State of California Office of Administrative Law

In re: Board of Accountancy

Regulatory Action:

Title 16, California Code of Regulations

Amend section: 12.5

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY ACTION

Government Code Section 11349.3

OAL Matter Number: 2021-0914-05

OAL Matter Type: Regular (S)

This action by the California Board of Accountancy amends requirements, including two forms incorporated by reference, to clarify that preparation engagements do not qualify as attestation experience.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code. This regulatory action becomes effective on January 1, 2022.

Date: October 26, 2021

Nicole C. Carrillo Attorney

For: Kenneth J. Pogue Director

Original: Patti Bowers, Executive Officer Copy: Deanne Pearce

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CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY ORDER OF ADOPTION Title 16. California Code of Regulations

12.5. Attest Experience Under Business and Professions Code Section 5095. (a) To be authorized to sign reports on attest engagements pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 5095, an applicant for a California Certified Public Accountant license pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 5087, 5092, or 5093 or holder of an unexpired, valid, active California Certified Public Accountant license issued pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 5087, 5087, 5092, or 5093 shall show to the satisfaction of the Board that he or she meets the requirements of this section and Business and Professions Code Sections 5087.

(1) Some or all of the experience required by Section 5095 and this section may be completed prior to issuance of the California Certified Public Accountant license. Any experience that would be qualifying for purposes of Section 5095 and this section may also serve as qualifying experience for purposes of Sections 5092 or 5093. To be qualifying for purposes of Section 5095 and this section, any experience obtained after issuance of the California Certified Public Accountant license must be obtained while the license is held in active status.

(2) A holder of an active California Certified Public Accountant license may commence signing reports on attest engagements upon receipt of notification from the Board that he or she has met the requirements of this section and Business and Professions Code Section 5095. A holder of an inactive California Certified Public Accountant license may apply under this section, but must convert the license to active status before commencing to sign reports on attest engagements.

(3) An applicant for the California Certified Public Accountant license who has met the requirements of this section and Business and Professions Code Section 5095 may commence signing reports on attest engagements upon license issuance.

(b) In order to meet the attest experience requirements of Section 5095 an applicant for or holder of a California Certified Public Accountant license shall show to the satisfaction of the Board that the applicant has completed a minimum of 500 hours of attest experience. This experience shall include all of the following:

(1) Experience in the planning of the audit including the selection of the procedures to be performed.

(2) Experience in applying a variety of auditing procedures and techniques to the usual and customary financial transactions included in financial statements.
(3) Experience in the preparation of working papers in connection with the various elements of (1) and (2) above.

(4) Experience in the preparation of written explanations and comments on the work performed and its findings.

(5) Experience in the preparation of and reporting on full disclosure financial statements as part of the Audit or other Attest Services. This does not include

experience earned through the performance of preparation engagements in accordance with the provisions of the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services (SSARS).

(c) Qualifying experience may be gained through employment in public accounting, private industry, or government. Experience acquired in academia is not qualifying.

(d) In order to be qualifying, experience obtained pursuant to Section 5095 of the Business and Professions Code must be supervised by a person holding a valid active license or comparable authority to provide attest services as specified in subdivision (b) of Business and Professions Code Section 5095. Supervised experience means that the applicant's supervisor shall have reviewed and evaluated the applicant's qualifying work, pursuant to subsection (b) on a routine and recurring basis and shall have authority and oversight over the applicant. (1) Experience shall be verified by the person supervising the experience and by a second person with a higher level of responsibility in the public accounting firm, private industry company, or governmental agency. If the experience is obtained in public accounting firm holding a valid license or comparable authority to practice public accounting. If the owner of the public accounting firm or private industry company signing the verification is also the person supervising the experience, no second signature is required.

(2) Experience may not be supervised by a licensee who provides public accounting services to the applicant's employer.

(3)(A) All verifications shall be submitted to the Board on Form 11A-6A ($\frac{11}{17}$ $\frac{4}{20}$) for public accounting experience or on Form 11A-6 ($\frac{11}{17}$ $\frac{4}{20}$) for private industry or governmental accounting experience, which are hereby incorporated by reference, and shall be signed under penalty of perjury.

(B) If the applicant is unable to obtain the verifications required in subsection (d)(3)(A), the Board may approve other forms of verification if they contain the information as required in subsection (d)(3)(A).

(e) In order to demonstrate the completion of qualifying experience, an applicant for or holder of a California Certified Public Accountant license may be required to appear before the Qualifications Committee to present work papers, or other evidence, substantiating that his or her experience meets the requirements of Section 5095 of the Business and Professions Code and of subsection (b) of this section.

(f) The applicant who is applying with attest experience obtained outside the United States and its territories must present work papers substantiating that such experience meets the requirements of subsection (b) and generally accepted auditing standards. Alternatively, the applicant may acquire a minimum of 500 hours of United States experience which meets the requirements of Business and Professions Code Section 5095 and subsection (b).

(g) An applicant who is applying with experience obtained five (5) or more years prior to application and who has not passed the Uniform CPA Examination during this five-year period shall be required to complete 80 hours of continuing education, which shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The 80 hours must be completed in the two years preceding approval of the

application by the Board.

(2) All 80 hours must meet the requirements as described in Section 88.

(3) The 80 hours must include, at a minimum, the following:

(A) 16 hours in financial accounting standards.

(B) 16 hours in auditing standards.

(C) 8 hours in compilation and review.

(D) 8 hours in other comprehensive basis of accounting.

(E) 8 hours in the prevention, detection, and/or reporting of fraud affecting financial statements.

(F) 24 hours in courses that meet the requirements of Section 87(a)(2) or Section 87(a)(3).

(4) Certificates of completion must be submitted to the Board and shall contain a verification certified by a program provider representative such as a signature or seal. The certificate of completion must also delineate the subject areas for which the applicant may claim credit.

(h) The experience required by Section 5092, 5093, or 5095 of the Business and Professions Code may be obtained in full-time or part-time employment provided the total experience completed by the applicant is the equivalent of at least two years of full-time employment for an applicant qualifying under Section 5092 or at least one year of full-time employment for an applicant qualifying under Section 5093. In evaluating an applicant's experience, 170 hours of part-time employment shall be considered equivalent to one month of full-time employment.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 5010 and 5095, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 5023, 5092, 5093 and 5095, Business and Professions Code.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTEST EXPERIENCE (PRIVATE INDUSTRY OR GOVERNMENT) This Form is to be COMPLETED and MAILED directly to the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) by the Employer

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I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California, that the applicant (1) has been employed by me or my business/agency for the period indicated herein, and (2) in the course of such employment has obtained the experience indicated on this Certificate of Attest Experience (Private Industry or Government).

BUSINESS/AGENCY NAME	BUSINESS TELEPHONE: Area Code ()
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PRINTED NAME	U.S. STATE OF ISSUANCE
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SIGNATURE #2 (DO NOT USE BLACK INK)	Must have a higher level of responsibility in the business/agency than signer #1.
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PERSONAL INFORMATION COLLECTION AND ACCESS

The information provided in this form will be used by the California Board of AccountancyCBA, to determine qualifications for a Certified Public Accountant License. Sections 5080 through 5095 of the Business and Professions Code authorize the collection of this information. Failure to provide any of the required information is grounds for rejection of the application as being incomplete.

Information provided may be transferred to the Department of Justice, a District Attorney, a City Attorney, or to another government agency as may be necessary to permit the Beard<u>CBA</u> or the transferee agency, to perform its statutory or constitutional duties, or otherwise transferred or disclosed as provided in Civil Code Section 1798.24.

Each individual has the right to review his or her file, except as otherwise provided by the Information Practices Act. Certain information provided may be disclosed to a member of the public, upon request, under the California Public Records Act.

The Executive Officer of the California Board of AccountancyCBA is responsible for maintaining the information in this application, and may be contacted at 2450 Venture Oaks Way, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95833, telephone number (916) 263-3680 regarding questions about this notice or access to records.

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