

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 January 22, 2021</p>
<p>3. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number (and Clearinghouse Number if applicable) Accy 2</p>	
<p>4. Subject CPA examination completion deadline</p>	
<p>5. Fund Sources Affected <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEG-S</p>	<p>6. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected</p>
<p>7. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input 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 realizes that hardship or other factors outside of an applicant's control may prevent an applicant from completing all of the sections of the Uniform CPA Examination within the required 18-month rolling period. This rule will allow an applicant to apply for and receive an extension upon a showing to the board's satisfaction that the applicant's circumstances warrant an extension.</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. The proposed rule draft was posted on the department's website for 14 days to solicit economic impact comments from businesses, business sectors, associations representing business, local governmental units, and individuals. No comments were received.</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) The proposed rule will not have a significant impact on specific businesses, business sectors, public utility rate payers, local governmental units, or the state's economy as a whole.</p>	
<p>15. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule The benefit of implementing the rule will be to allow individuals who are unable to complete the CPA examination within the required 18-month period due to circumstances beyond their control to not lose credit for the work they have done, while also be provided additional time to complete the exam. The alternative to implementing the rule would be to require applicants who do not complete the required sections of the exam within 18-months to start over from the beginning, regardless of the circumstances.</p>	

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16. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

The long range implication of implementing the rule will be to ensure that applicants for CPA are not required to re-do sections of an exam because of hardships that arose for reasons beyond their control.

17. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

N/A

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

Illinois:

The Illinois Board of Examiners requires applicants for a CPA to complete the Uniform CPA exam's four sections within a rolling 18-month period begin upon completion of the first section. There is no provision for an extension of time due to hardship, however time spent in active duty in the United States military does not count toward the 18-month deadline. (Ill. Admin. Code § 1400.140).

Iowa:

Iowa admin code 193A—3.6 and 3.7 (542) lay out the examination requirements for certification as a public accountant in Iowa. The Uniform CPA Examination must be completed within a rolling 18-month period beginning upon completion of the first section. The Iowa Accountancy Examining Board may waive this requirement due to applicant illness, death in the family, or military service.

Michigan:

Michigan administrative code requires the Uniform CPA Exam to be completed within a rolling 18-month period beginning upon the completion of the first section. The code allows the board to extend the 18-month window in the event of an applicant's or the applicant's immediate family's illness, applicant's military service, death in the family, or other good reason as determined by the Michigan Board of Accountancy. (MI Admin. Code § R 338.5110a).

Minnesota:

Minnesota administrative code requires the Uniform CPA Examination to be completed within a rolling 18-month period beginning upon completion of the first section of the examination. The Minnesota Accountancy Board may waive this requirement upon a showing that the applicant cannot meet the deadline due to circumstances beyond the applicant's control (MN Admin. Code § 1105.2000).

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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:

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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