 2019, you must complete 20 CPE hours by December 31, 2019.

If you are licensed in October, November, or December 2019, you must complete 10 CPE hours by December 31, 2019.

Q. Are there activities for which I can't claim CPE credit?

A. You cannot claim CPE credit for reading accounting journals, periodicals, reference guides or related materials, and taking a test designed to assess reading comprehension.

Examinations that test your knowledge of a set of study ma-

terials as prepared in a formal CPE program do qualify for CPE credit.

Q. Before I take a course, will the Board tell me if I may claim credit for it?

A. The Board does not approve specific CPE courses. You must use your judgment to choose activities that contribute to your professional competency.

A course increases your professional competency if it is in an area of accounting in which you practice or are planning to practice; in professional ethics; or another area of the profession.

Q. If I take a four-hour ethics course this year, may I use the extra two hours to meet the ethics requirement for next year?

A. The two-hour ethics CPE requirement is an annual require-

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Disciplinary Action

Pursuant to NCGS 93-12(9), civil penalties are remitted to the North Carolina Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund ("Fund") in accordance with NCGS 115C-457.2. NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, "The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools."

PAULINE K. CHAN #30536 | PAULINE CHAN, CPA | CHARLOTTE, NC

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-41, the Board, the Respondent and the Respondent Firm stipulate to the following:

1. Pauline K. Chan, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 30536 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. Pauline Chan, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina. Hereinafter, the Respondent and the Respondent Firm shall collectively be referred to as the "Respondents."
3. The Respondent Firm has received Fails on its two (2) most recent engagement peer reviews.
4. For each of those peer reviews, it was noted that the Respondent Firm had not utilized proper report language.
5. The Respondents have now ceased performing engagements that require a peer review.
6. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

2. The failure of the Respondent Firm to utilize proper report language is a violation of Board rules 21 NCAC 08N .0212 (Competence) and .0404 (Accounting and Review Services Standards).
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), and also by virtue of the Respondents' consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent Firm is censured.
2. The Respondent Firm shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
3. The Respondents have agreed to no longer participate in or perform any engagements subject to peer review.
4. Should the Respondent Firm choose to perform any future services that would be subject to peer review, prior to acceptance of such engagement, each staff member participating in engagements subject to peer review must take a minimum of four (4) hours required group study SSARS CPE annually until the firm receives a pass on a system review or a pass or pass with deficiencies on an engagement review. The Respondent Firm would also be subject to pre-issuance review pursuant to the Board's pre-issuance review guidelines.

Approved by the Board August 19, 2019.

Board Meetings

November
Monday, Nov. 25
10:00 a.m.

December
Monday, Dec. 16
10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to NCGS §143-318.10, all official meetings of the Board are open to the public. However, the public may be excluded from certain portions of the meeting as allowed by NCGS §143-318.11. Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at 1101 Oberlin Rd., Raleigh 27605.

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-41, the Board and the Respondents stipulate to the following:

1. Carl Frederick Root, Jr., CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 10972 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. Carl F. Root, Jr. PA (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina. The Respondent and the Respondent Firm are collectively referred to as the "Respondents."
3. At all relevant times, the Respondent was the supervising CPA of the Respondent Firm and, as such, was the CPA responsible for ensuring that the Board's peer review requirements were satisfied.
4. The Respondents have entered a prior Consent Order which required them to re-enroll in the AICPA peer review program and address a peer review that had been recalled.
5. The Respondent Firm was given permission to re-enroll in the peer review program by the AICPA. However, the Respondent Firm's participation in the peer review program was subsequently terminated for a failure to meet deadlines.
6. The Respondent has stated that he no longer performs services subject to peer review.
7. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Revised Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Revised Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Revised Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

2. By failing to timely complete a peer review, the Respondents have violated 21 NCAC 08N .0203(b)(7).
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9) and also by virtue of the Respondents' consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondents' privilege to perform, or participate in any services subject to peer review as identified in Board rule 21 NCAC 08M .0105 *Peer Review Requirements* is permanently revoked.

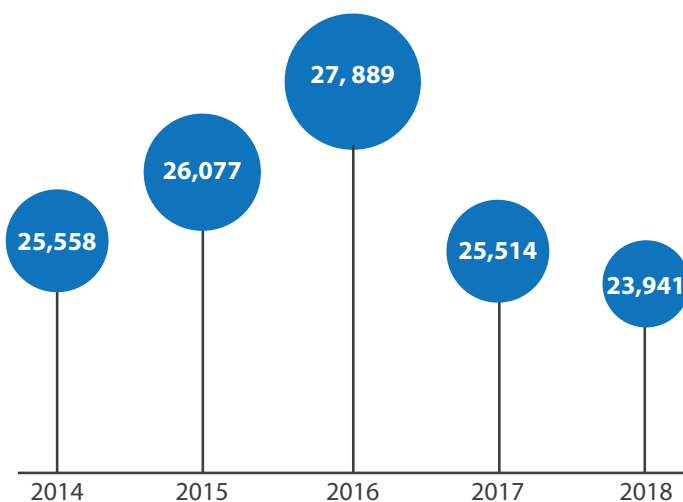
Approved by the Board September 23, 2019.

Number of Exam Candidates Continues to Decline

The AICPA's *2019 Trends in the Supply of Accounting Graduates and the Demand for Public Accounting Recruits* report shows an overall decline in the number of Uniform CPA Exam candidates.

After a significant increase in the number of CPA Exam takers in 2015 and 2016, there was a 7% decrease between 2017 and 2018. The number of CPA Exam candidates in 2018 dipped to its lowest level in 10 years.

The *2019 Trends* report provides statistical projections and respondent expectations based upon university responses for the 2017-2018 academic year.



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ment, so you cannot use “extra” ethics CPE hours to skip taking an ethics course next year.

However, you may apply the “extra” ethics CPE hours toward the total number of CPE hours completed this year.

- Q.** Do I need to comply with the CPE requirement if I’m licensed in North Carolina but don’t live or work in North Carolina?
- A.** If you are a non-resident CPA (a North Carolina CPA who neither lives nor works in North Carolina), you must meet the annual CPE requirement in the jurisdiction in which you are licensed *and* work or live.

If there is not an annual CPE requirement in the jurisdiction in which you are licensed *and* work or live, you must comply with the Board’s CPE requirement.

- Q.** Does the ethics requirement apply to a non-resident CPA?
- A.** If you are a non-resident CPA, you may satisfy the annual ethics CPE requirement by completing the ethics requirement in the jurisdiction in which you are licensed *and* work or reside.

If you are licensed *and* live or

work in a jurisdiction that doesn’t have an ethics CPE requirement, you must comply with the Board’s ethics CPE requirement.

- Q.** Is there a limit on the number of self-study CPE hours I may claim?
- A.** There is not a limit on the number of self-study CPE hours you may claim, but there are some caveats with self-study courses.

A self-study course isn’t complete until the CPE sponsor issues a Certificate of Completion.

The Certificate of Completion date is the date the sponsor issues the certificate, not the date you took the course or the date the completed course was mailed to or received by the sponsor.

- Q.** Do I need to keep Certificates of Completion after I complete the license renewal?
- A.** You must keep Certificates of Completion that substantiate the CPE credits you are claiming for the current year and each of the four prior calendar years.

If you are selected for the CPE audit and can’t document the CPE hours you claimed, your license may be forfeited.

- Q.** If I’m not able to complete to meet the December 31 deadline, can I get an extension?

- A.** In general, the Board does not make exceptions for completing the annual CPE requirement by December 31.

If you complete the CPE requirement after December 31, 2019, but before July 1, 2020, you may renew your license but will receive a Letter of Warning from the Board.

If you don’t meet the December 31 deadline twice within five calendar years, your license renewal is denied for at least 30 days and until you complete the requirements of 21 NCAC 08J .0106.

If there are extraordinary circumstances (major illness, natural disaster, or catastrophic loss) that prevent you from completing the required CPE hours, you may request an extension. However, there is no guarantee that the Board will grant an extension.

The “Request for Extension to Complete CPE Hours” is available on the Forms & Applications page of the Board’s website, nccpaboard.gov.

Contact Cammie Emery at cemery@nccpaboard.gov or Buck Winslow at buckw@nccpaboard.gov with questions about the annual CPE requirement.

How to Check Your CPE Carry-Forward Hours

STEP 1

Navigate to the Board’s website, nccpaboard.gov.

STEP 2

Click on the “Find CPA/CPA Firm” link on the home page.

STEP 3

On the “Search for a CPA” page, search for yourself using your name or CPA certificate number.

STEP 4

When your record is returned, click on the “Details” link (to the left of your name).

STEP 5

The number of CPE carry-forward hours (if any) will display as part of the public record information from your Board file.

If you have questions about your CPE carry-forward hours, contact Cammie Emery at cemery@nccpaboard.gov.

Certificates Issued

On September 23, 2019, the Board approved the following applicants for certification as North Carolina CPAs:

William Mills Abee
Roger Alfred Ahlquist, Jr.
Jennifer Marie Allen
Luke Foster Allman
Samuel Scott Angelo
Chandler Ray Archer
John Lisle Armstrong
Katelyn Danielle Barbee
Ethan Jeffrey Bellm
Shefali Bhalla
Andrew William Blalock
Stephanie Lee Blonchek
Jonathan Ryan Bowie
Michael Joseph Brooks
Christopher Conrad Michael Burch
Michelle Renee Burnette
Karissa Morgan Cahoon
Quinn Alan Carmean
Blake Gibson Carroll
Rachel Annelise Chaney
David John Christiansen
Rashaad Lavon Clavon
Elena Mary Covert
Monique Alicia Craig
Steven Edward Davidson, II
Chrissi Leann Davis
David Roscoe Dimsdale
Sakire Nese Dogan
John Walker Duty
Rachel Gaster Edmund
Brice Marie Edwards
Joshua Michael Edwards
Matthew Ryan Fearnow
Katherine Elizabeth Fitchett
Abigail Marie Getz
William Walton Gibbons
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Autumn Tedder Hayes
Lauren Elizabeth Hedrick
Taylor Marie Hescok
Crystal Ann Hoegen
Tyler Michael Honeycutt
John Allen Humienny
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Aimee Caroline Jobe
Kieran Reif Kinnare

Austin Miller Koplan
Katherine Angela Korol
Matthew Shawn Krawczyk
Garrett Alexander Lane
Roelle Ashley Lawrence
Mekenzie Enloe Lemly
Tyler Haynes Ligon
Sheridan Jordan Longest
Katie Elizabeth Murray
Jeffrey Andrew Nager
Karen Molloy Nicholas
Zachary B. Nutter
David Johnson O'Donnell
Caroline Elizabeth Paxton
Rebekah Lynne Presson
Lucas Clay Prillaman
Nicholas Anthony Raniszewski
William Scott Raymond, Jr.
Jasmine Shanice Richardson

Ryan Romaine Richardson
Payton Nyrie Sartin
Andrew Raymond Sherwood
Andrew David Slatter
Colton Hunt Smith
Jordan Parker Smith
Timothy David Sonnek
Hannah Katherine Starkey
Corina Bonilla Stonecipher
Travis Christian Thaxton
Kelsey Nicole Turner
Emily Jane Tym
Cody Ray Underwood
Philip Michael Wahlman
Walter William Wessinger
Madison Jean Williams
Molly Elizabeth Yandle
Peter Chresten Zuvich



In honor of its 100th anniversary, the NCACPA is encouraging CPAs and other accounting professionals to serve their communities for 100 days (August 30-December 8, 2019).

Information about the 100 Days of Service is available at ncacpa.org/service.

50 Years of Licensure

Congratulations to these North Carolina CPAs who have been actively licensed for 50 years:

Ralph Wayne Hutchins
July 1969
Paul Walmsley
July 1969
Larry Dwight Eaker
August 1969
Jimmy Aaron Johnson
August 1969
Janice Younts Myers
August 1969

J. Hart Roberts
August 1969
Vance Bunting Taylor
August 1969
R. Horace Johnson
September 1969
James Reno Middleswarth
October 1969
Howard Arthur Goldklang
October 1969

Reclassifications

At its September 23, 2019, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reclassification submitted by the following individuals:

Reinstatements

Michael W. Zimmerman, Sr., #15324

Durham, NC

Reissuance

Deborah Eileen McQuitter Ally, #18620

Gastonia, NC

Jason Thomas Brodmerkel, #38240

Gaithersburg, MD

Jamisen Patrick Hamilton, #39290

Charlotte, NC

Mary Margaret Jordan McLeod, #20737

Garner, NC

Richard Wesley Slate, Jr., #39623

Alpharetta, GA

Lu Tang, #37196

Campbell, CA

Cong Wang, #38058

Charlotte, NC

Inactive

Between August 1, 2019, and October 9, 2019, the individuals listed below were approved for inactive status. "Inactive," when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who has requested inactive status and has been approved by the Board and who does not use the title certified public accountant, nor does he or she allow anyone to refer to him or her as a certified public accountant, and neither he nor she nor anyone else refers to him or her in any representation as described in Rule .0308(b) of this Section [21 NCAC 08 .0301(b)(20)].

Adrian Lee Jarrell, #20557

Mount Airy, NC

Lynne Jones Sullivan, #15497

Pinehurst, NC

Christopher Edward Allman, #29302

Hurricane, WV

Dan Alan Boone, #9910

Concord, NC

Cecilia Noll, #28912

Raleigh, NC

Donald Wayne Wilson, #13464

Roxboro, NC

Joshua Scott Lyons, #41195

Monroe, NC

Kelly Monroe Smith, #17432

Greensboro, NC

Helen Blair Diamond, #38249

Winston-Salem, NC

Rex Allen Street, #19290

Burlington, NC

Terry Lynn Laughter, #30504

Cheraw, SC

Fatima Lorraine Robaina, #26554

Monroe, NC

Michael Dixon Murray, #17539

Fuquay-Varina, NC

Ronald Marcus Stanley, Jr., #23077

Nashville, TN

Robert Jacobus Zonneveld, #20001

Tucson, AZ

David William Schmitt, #13328

Rocky Mount, NC

Sarah Kennedy McHenry, #33952

Asheville, NC

Carl E. Deckard, #20113

Hillsborough, NC

Peter Wood Craymer, #12964

Hickory, NC

Ronald Gregory Pittman, #12330

Raleigh, NC

Craig Emerson Forsythe, #23918

Raleigh, NC

Laura Adack Huntley, #33551

Raleigh, NC

Richard Adam Sills, #11306

Asheville, NC

Randall Arthur Storey, #12336

Fort Mill, SC

Mark Barry Freedman, #29751

Charlotte, NC

Jorge Seiglie, #15120

Emerald Isle, NC

Sara Stone Carmichael, #19897

Suwanee, GA

Terrance John Dunn, #24196

Oak Island, NC

Office Closed

Veterans Day

November 11

Thanksgiving

November 28-29

Follow the Board on Social Media

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search for "North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners"

Don't forget to bookmark the Board's website, **nccpaboard.gov**.





Important

Exam Fees Effective October 19, 2019

Effective October 19, 2019, the Uniform CPA Exam fees charged by Prometric, NASBA, and the AICPA increased. The Board's administrative fees did not increase.

Applications postmarked on or after October 19, 2019, will be processed using the fee schedule shown below.

Administrative Fees

Initial Exam Application	\$230.00
Re-Exam Applications	\$75.00

Section Fees

AUD	\$209.99
BEC	\$209.99
FAR	\$209.99
REG	\$209.99

Uniform CPA Exam Notice to Schedule

The Notice to Schedule (NTS) is an essential part of your Uniform CPA Exam journey. Without an NTS, you cannot contact Prometric to begin the scheduling process.

For North Carolina Exam candidates, an NTS is valid for six months only. During those six months, you must schedule and take the Exam section(s) shown on the NTS.

Please be advised that canceling or rescheduling an Exam appointment does not change the expiration date of your NTS.

If you do not take all sections for which you registered within those six months, you will not be able to extend the NTS or receive a refund of any of the fees you have paid.

You cannot use an NTS more than once for the same section of the Exam. For example, if your NTS is for Auditing (AUD) and you do not pass AUD, you cannot use that NTS to schedule an appointment to re-take AUD.

Instead, you must submit a re-Exam application to the Board and receive a new NTS that allows you to schedule an appointment to take AUD again.

If you have questions about your NTS, contact Phyllis Elliott at phyllise@nccpaboard.gov.

Exam Score Release Dates

October/November/December 2019 (Q4) Testing Window

If you take your test on/before	And the AICPA receives your examination data files from Prometric by 11:59 pm (ET) on	Target score release date:
October 20	October 20	November 5
November 14	November 14	November 22
November 30	November 30	December 10
December 10	December 11	December 19

- All dates and times are based on the Eastern Time zone.
- For most candidates, the AICPA receives the Exam data files from Prometric within 24 hours after a candidate completes the Exam.
- The scores for the Exam data files received after the AICPA cutoff dates will be in the subsequent scheduled target score release.
- Some candidates who take the BEC section may receive their scores approximately one week following the target release date due to additional analysis that may be required for the written communication tasks.
- Follow NASBA on Twitter (@NASBA) for Exam score release announcements.



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City/State/Zip:	
Home Phone:	Home Fax:
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Fax form to: (919) 733-4209

Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0107, all certificate holders & CPA firms shall notify the Board in writing within 30 days of any change in home address & phone number; CPA firm address & phone number; business location & phone number; & email address.