

# CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT



**About CPA :** CPA is a high standard, recognized by employers and their clients, governments and the public as an assurance of skill, dedication and quality. In today's business world, a CPA represents a trusted voice in business and financial consulting and is a sought-after commodity among all walks of professional organizations. The CPA is a symbol to the public that an accountant has mastered the vital elements of the profession. There are a variety of opportunities available in the accounting and financial job market today, but no matter what career path an accounting professional chooses, a long, successful career virtually requires a CPA license. There are many powerful reasons – both professional and personal – for earning and maintaining a CPA license.

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## Enrolment in CPA Programme

In order to enrol in the CPA programme and register for the exam, applicants must

- Either be a US citizen or a citizen or long-term resident of the countries in which the exam is administered
- Have a bachelor's degree or higher  
(usually 150 semester hours in specific subject areas determined by the state's board of accountancy)
- Be prepared to take the exam in English.

Once applicants are satisfied that they meet these criteria, they should undertake the following steps

**Step 1:** Check the requirements of each state board of accountancy that is currently part of the International Administration of the CPA Examination and assess which State's requirements best fit your credentials. Please visit [www.nasba.org](http://www.nasba.org) for more details

**Step 2:** Get their credentials evaluated by an approved evaluation service agency. Refer to the NASBA website for the links to these agencies. There will be a fee charged for this service.

**Step 3:** Fill in the application form obtained from their chosen state board website.

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**Step 4:** Make sure they receive their authorization to test.

**Step 5 :** Visit NASBA website to pay the additional fee for international candidates.

**Step 6:** Ensure receipt of notice-to-schedule (this usually has six month validity).

**Step 7 :** Schedule their exam - contact the Prometric Testing Centre

## Exam Subjects

AICPA decides on the content of the exams, prepares the exam questions and determines the method of scoring.

## Exam Structure

Exam time : 4 hours

3 Testlets : 90 multiple choice questions (60%)

1 Testlet : 7 Task-based simulations (40%)

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## EXAM PROCESS

- Students have 18 months to complete all exam subjects from the date of registration.
- The exams are computer based.
- The pass mark for all papers is 75%.
- The first two months of each quarter of each year are the testing windows, both in
- US and International locations (January-February, April-May, July-August and October- November).
- The exams can be scheduled with authorized test centers in the US, Bahrain, Kuwait, Lebanon and the UAE.

How difficult is the CPA exam compared with equivalent UK exams?

The CPA exam tests you on basic concepts. The CPA exam is relatively easy as it is predominantly objective – the focus is on the understanding rather than memorizing.

*DURATION : 30 hours for one part and 120 hours for all the IV parts Course Fee : AED3350/- for one part and AED11500/- for all the IV parts. Course Material: Books Practice sessions with Forms Illustrations & Case Studies*

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