

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

<p>1. Type of Estimate and Analysis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Updated <input type="checkbox"/> Corrected</p>	<p>2. Date September 11, 2024</p>
<p>3. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number (and Clearinghouse Number if applicable) Accy 2</p>	
<p>4. Subject Examination Requirements</p>	
<p>5. Fund Sources Affected <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEG-S</p>	<p>6. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected 20.165(1)(g)</p>
<p>7. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule <input type="checkbox"/> No Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget</p>	
<p>8. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State's Economy <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Businesses/Sectors <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government Units <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utility Rate Payers <input type="checkbox"/> Small Businesses (if checked, complete Attachment A)</p>	
<p>9. Estimate of Implementation and Compliance to Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(1). \$0</p>	
<p>10. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals Be \$10 Million or more Over Any 2-year Period, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(2)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>11. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule The Accounting Examining Board revised ch. Accy 2 to extend the rolling period of credit to pass all sections of the Uniform CPA Examination from 18 months to 30 months and clarified that the period begins on the date of notification that the first section is passed.</p>	
<p>12. Summary of the Businesses, Business Sectors, Associations Representing Business, Local Governmental Units, and Individuals that may be Affected by the Proposed Rule that were Contacted for Comments. The proposed rule draft was posted on the department's website for 14 days to solicit economic impact comments from businesses, business sectors, associations representing business, local governmental units, and individuals. No comments were received.</p>	
<p>13. Identify the Local Governmental Units that Participated in the Development of this EIA. None.</p>	
<p>14. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred) DSPS estimates a total of \$3,900 in one-time costs for implementing this rule. The estimated funds support the equivalent of a 0.1 limited term employee and their associated overhead for rulemaking activities and form and website updates. These one-time costs cannot be absorbed in the currently appropriated agency budget. The proposed rule will not have a significant impact on specific businesses, business sectors, public utility rate payers, local governmental units, or the state's economy as a whole.</p>	
<p>15. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule The benefit of implementing the rule will be to give individuals more time to complete all sections of the CPA examination. The alternative to this rule revision would be to not revise this code. This may result in Wisconsin being out of step with current national standards and with applicants being unnecessarily delayed in their ability to participate in our state's workforce.</p>	

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16. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

The long range implication of implementing the rule will be to ensure that applicants for CPA are not required to re-do sections of an exam because of expiration of already passed sections.

17. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

N/A

18. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

Illinois:

As of January 1, 2024, the Illinois Board of Examiners requires applicants for a CPA to complete the Uniform CPA exam's four sections within a rolling 30-month period that begins from the actual date the score for each section is released to the applicant. [Ill. Admin. Code Title 23 § 1400.140].

Iowa:

As of April 10, 2024, the Iowa Accountancy Examining Board requires that all four sections of the Uniform CPA Examination must be completed within a rolling 30-month period, which is calculated on the date the examination administrator provides scores to the boards, the candidate, or both. [193A IAC 3.6 (542)]

Michigan:

As of October 24, 2023, Michigan's administrative code requires the Uniform CPA Exam to be completed within a rolling 30-month period beginning on the date that the score is released for the first section passed. [MI Admin. Code § R 338.5110a].

Minnesota:

At the end of December of 2023, a bill was introduced to change the Minnesota administrative code requirement for all sections of the Uniform CPA Examination to be completed within a rolling 18-month period beginning upon completion of the first section of the examination to a rolling 30-month period, that begins on the date that the AICPA releases the score for the first section or sections passed. The bill was adopted on July 29, 2024, and it has become effective as of August 5, 2024. [MN Admin. Code § 1105.2000].

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ATTACHMENT A

1. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Small Businesses (Separately for each Small Business Sector, Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

2. Summary of the data sources used to measure the Rule's impact on Small Businesses

3. Did the agency consider the following methods to reduce the impact of the Rule on Small Businesses?

- Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements
- Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting
- Consolidation or Simplification of Reporting Requirements
- Establishment of performance standards in lieu of Design or Operational Standards
- Exemption of Small Businesses from some or all requirements
- Other, describe:

4. Describe the methods incorporated into the Rule that will reduce its impact on Small Businesses

5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

6. Did the Agency prepare a Cost Benefit Analysis (if Yes, attach to form)

- Yes No
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