

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 April 14, 2021</p>
<p>3. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number (and Clearinghouse Number if applicable) Emergency Rule - Accy 2</p>	
<p>4. Subject CPA Exam Deadline</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget</p>	
<p>8. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply) <input 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 Board has been made aware that a group of candidates for certification as a Certified Public Accountant were under the reasonable assumption that measures taken in 2020 to extend the 18-month rolling deadline within which all sections of the Uniform CPA Examination must be passed provided them with a deadline that extended into 2021. These individuals now find themselves in a situation where they will have to retake one or more sections of the Uniform CPA Examination, resulting in a delay or possibly a denial of their opportunity to be employed or start a business as a CPA in Wisconsin. An expeditious promulgation of the proposed rule is in the best interest of Wisconsin's economy and public welfare, as it will prevent some candidates for certification as a CPA from having to retake one or more sections of the Uniform CPA Examination.</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. None</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) None</p>	
<p>15. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule An expeditious promulgation of the proposed rule is in the best interest of Wisconsin's economy and public welfare, as it will prevent some candidates for certification as a CPA from having to retake one or more sections of the Uniform CPA Examination.</p>	
<p>16. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule The proposed emergency rule updates s. Accy 2.304 to provide a temporary extension of the 18-month rolling deadline within which</p>	

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all sections of the Uniform CPA Examination must be passed.

17. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government
None

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

Illinois: Rules of the Illinois Board of Examiners adopt and make use of the Uniform CPA Examination and scoring system of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, including the 18-month rolling deadline for completing all 4 sections of the exam [23 Ill. Adm. Code 1400.150].

The Board has extended any Uniform CPA Examination score with an expiration date of December 31, 2020 to June 29, 2021 to June 30, 2021. The authority for the Board to grant variances to examination requirements is provided in rule [23 Ill. Adm. Code 1400.210].

Iowa: Rules of the Iowa Accountancy Examining Board provide that a candidate must pass all four subjects of the Uniform CPA Examination within a rolling 18-month period that begins on the date that the first subject is passed. If all four subjects are not passed within the 18-month period, credit for any subject taken outside the 18-month period shall expire. [193A IAC 3.6 (1) a.].

At a special meeting held on Friday, March 27, 2020, The Iowa Accountancy Examining Board voted to approve a provision extending exam expiration dates until December 31, 2020 for all individuals identified as at risk of losing an exam credit due to the limited availability at the testing centers. The authority for the Board to grant extensions is provided in rule [193A IAC 3.7 (2)].

Michigan: Rules of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs provide that applicants must pass all sections of the Uniform CPA Examination within the exam windows that fall within a rolling 18-month period beginning on the date that the first section is passed. If all sections are not passed within the exam windows that fall within the rolling 18-month period, then credit for any section passed outside the 18-month period shall expire and must be retaken. [Mich Admin Code, R 338.5110a (b)].

Utilizing its authority to extend an exam window [Mich Admin Code, R 338.5110a (c)], the Department has provided for an automatic extension of the 18-month rolling window to June 30, 2021 for those candidates with window expirations between December 31, 2020 and June 29, 2021.

Minnesota: Rules of the Minnesota Board of Accountancy provide that credit for any section of the Uniform CPA Examination passed is valid for 18 months from the actual date the applicant took that section, and an applicant must pass all four sections of the examination within a rolling 18-month period [Minnesota Rules, part 1105.2000 2.].

The Board passed a motion at its December 10, 2020 meeting providing that exam candidates who have or will have credits expiring between December 31, 2020, and September 29, 2021 will have the credits extended until September 30, 2021. The Board's action was taken in accordance with hardship provisions in rule [Minnesota Rules, part 1105.2000 5.].

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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:
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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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