



ALERT...

CPE Documentation Requirements

The Board staff is completing our annual random CPE audit reviews and when it comes to maintaining documentation to verify CPE please be aware of the following in case you are randomly selected for an audit.

1. It is ultimately your responsibility to maintain proper documentation to verify all courses submitted on your annual renewal.
2. Documentation to verify courses should be kept for four years.
3. Administrative Rule 20:75:04:15 requires the following for verification of courses:
 - For group and independent study programs, a certificate or other verification supplied by the CPE program sponsor;
 - For self-study programs, a certificate supplied by the CPE program sponsor after satisfactory completion of an examination;
 - For instruction credit, a certificate, program outline, or other verification supplied by the CPE program sponsor;
 - For a university or college course that is successfully completed for credit, a record or transcript of the grade the participant received;
 - For university or college noncredit courses, a certificate of attendance issued by a representative of the university or college;
 - For published articles, books, or CPE programs:
 - a) A copy of the publication, or in the case of a CPE program, course development documentation, that names the writer as author or contributor;
 - b) A statement from the writer supporting the number of CPE hours claimed; and
 - c) The name and contact information of the independent reviewer or publisher.
4. If you attend a non-sponsored CPE course, the board created the non-sponsored CPE form for you to utilize. Please make sure you have it completed, in full, with required signature. Also, as stated on the form, attach

an agenda (with times) so we may verify the CPE hours claimed.

5. Once you have completed a CPE course, be certain that you receive the proper documentation to verify the course. It is much more difficult to try to obtain verification after a few months or years have passed.

ONLINE RENEWAL STATISTICS...

Our second year of online renewal is complete and we would like to thank all of you that utilized the renewal process and for your feedback.

The following are the completion rates for renewals completed online for fiscal year 2011:

Active	42.39%
Inactive	60.20%
Retired	46.88%
Firms	59.09%
Overall	48.99%

The Board will not be sending out paper renewals in June. A reminder postcard will be sent. If you prefer to complete your renewal via paper, the forms will be available on our website. We encourage you to use the online process and provide us with feedback.

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SOUTH DAKOTA TO NATIONAL UNIFORM CPA EXAM PASS RATE STATISTICS

<u>2010</u>	<u>Jan-Feb</u>	<u>Apr-May</u>	<u>Jul-Aug</u>	<u>Oct-Nov</u>	<u>CUM</u>
AUD	57.1/46.8	42.8/50.7	43.7/49.4	39.2/44.8	44.3/47.8
BEC	55.0/46.5	62.5/48.8	39.2/50.7	45.0/44.2	49.1/47.2
FAR	53.8/44.9	36.8/48.3	57.1/52.7	51.2/45.0	50.0/47.8
REG	42.1/49.0	63.1/52.0	55.5/54.0	47.3/47.2	52.0/50.6
The above statistics represent candidates sitting for 369 parts of the examination.					

NEW FIRM PERMITS ISSUED

Causey Demgen & Moore Inc. – Denver, CO
 Frazer Frost, LLP – Little Rock, AR
 Auten Accounting Solutions LLC – Sioux Falls, SD
 Wilson Downing Group, LLC – Lakewood, CO
 Wipfli LLP – Milwaukee, WI
 McGladrey & Pullen, LLP – Rochester, MN
 LarsonAllen LLP – Richardson, TX
 LarsonAllen LLP – Mesa, AZ
 LarsonAllen LLP – St. Louis, MO
 KPMG LLP – New York, NY
 Deloitte Tax LLP – Stamford, CT
 Wipfli LLP – Eau Claire, WI
 Grant Thornton LLP – Dallas, TX
 PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP – Kansas City, MO
 PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP – McLean, VA
 PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP – Springdale, AR
 Frazer Frost, LLP – Brea, CA
 Davie Kaplan, CPA, PC – Rochester NY
 J. Noonan Co. – Sioux Falls, SD
 Goracke Professional Group, LLP – Red Oak, IA
 Jeff W. Bucher, CPA PC – Sioux Falls, SD
 Numbers Talk, Ltd. – Plymouth, MN
 Jeff Main, CPA, Prof LLC – Belle Fourche, SD
 Hein & Associates LLP – Denver, CO
 Woltman Van Kekerix & Stotz, PC – Sioux Falls, SD
 Fortner, Bayens, Levkulich & Garrison, P.C. – Denver, CO
 Piercy, Bowler, Taylor & Kern, CPAs – Las Vegas, NV

NEW LICENSEES

Zachariah T. Thies	Dave John Yuhas
Megan Marie Gough	Sara Ann Brainard
Amber Christine Hoffmann	Brandon Wade Eberhard
Erica Kirsten Bjerrum	Elizabeth Ann Broders
Stephanie Lynn Suhrbier	Tara Jo Diejen
Matthew J. Saylor	Melissa Ann Hartnett
Andrew H. Schuman	Jennifer White Warren
Clay Tyler Noteboom	Jon Lee Lyons
Becky Ann Freitag	Jess Raymond Weaver
Daniel Scott Mayberry	Tracy M. Pharis
Brian Bradley Woldt	Wendy Erica Schmidt
	Jesse Paul Jones

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Judith McKetta

Moscow, Idaho 8-19-10

A consent agreement was signed between the South Dakota Board of Accountancy and Ms. McKetta on August 19, 2010. The agreement resolved the issues from an Audit. McKetta agrees to the following:

- a) Notify the client that the auditor's report must no longer be associated with the financial statements.
- b) Notify regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over the client that the auditor's report should no longer be relied upon.
- c) Notify each person known to the auditor to be relying on the financial statements that her report should no longer be relied upon.
- d) Notify the client that a new audit will need to be done by a licensed CPA firm.
- e) McKetta agrees that if she performs any audit in the future for a South Dakota client, she must submit an application for a firm permit and follow SDCL ch. 36-20B and ARSD 20:75.
- f) The Board will issue a public reprimand to Ms. McKetta.



SOCIAL NETWORKING WITH THE BOARD

The SD Board of Accountancy is now on Facebook! If you follow us on Facebook (South Dakota Board of Accountancy), you will receive updates, information, and tidbits. We will be using this social media outlet as a way to communicate with all of our licensees and candidates. If you have an account, check us out.

EXPIRED LICENSEES

The following individual's licenses expired July 31, 2010 for non-compliance with renewal requirements. They may not hold themselves out or use the CPA title.

Name	Address	License #
Lacey J. Andrews	519 Education Dr. Malcolm, NE 68402	2787
Robert C. Barnes	850 Main St. Sturgis, SD 57785	357R
Ronald R. Booth	1291 Nursery Hill Ct. Arden Hills, MN 55112	2295
Charles E. Bruckman	2821 N. Ohlman St. #8 Mitchell, SD 57301	2900
Robert C. Burbach	30938 463 rd Ave. Vermillion, SD 57069	2859
Beth M. Carr	303 Almaden Blvd. San Jose, CA 95110	2186
Gary M. Cavett	51 Broadway #601 Fargo, ND 58102	2499
Anil K. Chugh	11936 Doral Ave. Northridge, CA 91326	1560
Shannon R. Clark	4800 W. 57 th St. Sioux Falls, SD 57108	2637
Ronald D. Douglas	6 Merry Lane Spearfish, SD 57783	335R
Lois E. Dravland	2215 S. Grange Ave Sioux Falls, SD 57105	1341
Lisa R. DuPont	404 SW 12 th St. Apt. A Oak Grove, MO 64075	2633
Werner W. Fick	119 Mary Lane Mankato, MN 56001	749R

Stacey L. Gray	11784 N. Strahorn Road Hayden, ID 83835	2260
Jill R. Hegland	PO Box 2545 Fargo, ND 58108	2726
David J. Huls	11165 Alameda Ave. Inner Grove Heights, MN 55077	1320
LaVerle E. Kepler	3566 E. Hwy 44 Rapid City, SD 57703	1401
Mark A. Kiroff	5366 S. 145 th St. Omaha, NE 68137	2848
Akiyo Kishida	1-11-3 Minaminagasaki Tokyo, Japan	2122
Gary M. Lubbers	6963 S. Oxford Lane Chandler, AZ 85249	744R
John W. Matthias, Jr.	180 Valleywood Way Roseville, CA 95678	2012
Jill M. Nussbaum	5540 Nathan Lane N. #1 Plymouth, MN 55442	953
Phillip Richmond	3800 Rogers Avenue #7 Fort Smith, AR 72903	2437
Russell J. Schwehr	16857 Trail View Circle Parker, CO 80134	1897
David L. Seiler	2619 S. Lakeport St. Sioux City, IA 51106	1158
Sarah J. Snyder	100 MAC Lane Pierre, SD 57501	2632
Terrance J. Ward	225 S. 6 th St. Suite 1400 Minneapolis, MN 55402	2489
Jeffrey S. Welsh	606 S. Pinckney St. Elk Point, SD 57025	2734
Michael W. Wengel	2439 Hidden Acres Drive El Dorado Hills, CA 95762	1973
Yunping Ye	7 Override Rd. Westport, CT 06880	2684

NON-SPONSORED CPE FORM

The Board has created a form for Active CPAs that attend non-sponsored CPE courses. The form was designed to meet all the requirements as established in ARSD 20:75:04:19 & :20. The form abdicates the records retention from the provider to the CPA.

**The form is available on our
website at
www.accountancy.sd.gov**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP CANDIDATES

Congratulations to the following individuals for passing all four sections of the CPA exam on their first attempt; sitting uninterruptedly.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIVERSITY</u>
Becky Freitag	University of South Dakota
Jesse Jones	Augustana College
Shicai Yan	University of Wisconsin
Andrew Hill	University of Wyoming
Brandon Bentley	Black Hills State University
Amanda Wichmann	St. Catherine's University

IRS NEWS...

Impact of prior sanctions under Circular 230 on practitioner ability to obtain a PTIN.

When current revisions to the Circular 230 regulations become final, the reach of Circular 230 will extend to registered tax return preparers and will incorporate tax return preparation for compensation within the general ambit of “practice before the Internal Revenue Service.” The Office of Professional Responsibility is preparing for its expanded responsibilities in administering the provisions of revised Circular 230 to insure the integrity of tax administration and the protection of taxpayers. To that end, OPR has made a determination with respect to practitioner cases that are currently being resolved, by settlement or by Decision, with discipline imposed prior to the issuance of revised Circular 230 regulations.

Going forward, OPR will retain its responsibility to enforce discipline imposed (by settlement or Decision) under the current version of Circular 230. Obviously, sanctions being imposed currently will be carried forward under revised Circular 230.

Consequently, some thought has been given to the appropriate treatment for practitioners who have been sanctioned in a manner that prohibits them from “practice” before the IRS under existing regulations. These practitioners will not be automatically prohibited from practice as tax return preparers by virtue of that prior sanction. In other words, practitioners who have been suspended or disbarred under existing Circular 230 will not be denied the opportunity to register for a PTIN and prepare tax returns because they are prohibited from “practice” as it has been defined historically. In making this policy decision, OPR considered all the facts and circumstances concerning current disciplinary procedures, including the fact that a number of attorneys, certified public accountants and enrolled agents have agreed to Circular 230 sanctions in reliance on the fact that any sanction imposed under Circular 230 would not foreclose them from earning a livelihood as a tax return preparer.

In light of the circumstances, OPR has determined that the most reasonable approach is to not prohibit practitioners, suspended or disbarred under current Circular 230 from preparing tax returns during the terms of their suspensions or disbarments. This does not mean, in appropriate circumstances, that OPR will not seek agreement or a sanction which includes a prohibition to prepare tax returns.

Practitioners also should be aware that external issues underlying any Circular 230 sanction (such as a criminal conviction) will be considered independently by the IRS when it determines a practitioner’s suitability for purposes of issuing a PTIN.

This policy decision by OPR does not create an enforceable legal right for any individual practitioner. Rather, it is intended as an approach to avoid additional, unanticipated harsh consequences that would detract from the Circular 230 program going forward. OPR expects that once the proposed Circular 230 regulations become final, suspensions and disbarments from that point in time may properly and fairly include a prohibition from tax return preparation during the term of the sanction, if deemed appropriate and in the best interests of sound administration of Circular 230.

PEER REVIEW REMINDER!!!

When your firm’s peer review has been completed and you receive your final acceptance letter from the administering entity (Oklahoma Society, another state society, etc.) you must send the Board office a copy of the acceptance letter, the reviewer’s report, the reviewer’s findings for further consideration, and the firm’s response to the findings for further consideration. The administering entity will not automatically send this to our office. The Peer Review Facilitated State Board Access program is not an acceptable form of submission to the Board. Your firm may participate in this program, but the Board rules currently require the firm to submit the documentation.

Please be advised that the final acceptance letter, reviewer’s report, reviewer’s findings for further consideration, and the firm’s response to the findings for further consideration are due in the Board office within 30 days of the date of the final acceptance letter.

If your peer review cannot be completed by the due date, due to extenuating circumstances, you must contact the administering entity to obtain an extension. A copy of the extension letter must be sent to the Board office. As with the acceptance letter, the administering entity will not automatically send this.

AICPA NEWS

In October 2010, the AICPA, NASBA and Prometric announced that in 2011, the Uniform CPA Examination will be offered outside the 55 US jurisdictions.

Starting in August 2011, the exam will be offered in Japan, Bahrain, Kuwait, Lebanon and the United Arab Emirates. Registration for the international exam will begin on May 1.

The international exam will be the same as the one offered in the 55 US jurisdictions using the same computerized format and administered in English. As in the US, the purpose of taking the exam will be to qualify for licensure as a CPA through a state board of accountancy. International candidates must meet educational and experience requirements as mandated by U.S. state boards of accountancy.

Testing in international locations will be open to citizens and long-term residents of the five countries. Also, citizens and long-term residents of Egypt, Jordan, Oman, Qatar and Saudi Arabia may take the exam in one of the Middle Eastern locations. U.S. citizens living abroad may test at any location.

The U.S. CPA exam is being offered internationally, in English, for the first time as a service to foreign nationals in response to rapidly escalating international demand for U.S. CPA licensure, according to a joint statement from the AICPA, NASBA and Prometric, which administer the exam in the U.S. In 2010, more than 10,000 international candidates traveled to the U.S. to take the U.S. CPA exam, a 22% increase from 2009. Approximately one-third of international candidates came from Japan.

**For more information on
the CPA exam go to
www.aicpa.org/cpa-exam**

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FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

March 25, 2011 9:00 a.m. Conference Call

May 13, 2011 8:30 a.m. Pierre, SD - Dept. of Legislative Audit

Please visit our website at: www.accountancy.sd.gov for future meeting dates.

