

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

The long range implication of implementing the rule is updated educational requirements.

15. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

None

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

Illinois:

Illinois requires 150 college or university semester hours with an accounting concentration to be admitted to take the certified public accountant examination. The 150 hours must include a baccalaureate or higher degree conferred by an academic institution acceptable to the Illinois Board of Examiners (225 Ill. Comp. Stat. 450/3). The Board recognizes institutions of higher education accredited by a regional accrediting association recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or the U.S. Department of Education. The Board also recognizes business schools accredited by the Association of Advance Collegiate Schools of Business or the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (23 Ill. Adm. Code 1400.90 (c) (2) (G)).

Iowa:

Qualifications for a certificate as a certified public accountant in Iowa includes completion of at least 150 semester hours of college level education and receiving a baccalaureate or higher degree by a college or university recognized by the Iowa Accountancy Examining Board (Iowa Code §542.5 (7)). The Board recognizes institutions accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (193A IAC 3.2). Other qualifications include one year of verified experience and successful completion of the uniform certified accountant's examination (193A IAC 3.1).

Michigan:

Certification requirements in Michigan include the completion of a least 150 semester hours of college education including a baccalaureate degree or higher with a concentration in accounting (Mich. Admin. Code R 338.5116). For purposes of accreditation the Michigan Board of Accountancy recognizes the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (Mich. Admin. Code R 338.5115). Qualifying experience for certification includes 2,000 hours of experience within a period of not less than one calendar year and not more than 5 calendar years (Mich. Admin. Code R 338.5117).

Minnesota:

The requirements for certification include the completion of one year of experience and 150 semester hours or 225 quarter hours at a college or university accredited by a recognized accrediting agency listed with the United States Department of Education, or an equivalent accrediting association (Minn. Stat. §326A.03 Subd. 6.). Before taking the examination an applicant is required to have a "baccalaureate or higher degree, with a major in accounting or a major in business with accounting emphasis, or an equivalent education, from a college or university that is fully accredited by a recognized accrediting agency listed with the United States Department of Education or an equivalent accrediting association." (Minn. Stat. §326A.03 Subd. 3.).

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