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TITLE 872 INDIANA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

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DIGEST

Amends 872 IAC 1-1-6.1 to revise the educational requirements for first time CPA examination candidates to address the semester hours in accounting, business administration, and economics courses at the undergraduate and graduate level. Effective 30 days after filing with the secretary of state.

872 IAC 1-1-6.1

SECTION 1. 872 IAC 1-1-6.1, PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED AT 27 IR 2574, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

872 IAC 1-1-6.1 Educational requirements

Authority: IC 25-2.1-2-15

Affected: IC 25-2.1-3-2; IC 25-2.1-6

Sec. 6.1. (a) Compliance with IC 25-2.1-3-2 regarding educational requirements for first time **CPA** examination applicants; **candidates** will be met by obtaining at least one hundred fifty (150) semester hours of college education, including a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university. As part of the one hundred fifty (150) semester hours, **an applicant a candidate** must meet any one (1) of the following conditions:

(1) Earned a graduate degree from a college or university that is accredited by an accrediting organization as included in section 6.3 of this rule and completed:

(A) at least twenty-four (24) semester hours in accounting at the undergraduate level or fifteen (15) semester hours in accounting at the graduate level **or an equivalent combination thereof;** and

(B) at least twenty-four (24) semester hours in business administration and economics courses, other than accounting courses, at the undergraduate or graduate level.

The business administration courses may include up to six (6) hours of business and tax law courses and up to six (6) hours of computer science courses. The accounting hours must include courses covering the subjects of financial accounting, auditing, taxation, and managerial accounting. If the accounting hours are a mixture of graduate and undergraduate hours, the higher number of required hours applies. **An equivalent combination of undergraduate and graduate semester hours under clause (A) would be a total of twenty-four (24) semester hours calculated at the rate of one and six-tenths (1.6) semester hours for each actual one (1) semester hour in accounting at the graduate level and one (1) semester hour for each actual one (1) semester hour in accounting at the undergraduate level.**

(2) Earned a baccalaureate degree from a college or university that is accredited by an accrediting organization as included in section 6.3 of this rule and completed:

(A) at least twenty-four (24) semester hours in accounting at the undergraduate or graduate level, including courses covering the subjects of financial accounting, auditing, taxation, and managerial accounting; and

(B) at least twenty-four (24) semester hours in business administration and economics courses other than accounting courses.

The business administration courses may include up to six (6) hours of business and tax law courses and up to six (6) hours of computer science courses.

(b) College courses with substantial duplication of content may be counted only one (1) time toward the requirements in IC 25-2.1-3-2 and this section. This subsection shall not apply to internships. (*Indiana Board of Accountancy; 872 IAC 1-1-6.1; filed Jun 5, 1998, 3:58 p.m.: 21 IR 3933; readopted filed Jun 22, 2001, 8:57 a.m.: 24 IR 3824; filed Aug*

3, 2001, 4:34 p.m.: 24 IR 3989; filed Jul 30, 2003, 5:15 p.m.: 26 IR 3881)

Notice of Public Hearing

Under IC 4-22-2-24, notice is hereby given that on October 15, 2004 at 10:30 a.m., at the Indiana Government Center-South, 402 West Washington Street, Conference Center Room 5, Indianapolis, Indiana the Indiana Board of Accountancy will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to revise the educational requirements for first time CPA examination candidates to address the semester hours in accounting, business administration, and economics courses at the undergraduate and graduate level. Copies of these rules are now on file at the Indiana Government Center-South, 302 West Washington Street, Room E034 and Legislative Services Agency, One North Capitol, Suite 325, Indianapolis, Indiana and are open for public inspection.

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