

Chapter Accy 7

EDUCATION

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Accy 7.01 General. (1) The purpose of this chapter is to clarify the application of s. 442.04(4), Stats., as it relates to the education required to write the certified public accountant examination, to transfer examination credits from other jurisdictions, or to qualify for reciprocal qualification.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1976, No. 250, eff. 11-1-76.

Accy 7.02 Definitions. (1) A bachelor's degree is a baccalaureate degree normally conferred by universities and colleges at the completion of at least a 4-year, full-time, academic-year program of study. (Some students complete the 4-year bachelor's degree in less than 4 years by attending summer school or maximum course loads over a number of academic semesters.)

(2) Regional equivalents of the north central association of colleges and schools are the New England association of schools and colleges, middle states association of colleges and secondary schools, northwest association of schools and colleges, southern association of colleges and schools, and western association of schools and colleges.

(3) A "resident major in accounting" is a course of study identified by a school accredited by the north central association of colleges and schools or its regional equivalent as a major in accounting. Where more than one course of accounting study is offered by a school, the course of study for public accounting shall be the defined "resident major in accounting."

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Accy 7.03 Reasonable equivalence of a resident major in accounting. (1) The "reasonable equivalence of a resident major in accounting" for individuals having a bachelor's or higher degree but no resident major in accounting shall be as follows:

(a) Two college-level courses in math or math at the level necessary for admission to the first course in calculus.

(b) Four of the 5 courses that follow: statistics, marketing, business finance, management or organizational behavior, computer science or computers in business.

(c) Two courses in principles of economics.

(d) At least one course in each of the following: introductory or principles of accounting, intermediate accounting or accounting theory, advanced accounting, cost accounting, auditing, income taxation, and business law.

(2) An official transcript or transcripts of all academic work completed evidencing the awarding of a bachelor's or higher degree and a written request for an equivalency evaluation shall be submitted to the board. Course work for equivalency may be accepted only if completed at an institution accredited by the north central association of colleges and schools or its regional equivalent or if it could be transferred to an accredited institution for credit toward the institution's accounting major.

(3) Prospective candidates will be informed in writing by the board of educational equivalency or of program deficiencies. Candidates with educational deficiencies must submit evidence of satisfactory completion of deficient course work.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1976, No. 250, eff. 11-1-76; r. and recr., Register, July, 1979, No. 282, eff. 8-1-79; am. (2), Register, January, 1985, No. 349, eff. 2-1-85.

Accy 7.04 Transfer of credit applicant. (1) Applicants who have passed all or part of the uniform certified public accountant examination in another jurisdiction but who have not yet received their certified public accountant certificate shall be able to transfer grades in subjects passed to Wisconsin provided that:

(a) Grades transferred must be certified to the board by the other jurisdiction and must be passed in accordance with rules applicable to Wisconsin candidates.

(b) Transfer of grades must be accepted by board action and the applicant notified in a manner similar to the action on grades for Wisconsin applicants.

(2) Applicants who do not meet the educational requirements to write in Wisconsin must do so prior to writing any additional parts of the examination or advancing further toward the receipt of a Wisconsin certified public accountant certificate.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1976, No. 250, eff. 11-1-76; renum. from Accy 7.07, Register, July, 1979, No. 282, eff. 8-1-79.

Accy 7.05 Reciprocal certificate evaluation. (1) Applicants for a reciprocal certified public accountant certificate in Wisconsin shall meet Wisconsin requirements, as they are at the time of the Wisconsin application.

(2) Educational evaluations shall be made by the board, and shall consider all evidence of substantially equivalent education as submitted by the applicant in accordance with s. 442.05, Stats.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1976, No. 250, eff. 11-1-76; renum. from Accy 7.08, Register, July, 1979, No. 282, eff. 8-1-79.

Accy 7.06 Public information. The board will release statistical studies of grades earned on each certified public accountant examination by each subject area and Wisconsin school at which educational qualification of candidates to write exists. Individual grades will not be released. Reports will be designed to provide schools and the public with information on candidate success.

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