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Non-Renewed Licenses for 2013 are now Lapsed

All CPA licenses expire each year on December 31st. Any license that was not renewed for 2013 has now lapsed, as of April 1, 2013. Any licensee who allowed their license to lapse must submit an application for reinstatement or surrender their Arkansas wall certificate, as they are no longer considered licensed in the state of Arkansas. A list of the 2013 lapsed licenses are listed on page 5 -6 of this newsletter.

A link has been placed on our website until April 30th to apply for reinstatement or surrender a license. If you wish to reinstate, please click the **2013 Lapsed License** banner on our website: <u>http://www.arkansas.gov/asbpa</u>

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Swearing In Ceremony coming June 15th

On Saturday, June 15, 2013, we will hold our Swearing-In Ceremony at the State Capitol in the Rotunda.

Make your plans now to be present to support our new licensees.

Invitations will go out the first week in May to those individuals who have successfully passed the CPA exam and became licensed since our 2012 ceremony. Please let us know how many guests you plan to bring. We want to be sure we have enough space reserved.

We hope everyone can attend, new licensees and guests as well.

Don't Wait Until December 31st To Take CPE

Each year, at renewal time, we have licensees call to ask us what they should do if they don't have enough CPE. Begin now, taking your CPE.

If you are licensed to practice in Arkansas, it is important to obtain your continuing education before the end of the year. We recommend you obtain CPE throughout the year so as to not be in a rush at the end of the year to finish your requirement.

If you have questions about what CPE is required, please refer to <u>Rule 13</u> of the <u>Board Rules</u>.

Quality Review Surveys to be Mailed Soon

In the next few months, we will be mailing Quality Review surveys to those individuals and firms that are on the 2013 Quality Review cycle. The purpose of the QR program is to improve the quality of financial reporting and to assure that the public can rely on the fairness of presentation of financial information on which licensees issue reports.

Every Arkansas licensee (active, inactive, and firm) is surveyed once every three years.

Again, this year, those who have not issued any reports during the past year can respond as such through our website. Hopefully, this will make the surveys more convenient for those of you who do not issue any reports and help ensure that our licensees respond in a timely manner.

Be sure to respond to the survey when you receive it—each year we have several licensees who end up paying costly fines and penalties, simply because they failed to respond to the survey. Also, if you changed jobs or moved, please notify the Board so the QR Survey can be sent to the correct address. <u>Click here to change your address</u>.

Can I practice outside of Arkansas under Mobility?

A majority of states have now adopted mobility legislation – a practice privilege that generally allows a licensed CPA in good standing from a substantially equivalent state to practice outside of his or her principal place of business without obtaining another CPA license.

But how do you know if mobility applies to the services you are providing in the state that you are providing them? The <u>CPAmobility.org</u> website will help answer that question.

In four clicks, CPAs can find out whether or not their existing home state registration is mobile and allows them to work in other jurisdictions without additional notice or licensure.

Simply select your principal place of business; select the target state (the jurisdiction in which you will be performing services in person, by mail, by telephone or electronic means); and the type of services you will perform; and click submit.

The website will show the individual and firm requirements and will provide details on the target state's practice privilege requirements, as well as contact information for the appropriate board of accountancy.

Board Meeting Schedule	Board Office Closed
April 26, 2013 June 14, 2013 July 19, 2013	In accordance with the holiday schedule adopted by the State of Arkansas, the Board office will be closed on the following dates:
Meetings of the Board are open to the public, except under state law some portions may be closed to the public. Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the Board office at 101 E Capitol, Suite 450, Little Rock, AR and begin at 9:00 a.m.	May 27—Memorial Day July 4 - Independence Day September 2—Labor Day

Comment Period For Rule Changes Ends April 19

The Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy is proposing changes to its Rules. A public hearing for comment will be held on April 26, 2013 at 9 am in the Board office. Written comments may also be submitted via e-mail to <u>asbpa@arkansas.gov</u>.

All of the proposed rule changes may be viewed on our website at the following link:

http://www.arkansas.gov/asbpa/proposed_rules.html

Some of the more significant changes are discussed below.

Continuing Professional Education (Rule 13)

Changes to our CPE rules are being proposed to simplify the CPE requirements. Effective January 1, 2014, active licensees will be required to obtain at least 20 hours per year of the total of 40 required (60 hours over the past 3 years if using the three year look back provision) in the content areas of accounting/auditing, accounting ethics, or tax. Currently, active licensees are required to obtain at least 24 hours per year (72 hours over the past three years if using the three year look back provision) of accounting/auditing, accounting ethics, tax, computer science, or management advisory services.

Inactive Retired Status (Rule 13)

Currently, licensees who are 65 years of age or over and who do not practice accounting may change their license status to Inactive/Retired, which does not require any CPE but does require annual registration and payment of a \$30 annual fee. The proposed rule change would allow truly retired CPAs (those who represent to the Board that they do not intend to receive in the future any earned compensation for personal services) to apply for Retired status with the Board. This status would not require CPE hours or annual registration / payment of fees.

CPA Exam

All Arkansas CPA exam candidates currently must have 150 hours of college credits to sit for the CPA exam. Our board noticed recently that we were in the minority of states that require 150 hours for the exam, although almost all states required 150 hours for Licensure. If this rule change becomes effective, candidates will be able to sit for the CPA exam after completing a bachelor's degree and meeting the accounting and business content requirements (30 hours of upper level accounting and 30 business hours). Successful CPA exam candidates will be required to complete their 150 hours of education and apply for licensure within 3 years of passing the final section of the CPA exam.

Update to Arkansas Accountancy Law Signed into Law February 19th

Governor Mike Beebe signed House Bill 1121 and House Bill 1122 into law on February 19, 2013. These bills are now Act 89 and Act 90 of 2013.

HB 1121 increases the stipend payments to members of the Arkansas State Board of Accountancy from \$60 to \$110 per meeting. The revised stipend amount is consistent with other professional boards, such as the Arkansas State Medical Board, Arkansas State Board of Nursing, and the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy.

HB1122 was drafted to accomplish the following:

- Increase the maximum fine per violation of the Accountancy laws from \$1,000 to \$10,000 plus investigation costs;
- Add Agreed Upon Procedures Reports to our Quality Review program;
- Remove obsolete and outdated language and add definitions for clarity, and:
- Clarify what types of accounting firm names may and may not be used, consistent with the Uniform Accountancy Act.

The bills can be reviewed on the Arkansas legislature website links below:

http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2013/2013R/Pages/BillInformation.aspx?measureno=hb1121 http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2013/2013R/Pages/BillInformation.aspx?measureno=hb1122



2013 Lapsed Licenses

Individuals and firms that did not renew their 2013 CPA/PA license are now lapsed and should not be practicing public accounting or holding out as a CPA or PA in Arkansas. Here is a list of those whose licenses have lapsed, as of April 1, 2013.

Firms

ANTONIO J. GRAU, CPA PA DBA: GRAU & ASSOCIATES	BOCA RATON	FL
ASSET ACCOUNTING & TAX CPA PLLC	CONWAY	AR
DALE E. BROWN CPA P. A.	FAYETTEVILLE	AR
DARYL C. SOWARD, CPA	ARLINGTON	ТΧ
JOSEPH E. MADDOX CPA PA	TAMPA	FL
MAY & COMPANY, A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP	VICKSBURG	MS
RACHEL K. FLETCHER, P.A.	LITTLE ROCK	AR
ROBINSON, GRIMES & COMPANY, P.C.	COLUMBUS	GA
STILES PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LITTLE ROCK, P.A.	LITTLE ROCK	AR
WILLIAMS & ASSOCIATES, CPAS	LAMAR	MO

Individuals

ALVINA LYNN ADAMS	CABOT	AR	JAMES EARL GILL	HOT SPRINGS	AR
MARTA MARIE MONTGOMERY AYERS	S SEARCY	AR	BOBBY L. GLOVER	CARLISLE	AR
JULIA ANN BAILEY	TULSA	ОК	KERWIN GRAY	DE QUEEN	AR
KARLA DON HENSLEY BAKER	SPRINGDALE	AR	JESSE C. HALL	MONROE	LA
SHARON SUE BERBERICH	SCHENECTADY	NY	LYNN R. HAMILTON	LITTLE ROCK	AR
TERRIE BESIER	LITTLE ROCK	AR	CHARLES JOE HARGETT	LITTLE ROCK	AR
MICHAEL W. BIEKER	FARMINGTON	AR	VERNE L. HARGRAVE	ARLINGTON	тх
BARBARA E. BIGGS	BENTON	AR	WILLIAM M. HARTMANN	LITTLE ROCK	AR
JANICE E. CARE	JENKS	ОК	DAVID ERIC HARWOOD	FORT SMITH	AR
TED H. CASHION	MEMPHIS	TN	DONNA L. HIGHTOWER	ROSWELL	GA
CHIH CHUN CHANG	ALPHARETTA	GA	GWENDOLYN GALE HOOTEN	GREENBRIER	AR
LINDA SUE CUMMINGS	LAURENCE HARBOR	NJ	JOHN C. JEFFERS	LITTLE ROCK	AR
NANCY LU CUROTTO	BLANCHARD	ID	SANDRA W. JESTER	HOPE	AR
W. DAVID DALE	DOVER	AR	GAIL M. JONES	COPPELL	тх
DEBORAH D. DENNIE	HOT SPRINGS	AR	VIRGINIA J. KINKEAD	SUN CITY	AZ
LISA W. DEYS	JENKS	ОК	CYNTHIA L. LANGSTON	HARRISON	AR
LEWIS GUY DILLAHUNTY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	DARRELL W. LOFTIN	HACKETT	AR
WILLIAM DONALD DULL	MAUMELLE	AR	GARRETT LUEDLOFF	FORT SMITH	AR
JOE K. EDWARDS	LITTLE ROCK	AR	MELANIE DISHONGH MARSHALL	DE QUEEN	AR
KAREN FAYE FARRAR	HUNTINGTON	AR	JULIE ANN MATHIS	KIEFER	ОК
THURSTON M. FISH	HARRISON	AR	TAMARA LEA MATHIS	STANFORD	СТ
JOHN LESLIE FLOYD	CORDOVA	TN	JEFF B. MCILROY	MABELVALE	AR
ALTON R. FOWLER	SHERWOOD	AR	NANCY R. METCALF	BEEBE	AR
DONNA L. FRANKLIN	HINDSVILLE	AR	TERRY LEE MORRISON	GLENWOOD	AR
BURLEY J. FREEMAN	EDISON	NJ	SUSAN J. MORROW	LITTLE ROCK	AR
			KERRY ANNE MORTON	VAN BUREN	AR

2013 Lapsed Licenses—continued

THERESA ANN NEAL	ROMANCE	AR	TYLER MCKEAN BOSS	SEARCY	AR
JOHN H. OLIVER	GERMANTOWN	TN	DALE EUGENE BROWN	FAYETTEVILLE	AR
LA SHONDA M PEGUE-DENNIS	LANCASTER	ТХ	COLIN THOMAS DEAN	LITTLE ROCK	AR
DONNA I. PIERCE	JONESBORO	AR	JENNIFER JEAN DOUGLAS	GAINESVILLE	MO
CARLA F. PRICE	MULBERRY	AR	CYNTHIA LEE DYE	FORT SMITH	AR
NOLA RENE PROCTOR	LITTLE ROCK	AR	TYRA RICHARD EATON	RIPLEY	MS
PATRICIA L. QUICK	CONWAY	AR	TRENT ALAN FULMER	CONWAY	AR
MARY THERESE RADER	BROKEN ARROW	ОК	JAMES ANTHONY GROTJOHN	NORTH LITTLE ROCK	AR
PATRICIA L. RINER-ANDERSON	HOUSTON	ТХ	GARLAND L. HALL	BENTONVILLE	AR
STEPHEN M. ROSS	CONWAY	AR	RAMONA G. HALL	FAYETTEVILLE	AR
LAUREN P. RUPERT	MAUMELLE	AR	JEANNE HANSON	LITTLE ROCK	AR
AMY WAY SAHELY	HOUSTON	тх	ANDREW JOHN HIGGINBOTHAM	LABELLE	FL
ANDREW SAMS	ROGERS	AR	KAREN LUCENDA HIGGS	CONWAY	AR
SUZANNE ELIZABETH SCHMITZ	TULSA	ОК	JAMES C. HODGE	DE QUEEN	AR
JAMES FRANKLIN SHIRRELL	SOUTHLAKE	тх	SHAWNA N. JEFFREY	CONCORD	AR
JOHN A. SINCLAIR	EL DORADO	AR	C. HARRELL LEWIS	CABOT	AR
CECIL A. SMITH	LITTLE ROCK	AR	CARLA JEANETTE LEWIS	JACKSONVILLE	AR
FREDDIE L. SMITH	MAUMELLE	AR	JERRY J. LUKER	HOT SPRINGS	AR
M. DON SMITH	BENTON	AR	KEVIN ANTHONY MALISZEWSKI	ROGERS	AR
TODD M. SMITHHART	CONWAY	AR	ROBERT A. MCCURDY	ROGERS	AR
MARSHA L. SPIVEY	ROGERS	AR	DARWIN DALE NELSON	LOWELL	AR
CORNELIA STEPHENS	FAIRFAX	VA	MARTHA L. NIECE	ROMANCE	AR
STEPHEN MARK STEWART	BENTONVILLE	AR	KRISTY KAYE NORRIS	HOUSTON	ТΧ
ELISA CAROL CROWLEY SULLIVAN	ARKADELPHIA	AR	CLINTON N. ORR	JONESBORO	AR
JACK A. TALKINGTON	BATON ROUGE	LA	ANGELIA RENAE PETTUS	CONWAY	AR
RANDAL L. TENNISON	DEXTER	мо	JANET S. RENWICK	FORT SMITH	AR
ELIZABETH VANDERSTEK	MOUNTAIN HOME	AR	JOHN RICHARD ROWLAND	LITTLE ROCK	AR
RANDY WOODROW WILEY	CONWAY	AR	KRISTIN DYAN SKIPPER	POTEAU	ОК
DAPHNE G. WILLIFORD	SMYRNA	TN	ROBERT SOZA	TULSA	ОК
ARLETTE C. WILSON	AUBURN	AL	ROBERT L. STILES	LITTLE ROCK	AR
ERIN LEIGH WINBERRY	JUDSONIA	AR	KIRK STONE	LITTLE ROCK	AR
THOMAS HENRY WOODS	LITTLE ROCK	AR	DANIEL P. SUMMERS	CONWAY	AR
ANNE MARIE HUMPHRIES WREN	CONWAY	AR	JIM WATKINS	RUSTON	LA
CATHERINE STEWART YOUNG	BENTON	AR	FIELD M. WATTS	FORT SMITH	AR
BRIAN C. BAKER	SPRINGDALE	AR	GLENN RICHARD WILLIAMS	LAMAR	MO
JAMES DAVID BELLCOCK	LITTLE ROCK	AR	CHERYL E. WILLIAMSON	MARION	AR
CONNIE SUE BERRY	HEWITT	тх	JOHN F. WILLIAMSON	HOUSTON	тх
J. MICHELLE BOOZER	DALLAS	тх	JAMES M. WOOD	MEMPHIS	ΤN

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CPA Exam Performance Summary: 2013 Q-1

	Section Performance				
First Time Re-Exam	<u>Sections</u> 96 125	<u>Score</u> 66.2 68.7	<u>% Pass</u> 32.3% 32.8%		
AUD BEC FAR REG	63 54 52 52	69.0 67.6 68.0 65.5	38.1% 29.6% 26.9% 34.6%		

CPA Exam Performance Summary: 2012 Q-4

	Section	on Performance	
First Time Re-Exam	<u>Sections</u> 132 154	<u>Score</u> 69.8 69.0	<u>% Pass</u> 45.5% 40.9%
AUD BEC FAR REG	82 66 54 84	70.6 70.8 64.3 70.3	43.9% 40.9% 35.2% 48.8%

CPA Exam Performance Summary: 2012

	Section	n Performance	
First Time	<u>Sections</u> 500	<u>Score</u> 70.3	<u>% Pass</u> 45.0%
Re-Exam	589	69.3	36.5%
AUD	295	70.5	35.3%
BEC	261	72.1	46.4%
FAR	248	68.4	40.7%
REG	285	68.0	40.0%

Successful CPA Exam Candidates

October — November 2012

First Name	<u>Middle Name</u>	Last Name	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	Zip Code
EMILY	DIANE	ASTON	JONESBORO	AR	72401
JENNIFER		BELL	NORTH LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116
ERIN	MICAH	BROWN	VILONIA	AR	72173
JENNIFER	ANN	CALLAWAY	CONWAY	AR	72034
JAMIE		CASON	STUTTGART	AR	72160
ARIEL		CHANEY	BENTON	AR	72019
BETHANY	BROWN	CHAVEZ	SEARCY	AR	72143
ASHLEY	L	FARRAR	FORT SMITH	AR	72903
KATHRYN		FISER	CAMMACK VILLAGE	AR	72207
JAMES	DAVID	GASAWAY	SHERWOOD	AR	72120
WILLIAM	BRANDON	GORMAN	WARREN	AR	71671
RANDI	RENE	GOTTSPONER	MAUMELLE	AR	72113
BRYAN		HALL	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202
BLAIR	ELIZABETH	HILL	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703
STEPHANIE	RAE	LONGLEY	FORT SMITH	AR	72903
KRISTA		MESSER	EL SOBRANTE	CA	94803
ALANNA	В.	MILLOWAY	ALMA	AR	72921
KELLY	М.	MINTER-SCHNEIDER	VAN BUREN	AR	72956
ZACHARY	TAYLOR	MOONEY	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72704
MICHELLE		ROSS	SPRINDALE	AR	72762
BRIAN	CLEVE	SMITH	BENTON	AR	72015
ERIN		SPEARS	FORT SMITH	AR	72903
ANELA		STAUFFER	MABELVALE	AR	72103
LINDI		VANSLYKE	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72223
JONATHAN	LEE	WALLACE	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72223
KIMBERLY	NICOLE	WILLIAMS	LOWELL	AR	72745
SAMUEL	EUGENE	WILLIS	САВОТ	AR	72023

Successful CPA Exam Candidates

January — February 2013

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	Zip Code
Misty		Baugh	Little Rock	AR	72211
Travis		Bolton	Greenwood	AR	72936
Jeremy	L.	Brown	Muldrow	ОК	74948
Zhirong		Chen	Conway	AR	72034
Cheyenne		Flemister	Winona	MS	38967
Nicole		Frey	Jonesboro	AR	72401
Philip	Α.	Gilbert	Cabot	AR	72023
Robert	В.	Hoover	Texarkana	AR	71854
Jennifer	Α.	House	Stutttgart	AR	72160
Scarlette		Jones	Lockesburg	AR	71846
Patricia		Lambert	Jonesboro	AR	72404
Fantazia		Robinson	Ozark	AR	72949
Jordan	Ρ.	Thompson	Little Rock	AR	72227
Gregory		Walker	N. Little Rock	AR	72116
Tracy	Α.	Ward	Pocahontas	AR	72455
Amelia		Wildenborg	Little Rock	AR	72227

Congratulations to our most recent successful CPA Exam candidates.

2013 Board Disciplinary Actions

The following cases were closed at the January 11, 2013 Board meeting:

- **C12-068** An unlicensed firm was using the "accounting" title. The firm has changed its signage to read "bookkeeping," and no further action was taken.
- **C12-077** An inactive CPA was employed in public accounting. The complaint was resolved via a compliance statement. The licensee paid a \$200 penalty and is upgrading to an active license.
- **C12-083** An Inactive CPA was employed in public accounting. The complaint was resolved via a compliance statement. The licensee paid a \$200 penalty and is upgrading to an active license.
- **C12-086** An Inactive CPA was employed in public accounting. The complaint was resolved via a compliance statement. The licensee paid a \$200 penalty and is upgrading to an active license.
- C09-015 A former licensee requested reinstatement, as their license was void due to failure to renew the license. Licensee agreed to sign a consent order, complete at least 120 hours of CPE, undergo a background check, and pay 2002-2006 inactive fees, 2013 active license fee, and late fees totaling \$555.00.
- **C11-071** The Board discovered an unregistered firm holding out as an accounting firm in Arkansas. The licensee signed a consent order, licensed the firm with the Board, and paid a \$2,500 penalty.
- **C12-005** A licensee failed to report audit reports completed during the 2005, 2008, and 2011 Quality Review survey, which resulted in violations of ACA 17-12-601(a) and Board Rule 14. Licensee signed a consent order and paid a \$6,000 penalty.
- C12-061 A licensee failed to meet professional standards with regard to the issuance of a review report, which resulted in violations of ACA 17-12-601(a), Rule 8.1-8.2, and the Board's Code of Professional Conduct. Licensee signed a consent order, paid a \$6,000 penalty, and agreed to submit all future attestation reports for pre-issuance review by a qualified Arkansas CPA.
- **C12-069** The Board discovered an unlicensed firm holding out in Arkansas. The firm owner signed a consent order, agreed to register the firm and seek an Arkansas Reciprocal License, and paid a \$700 penalty.
- C12-075 A licensee's CPA certificate/license became void on January 1, 2012 for failure to renew. The licensee has signed a consent order, undergone a background check, and paid 2009-2011 and 2013 inactive license fees and late fees totaling \$580.
- **C12-089** A licensee's CPA certificate/license became void on January 1, 2009 for failure to renew. The licensee has signed a consent order, undergone a background check, and paid 2006-2008 and 2013 inactive license fees totaling \$580.
- **C12-010** The board discovered a licensee holding out as a firm. The firm was not registered with the Arkansas Secretary of State or the Board. This resulted in violations of ACA 17-12-401, 17-12-404, and the Board's Code of Professional Conduct. The licensee has agreed to cease holding out as a firm, sign a consent order, and pay a \$1,000 penalty.

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Gene Cogbill, CPA President Texarkana Term: 2008 - 2013



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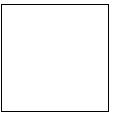


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Moving? Please Notify the Board Office of Your New Address

<u> </u>	all licensees to notify the ASBPA of all such c e include a street address to facilitate any expr Or, complete the form below:	· ·
Name		
Employer		License#
Old Address:	New Address:	
Phone:	Email:	
Signature:		Date:

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