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**Proposed Regulatory Language**  
**Article 2 of Title 16, California Code of Regulations**  
**Sections 6, 7.1, 7.3, 8.2, 9.2, 9.3 and 13**

**§ 6. Examination Required, Passing Grades, Provisions for Disabled Applicants.**

(a) Every candidate for the CPA license is required to pass or to have passed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination prepared by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) or to otherwise have met the examination requirements of Business and Professions Code Sections 5082, 5092, ~~or 5093~~, or 5093.5 and the requirements of this article.

(1) From [OAL: insert effective date of these regulations] until December 31, 2023, the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination shall be computer-based and include four test sections designated by the AICPA.

(2) On or after January 1, 2024, the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination shall be computer-based and include a core component comprised of three required test sections and a discipline component comprised of a minimum of three test sections, only one of which is required. The aforementioned test sections shall be named by the test publisher, AICPA.

(b) The passing score for any test section of the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination is 75.

(c) A disabled candidate, upon request and presentation of satisfactory evidence of need, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act will be afforded such accommodation in the examination procedures or the examination conditions as may be reasonable.

1 (d) For the purposes of this Division, “computer-based” or “computer-based testing”  
2 means a computer-based format for testing designed to be administered to a test taker  
3 through the use of a computer.

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5 (e) For the purposes of this Article, “test section” or “section of the examination” means  
6 a distinct test section within the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination that is  
7 scored individually and for which credit can be achieved when passed.

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9 (f) For purposes of this Article, “early entry” or “early admission” means the admittance  
10 to the examination specified in this section prior to completing the educational  
11 requirements pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 5093.

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13 Note: Authority cited: Section 5010, Business and Professions Code. Reference:  
14 Sections 313.2, 5082, 5082.1, 5082.3, 5092, and 5093 and 5093.5, Business and  
15 Professions Code.

## 16 17 18 **§ 7.1. Credit Status for the Computerized Uniform CPA Examination.**

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20 (a) ~~Upon the commencement of computer-based testing in California,~~ The conditions set  
21 forth in this subsection for administration of the examination specified in Section 6(a)(1)  
22 shall apply until December 31, 2023. An aApplicants may sit for the four test sections of  
23 the computer-based Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination set forth in  
24 Section 6(a)(1) individually and in any order. An aApplicants who fails to pass any  
25 section of the examination may retake that section. When the applicant has credit for all  
26 four test sections of the examination within a rolling 18-month period as defined in  
27 subsection (b), the applicant shall be considered to have passed the examination.

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29 (b) On or after January 1, 2024, an applicant may sit for test sections of the examination  
30 specified in Section 6(a)(2) individually and in any order. When the applicant has credit  
31 for all three core test sections and one discipline test section within a rolling 18-month  
32 period as defined in subsection (c), the applicant shall be considered to have passed  
33 the examination. In addition, the following conditions for the administration of that  
34 examination shall apply:

35  
36 (1) Applicants shall be issued an Authorization to Test and a Notice to Schedule  
37 as set forth in Sections 8.1 and 8.2.

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39 (2) Applicants are given credit for test sections passed.

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2 (3) Applicants who fail any core test section may retake that section subject to  
3 the requirements in Section 8.2. Requests to retake a failed test section are  
4 accepted on a continuous basis by the submission of an application for an  
5 Authorization to Test that is approved by the Board.

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7 (4) Applicants may take any discipline test section but may schedule only one  
8 discipline test section at a time.

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10 (5) Applicants who receive credit for passing one discipline test section will not  
11 be permitted to take another discipline test section unless the credit has expired  
12 in accordance with subsection (c).

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14 (6) Applicants who fail a discipline test section may retake any discipline test  
15 section provided they do not have credit status for any other discipline test  
16 section. Requests to retake a failed test section are accepted on a continuous  
17 basis by the submission of an application for an Authorization to Test pursuant to  
18 Section 8.2 that is approved by the Board.

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20 ~~(bc)~~ Except as provided in subsections ~~(c) and (d)(2) and (e), an applicants~~ shall retain  
21 credit for any test section(s) the applicant has passed for 18 months. for an The rolling  
22 18-month period ~~beginning~~ begins with the date that the first passing score for a test  
23 section of the exam was passed is released. At the end of the The rolling 18-month  
24 period, concludes with the date the applicant takes the final test section passed,  
25 regardless of when the score is released. Once credit for that a section expires, and that  
26 section must be retaken-re-taken and passed to re-establish credit.

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28 ~~(cd)~~ A candidate may sit for any unpassed section of the examination only one time  
29 during each testing window. A testing window is a three-month period as determined by  
30 the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants during which applicants may take  
31 the exam. There are four three-month testing windows in a year. To allow for routine  
32 maintenance, the exam may be unavailable for up to one month during each testing  
33 window. Early entry applicants qualifying under Section 9.3 shall have a condition  
34 placed on any credits earned in accordance with this subsection and shall only be  
35 provided conditional credit scores by the Board. For the purposes of this subsection, the  
36 “condition” or “conditional credit” shall mean that such credit shall not be used to pass  
37 the examination specified in Section 6 until completing the requirements specified in  
38 Section 5093 of the Business and Professions Code, and meeting the requirements of  
39 subsection (d)(1).

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2 (1) Early entry applicants that submit satisfactory evidence, as defined in Section  
3 2.8, of completing educational requirements within 240 days of submitting the  
4 application in Section 9.3 to the Board, shall have the condition on any earned  
5 credits removed and credit will be granted in accordance with this Section and  
6 Section 7.3, as applicable.

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8 (2) Early entry applicants shall lose all credits earned if they do not complete the  
9 educational requirements and/or meet the 240-day deadline specified in  
10 subsection (d)(1) unless an extension has been granted by the Board pursuant to  
11 subsection (e).

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13 ~~(de)~~ Credit for passed ~~examination~~test sections may be extended by the Board because  
14 the applicant was prevented from sitting for an unpassed test section or sections before  
15 credit for passed test sections expired pursuant to subsections ~~(b) or (c)~~ or credit was  
16 lost pursuant to subsection (d) because of one of the following events:

17  
18 (1) Death of an immediate family member (spouse, child or parent).  
19 Documentation, such as a copy of the death certificate, must be submitted.

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21 (2) Catastrophic illness, contagious disease, or major traumatic injury to the  
22 candidate or immediate family member (spouse, child or parent). Submit an  
23 original letter on letterhead from the physician, which includes the date(s), nature  
24 of the illness, and the physician's signature.

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26 (3) Natural disaster (earthquake, flood, fire, etc.).

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28 (4) Non-issuance of visa for travel to the U.S. Documentation, such as an official  
29 letter from the U.S. Embassy or a copy of the passport indicating a visa was  
30 requested, must be submitted.

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32 (5) Other good cause.

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34 Note: Authority cited: Section 5010, Business and Professions Code. Reference:  
35 Sections 5081, 5082, 5082.1, 5082.2, 5092, ~~and 5093~~ and 5093.5, Business and  
36 Professions Code.

1 **§ 7.3. Transition to Core Plus Discipline Uniform CPA Examination.**

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3 (a) Applicants with credit for any of the four test sections from the examination  
4 referenced in Section 6(a)(1) as of December 31, 2023, will have such credits extended  
5 to June 30, 2025, and receive credit towards completion of the applicable test sections  
6 for the examination referenced in Section 6(a)(2) as follows:

7  
8 (1) Applicants with computer-based examination credit in Auditing and Attestation  
9 shall receive credit for passing the Auditing and Attestation core test section.

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11 (2) Applicants with computer-based examination credit in Financial Accounting  
12 and Reporting shall receive credit for passing the Financial Accounting and  
13 Reporting core test section.

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15 (3) Applicants with computer-based examination credit in Regulation shall  
16 receive credit for passing the Taxation and Regulation core test section.

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18 (4) Applicants with computer-based examination credit in Business Environment  
19 and Concepts shall receive credit for passing a discipline test section.

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21 (b) This section shall remain operative only until July 1, 2025.

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23 Note: Authority cited: Section 5010, Business and Professions Code. Reference:  
24 Sections 5081, 5082, 5082.1 and 5082.2, Business and Professions Code.

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27 **§ 8.2. Requirements for Issuance of the Authorization to Test**

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29 (a) An application for an Authorization to Test (ATT) for the computer-based Uniform  
30 CPA Examination pursuant to Section 8.1 must be complete including the candidate's  
31 name, application date, date of birth, address, telephone number, summary of  
32 education, the appropriate fees pursuant to Section 70, and a signature (or the  
33 electronic equivalent) authorizing the release of application information to the National  
34 Association of State Boards of Accountancy and the designated exam administrator.  
35 The application must also specify the section(s) of the exam the applicant is applying to  
36 take. First-time applicants, exclusive of early entry applicants, must also provide official  
37 transcripts and/or foreign evaluations pursuant to Section 9.2. First-time early entry  
38 applicants must provide official transcripts and/or foreign evaluations in accordance with

1 Section 2.8 and completed Certificate of Enrollment Form(s) (COE-1 (New 7/2022))  
2 pursuant to Section 9.3.

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4 (b) An applicant shall not have more than one open ATT for any section of the  
5 examination at the same time. At the time of application and during the time any ATT  
6 issued by the California Board of Accountancy is open, the applicant shall not have an  
7 open ATT for the same section in any other state or jurisdiction.

8  
9 (c) The applicant shall not apply to take, or take, any section or sections of the  
10 examination for which the applicant holds unexpired credit pursuant to Section 7.1, with  
11 the following exception: An applicant for reissuance who does not currently hold a  
12 Certified Public Accountant license in another jurisdiction may retake the examination  
13 pursuant to Section 37 of these regulations.

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15 (d) The applicant shall certify at the time of application that ~~he or she is~~ they are in  
16 compliance with subsections (b) and (c). Falsifying this certification; or including any  
17 false, fraudulent, or materially misleading statements on the application for the  
18 examination; or including any material omission on the application for the examination  
19 shall be cause for action by the Board pursuant to Business and Professions Code  
20 Section 5110.

21  
22 (e) Except for a CPA who is required to take specified ~~sections~~ section(s) of the  
23 examination pursuant to a disciplinary action of the Board, no CPA shall apply to take,  
24 or take, any section of the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination. A CPA who  
25 fails to comply with this requirement shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board.  
26 Note: Authority cited: Section 5010, Business and Professions Code. Reference:  
27 Sections 5081, 5082, 5082.1, 5082.2, 5092, 5093, 5093.5 and 5131, Business and  
28 Professions Code.

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30 **§ 9.2 Education Required Under Business and Professions Code Sections 5092**  
31 **and 5093**

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33 (a) Each applicant shall present satisfactory evidence, as referenced in Section 2.8, that  
34 ~~he or she~~ they have ~~has~~ received a baccalaureate or higher degree, ~~has~~ completed the  
35 accounting subjects specified in subsection (b) of this section, and ~~has~~ completed the  
36 business-related subjects specified in subsection (c) of this section.

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38 (b) The applicant shall have completed a minimum of 24 semester units, or the

equivalent in quarter units, selected from the following accounting subjects: accounting, auditing, financial reporting, external or internal reporting, financial statement analysis or taxation.

(c) In addition to the accounting courses described in subsection (b), an applicant shall have completed a minimum of 24 semester units, or the equivalent in quarter units, selected from the following business-related subjects: accounting subjects in excess of the 24 semester units as described in subsection (b), business administration, economics, finance, business management, marketing, computer science/information systems, statistics, business communications, mathematics, business law, or business related law courses offered by an accredited law school.

(d) Qualifying education shall be completed within the following time frames specified in this subsection:

(1) Except as provided for in ~~subsection (d)(2)~~ Section 9.3, applicants shall complete the education required by this section before applying for examination for the first time.

~~(2) An applicant who applied, qualified, and sat for at least two subjects of the examination for the Certified Public Accountant License before May 15, 2002, may provide evidence of qualifying education at the time of application for licensure.~~

(e) For purposes of this article, one quarter unit is equivalent to two-thirds of one semester unit.

Note: Authority cited: Section 5010, 5092, and 5093, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 5092, 5093, 5093.5, 5094.3, 5094.6, Business and Professions Code.

**§ 9.3 Early Admission to the Uniform CPA Examination Under Business and Professions Code Section 5093.5.**

(a) To be granted early admission as set forth in Section 5093.5 of the Business and Professions Code, applicants shall submit the following to the Board:

(1) A completed application for an Authorization to Test as specified in Section 8.2.



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2 (2) Satisfactory evidence, defined in Section 2.8, of all finished coursework  
3 towards completing the educational requirements of Section 9.2.

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5 (3) A completed Certificate of Enrollment Form COE-1 (New 7/2022), which is  
6 hereby incorporated by reference.

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8 (b) Only those applicants that submit satisfactory evidence of finished coursework and a  
9 completed Certificate of Enrollment Form COE-1 (New 7/2022) demonstrating they are  
10 enrolled in a degree-granting university, college or other institution as defined in Section  
11 5094 of the Business and Professions Code and are within 180 days of completing the  
12 educational requirements of Section 5093 of the Business and Professions Code as of  
13 the date they submitted their initial application for an Authorization to Test will be  
14 admitted to sit for the examination.

15  
16 (1) The approval of early entry to the examination does not constitute an  
17 approval that the applicant will meet the educational requirements as specified in  
18 Section 5093 of the Business and Professions Code.

19  
20 (2) Early entry applicants that do not supply satisfactory evidence of completing  
21 the educational requirements within 240 days from the date they submitted their  
22 initial application for an Authorization to Test will not be authorized to continue to  
23 sit for the examination unless the applicant meets the requirements in Section  
24 9.2.

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26 Note: Authority cited: Section 5010, Business and Professions Code. Reference:  
27 Sections 5093, 5093.5, and 5094, Business and Professions Code.

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30 **§ 13. Applicants Who Applied for the Examination Prior to May 15, 2002.**

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32 ~~(a) Only an applicant who applied, qualified, and sat for at least two subjects of the~~  
33 ~~examination as a California applicant prior to May 15, 2002, may satisfy the examination~~  
34 ~~requirement and qualify for licensure under the requirements that were in effect on~~  
35 ~~December 31, 2010. Such California applicant must, however, qualify and apply for~~  
36 ~~licensure prior to January 1, 2010. Sections 7, 9, and 11.5 of these regulations apply~~  
37 ~~only to these applicants.~~



1 ~~(b) As an alternative to qualifying for licensure in accordance with the requirements~~  
2 ~~described in subsection (a), an applicant for the Certified Public Accountant license who~~  
3 ~~applied, qualified, and sat for at least two subjects of the examination as a California~~  
4 ~~applicant prior to May 15, 2002, may qualify for licensure by meeting the requirements~~  
5 ~~of Business and Professions Code Section 5092 or 5093 and the requirements of this~~  
6 ~~article. The applicant may retain the examination scores he or she has received and~~  
7 ~~may apply these scores toward meeting the requirements of Section 5092 or 5093.~~

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9 NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 5010, 5092 and 5093, Business and Professions Code.  
10 Reference: Section 5090, 5092 and 5093, Business and Professions Code.