

KANSAS BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY ANNOUNCES NEW POLICY ON TIMING OF SUBMISSION OF CPA EXAM APPLICATIONS

The Board of Accountancy, in an effort to address concerns expressed by exam candidates relative to the examination application process, has announced that it will now permit an exam candidate to submit an application to the Board relative to his or her qualifications to sit for the exam, prior to the completion of the educational requirements prescribed by K.S.A. 1-302. Specifically, exam candidates will now be able to submit their applications to CPA Examination Services, the Board's designee for exam applications, no sooner than eight (8) weeks prior to the completion of their educational requirements. Thereafter, the exam candidate will be required to supplement their application with the official transcript or transcripts reflecting conferment of a degree and completion of the 150 hour course specific education requirement. The formal application will not be deemed complete until such time as the supplemental information is provided to CPA Examination Services; however, it is anticipated that this change will permit qualified exam candidates to receive their Notice to Schedule in a more expeditious manner.

At present, the application process normally takes four to six weeks. Once an application is submitted, it is reviewed for purposes of determining whether an applicant is eligible to sit for the exam. If there is a deficiency in the application, the candidate is then notified of the deficiency. A Notice to Schedule is typically issued once all deficiencies have been satisfied and the candidate can provide proof of meeting the requirements to sit for the exam. The Board's decision should permit the application to proceed through the approval process, with the understanding that all proof of meeting the examination requirements will be supplied prior to final approval of the application.

It is important to note that this change will not allow a Kansas exam candidate to sit for the exam before meeting the education requirements, but will allow the candidate time to get through most of the application process in advance of meeting the education requirements.

Should candidates have any questions, please contact the Board office at 785-296-2162 or by email at info@ksboa.ks.gov

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