

Experience Requirements for a CPA Certificate

In order to obtain a CPA certificate, candidates are required to have:

- One (1) calendar year and 2,000 hours of qualifying experience gained through employment in government, industry, academia, or public practice within a period of not less than one calendar year or more than five calendar years.
- Experience must be verified by a CPA of this state, any other state, or any jurisdiction of the United States

Experience must be gained in 1 or more of the following areas:

- Audits of financial statements in accordance with the applicable standards at the time of engagement.
- Reviews of financial statements in accordance with the applicable standards at the time of engagement.
- Compilations of financial statements with complete disclosure in accordance with the applicable standards at the time of engagement.
- Attestation engagements in accordance with the applicable standards at the time of engagement.
- Other auditing in accordance with applicable standards at the time of engagement that leads to an expression of a written opinion including any of the following:
 - Reviews regarding internal control.
 - Operational audits.
 - Compliance audits.
 - Expressions of an opinion on financial forecasts and projections.
- Performance of an independent internal audit function.
- Compliance audits of government contracts performed on behalf of a government agency that result in the issuance of an opinion or report.
- Audits performed on behalf of a government audit agency that result in the issuance of an opinion or report.
- Preparation of income and nonprofit tax returns for any taxing jurisdiction.
- Properly documented tax research.
- Representation of a client before a government agency on a tax matter.
- Financial forecasts, analyses, and projections.
- Management advisory services including, but not limited to, business valuation, forensic accounting, and fraud examination services that meet applicable standards.
- Management and supervision of accounting functions and preparing financial statements for profit or nonprofit entities.
- Professional accounting-related work in a public accounting firm.
- Other work generally associated with the profession of public accounting.