# Occupational Authorizations



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Monday, August 21, 2023 at 1:30 PM

#### Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy

#### CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated: 7110

Entity Division Name: Department of Labor and Licensing

Scope of Practice: The purpose for the licensure of Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) is to promote the dependability of information which is used for 1) guidance in financial transactions or 2) accounting for or assessing the status or performance of commercial and noncommercial enterprises, whether public or private.

The public interest requires:

- 1) That persons attesting as experts in accountancy to the reliability or fairness of the presentation of such information be qualified in fact to do so;
- 2) That a public authority competent to prescribe and assess the qualifications of public accountants be established; and
- 3) That the attestation of financial information by persons professing expertise in accountancy be reserved to persons who demonstrate their ability and fitness to observe and apply the standards of the accounting profession.

Definitions as used in Accountancy law include:

- 1) "License" means a certificate issued under § 17-12-301 or a registration under § 17-12-312 or § 17-12-401 et seq. or, in each case, a certificate or permit issued or a registration under corresponding provisions of prior law.
- 2) "Licensee" means the holder of a license as defined in this section.
- 3) "Firm" means a partnership, corporation, limited liability company, sole proprietorship, or other entity required to be registered with the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy under § 17-12-401 et seq.
- 4) "Practice of public accounting" means the performance of or an offer to perform attest services as defined in this section or the performance of or an offer to perform professional services for the general public.
- 5) "Professional services" means services arising out of or related to the specialized knowledge or skills performed by certified public accountants or public accountants.
- 6) "Attest" means providing the following services:
- a. An audit or other engagement to be performed in accordance with the AICPA Statements on Auditing Standards;
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- 7) "NASBA" means the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, or its successor.

Statutory Requirement(s): Arkansas Code Annotated §17-12-101, -(201), -(203), et. al.

This chapter codifies the Public Accountancy Act of 1975, which created the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy (Board) and granted the Board the authority to:

- 1) adopt, and amend from time to time, rules for the orderly conduct of its affairs and for the administration of this chapter;
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# Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy (Continued)

# **CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT (Continued)**

maintain a high standard of integrity and dignity in the profession of public accountancy;

- 4) issue any further rules of professional conduct pertaining to licensees practicing public accounting which it deems consistent with or required by the public welfare including;
- a. Governing their style, name, and title
- b. Governing their affiliation with any other organization; and
- c. Establishing reasonable standards with respect to professional liability insurance and capital requirements.
- 5) perform other duties such as:
- a. adopt rules, not inconsistent with this subchapter, as necessary and proper to carry out the purposes and intentions of this subchapter;
- b. issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents;
- c. administer oaths;
- d. take testimony and receive evidence;
- e. cooperate with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and appropriate state, federal, or foreign regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over the professional conduct in question.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?



If NO, the rule establishing the expedited process and procedure:

Rule for Expedited Process and Procedure for Military Service Member or Spouse

ees & Penalties			
Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	CPA Licensure	\$50.00	Once
Fee	Firm Registration of Partnership, LLC or Corporation Composed of CPAs	\$110.00	Once
Fee	Reciprocal CPA Licensure	\$50.00	Once
Fee	Transfer of CPA Exam Credits from Another Jurisdiction (per part)	\$10.00	Once
Fee	Reinstatement Application	\$150.00	Once
Fee	Duplicate/Replacement Certificate	\$40.00	Once
Fee	Renewal Registration - License to Practice	\$110.00	Annually
Fee	Renewal Registration - Inactive Status	\$55.00	Annually
Fee	Renewal Registration - Firm License	\$110.00	Annually
Fee	Renewal Registration - Firm Branch (each location)	\$25.00	Annually
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Fee	Quality Review - 1 Type (if applicable)	\$100.00	Triennially
Fee	Quality Review - 2 Types (if applicable)	\$150.00	Triennially
Fee	CPA Exam Application	\$50.00	Once
Fee	CPA Exam Registration - 1 Section (each registration)	\$75.00	Once
Fee	CPA Exam Registration - 2 Sections (each registration)	\$90.00	Once
Fee	CPA Exam Registration - 3 Sections (each registration)	\$105.00	Once
Fee	CPA Exam Registration - 4 Sections (each registration)	\$120.00	Once
Penalty	CPE Audit Failure (\$30 per hour)	\$100.00	Once
Penalty	Late CPE (per month)	\$100.00	Annually
Penalty	Failure to Respond to Certified Letter (each occurrence)	\$500.00	Once
Penalty	Misreporting CPE	\$250.00	Annually

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# Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy (Continued) CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT (Continued) Administrative Rules Documents Document Type Document Rules Complete-Rules-10-6-22.pdf Supporting Evidence Documents

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#### PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT (Continued)

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