



Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules

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1. General Information

a. Agency/Board Name* Accountants, Board of Certified Public		
b. Agency/Board Address 325 West 18th Street, Ste.4	c. City Cheyenne	d. Zip Code 82002
e. Name of Agency Liaison Jennifer Gorman	f. Agency Liaison Telephone Number 307-777-7551	
g. Agency Liaison Email Address jennifer.gorman2@wyo.gov		
h. Date of Public Notice June 12, 2019	i. Comment Period End Date August 1, 2019	
j. Public Comment URL or Email Address: wycpaboard@wyo.gov		
k. Program Accountants, Board of Certified Public		

* By checking this box, the agency is indicating it is exempt from certain sections of the Administrative Procedure Act including public comment period requirements. Please contact the agency for details regarding these rules.

2. Legislative Enactment

For purposes of this Section 2, "new" only applies to regular rules promulgated in response to a Wyoming legislative enactment not previously addressed in whole or in part by prior rulemaking and does not include rules adopted in response to a federal mandate.

a. Are these rules new as per the above description and the definition of "new" in Chapter 1 of the Rules on Rules?

No. Yes. Please provide the Chapter Numbers and Years Enacted
(eg: 2015 Session Laws Chapter 154); 2019 Session Laws Chapter 2

3. Rule Type and Information

a. Provide the Chapter Number, Title, and Proposed Action for Each Chapter.
Please use the Additional Rule Information form for more than 10 chapters, and attach it to this certification.

Chapter Number:	Chapter Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
1	General Provisions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
2	Examination	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
3	Certificates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
4	Permits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
5	Continuing Professional Education	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
8	Rules of Practice and Procedure Applicable to Rule Making (Petitions for Rule Making)	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
10	Practice Privileges	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed

4. Public Comments and Hearing Information

a. A public hearing on the proposed rules has been scheduled. No. Yes. Please complete the boxes below.

Date:	Time:	City:	Location:

b. What is the manner in which interested persons may present their views on the rulemaking action?

By submitting written comments to the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above.

At the following URL: _____

A public hearing will be held if requested by 25 persons, a government subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members. Requests for a public hearing may be submitted:

To the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above.

At the following URL: _____

c. Any person may urge the Agency not to adopt the rules and request the Agency to state its reasons for overruling the consideration urged against adoption. Requests for an agency response must be made prior to, or within thirty (30) days after adoption, of the rule, addressed to the Agency and Agency Liaison listed in Section 1 above.

5. Federal Law Requirements

a. These rules are created/amended/revoked to comply with federal law or regulatory requirements. No. Yes. Please complete the boxes below.

Applicable Federal Law or Regulation Citation:

Indicate one (1):

The proposed rules meet, but do not exceed, minimum federal requirements.

The proposed rules exceed minimum federal requirements.

Any person wishing to object to the accuracy of any information provided by the Agency under this item should submit their objections prior to final adoption to:

To the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above.

At the following URL: _____

6. State Statutory Requirements

a. Indicate one (1):

The proposed rule change *MEETS* minimum substantive statutory requirements.

The proposed rule change *EXCEEDS* minimum substantive statutory requirements. Please attach a statement explaining the reason that the rules exceed the requirements.

b. Indicate one (1):

The Agency has complied with the requirements of W.S. 9-5-304. A copy of the assessment used to evaluate the proposed rules may be obtained:

By contacting the Agency at the physical and/or email address listed in Section 1 above.

At the following URL: _____

Not Applicable.

7. Additional APA Provisions

a. Complete all that apply in regards to uniform rules:

These rules are not impacted by the uniform rules identified in the Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-103(j).

The following chapters do not differ from the uniform rules identified in the Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-103(j):

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10

(Provide chapter numbers)

These chapters differ from the uniform rules identified in the Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-103(j) (see Statement of Principal Reasons).

(Provide chapter numbers)

b. Checklist

The Statement of Principal Reasons is attached to this Notice and, in compliance with *Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. v. Environmental Quality Council*, 590 P.2d 1324 (Wyo. 1979), includes a brief statement of the substance or terms of the rule and the basis and purpose of the rule.

If applicable: In consultation with the Attorney General's Office, the Agency's Attorney General representative concurs that strike and underscore is not required as the proposed amendments are pervasive (Chapter 3, *Types of Rules Filings*, Section 1, Proposed Rules, of the Rules on Rules).

8. Authorization

a. I certify that the foregoing information is correct.

Printed Name of Authorized Individual	Jennifer Gorman
Title of Authorized Individual	Executive Director
Date of Authorization	6/12/19

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ADOPTING RULES

In 2019 the Wyoming legislature revised the Board's practice act to clarify the Board's authority to assess fees; modify the definition of attest and compilation services; clarify expiration date of inactive status certificate; adopt "firm mobility," which allows nonresident CPA firms that meet all licensing requirements in their home states, including enrollment in the AICPA Peer Review Program, to practice in the state without obtaining Wyoming CPA firm permits; clarify reasons for the Board to investigate and discipline CPA certificates and CPA firm permits and those who are practicing in the state under practice privileges. *See* 2019 Wyo. Sess. Laws, Ch. 2.

Other changes throughout all chapters of the rules reflect the Board's attempt to streamline rules to the extent possible while also preserving the ease of reference and readability for the user.

Chapter 1

- Definitions in section 2 reflect statutory changes and attempts to streamline and reduce the chapter.
- The methodology the Board will use to set its meeting calendar is clarified. The Board wishes to set its meetings by resolution in order for its meetings to be "regular" meetings.
- The Board forms committees from time-to-time to effectuate its duties. New language is added to clarify appointment authority.
- Language has been added to allow the Board to delegate the authority to approve applications for temporary certificates and temporary firm permits subject to Board ratification. Delegation of authority to approve applications for temporary certificates and temporary firm permits allows for the licensure process to be streamlined and expedite the applicants' ability to engage in their profession as quickly as possible.
- Language clarifying the application process with respect to when applications may be denied is added to the rule and includes language that the Board shall not process incomplete applications. From time-to-time the Board office receives incomplete applications and there is no formal process for how to handle them.
- Modifications to the fee schedule reflect the Board using an online licensing management system; updates fees related to activation of certificates and firm permits from surrendered status, expired status and retired status to reflect the staff time devoted to conducting a continuing professional education (CPE) audit. Fees related to reactivation and the CPE audit required when a holder requests a 90-day extension to complete CPE are based upon approximately two to three hours of staff time to process reactivation applications and CPE audits.
- A fee related to 90-day CPE extension requests is being implemented to support the staff time related to conducting CPE audits for all holders who request 90-day CPE extensions.

- Removal of language related to requests for public records since the Board will process requests for public records in accordance with requirements set forth by the Department of Administration & Information.

Moved language pertaining to “Reporting Convictions, Judgments, and Disciplinary Actions” from chapter 3 that pertains to certificates to chapter 1 which covers “General Provisions” that applies to certificates and firm permits.

Chapter 2

The rules add business data analytics as an additional topic that candidates can complete to meet minimum education requirements to sit for the Examination as a Wyoming candidate and to meet minimum education requirements to be issued an original Wyoming certificate. Adding the topic reflects the rapid changes in the profession and business climate in general. The rule provides the Board authority to modify examination schedules if test window limitations are eliminated. If those changes are made, examination candidates will benefit from a more permissive examination testing schedule.

Chapter 3

The chapter amendments clarify that certificate applicants must document lawful presence in the United States which is required by federal law and is a similar process to the I-9 process required by all employers. The provision related to “Foreign Reciprocity” clarifies that qualified applicants must meet minimum age and residency requirements. The change to the rule makes certain that the same minimum age and residency requirements apply to international as well as domestic applicants. Language is amended to reflect the Board using an electronic online licensing management and CPE reporting system. Section 7, “Reporting Convictions, Judgments, and Disciplinary Actions,” is moved to chapter 1, which covers “General Provisions” that apply to certificates and firm permits. Language regarding fee refunds is included in the chapter. Fee refund processes have not been driven by rule in the past. This new language provides rule language that supports the processes.

Chapter 4

Changes to the chapter reflect changes to the statutes effective July 1, 2019 that remove the requirement that nonresident CPA firms must register in Wyoming. So long as nonresident CPA firms are properly registered in their home states and are compliant with the AICPA Peer Review Program they need not register with the Board. This “firm mobility” provision is similar to the individual certificate mobility provisions adopted in statutory changes in 2009. There are language modifications to reflect the Board using an electronic online licensing management system. The rules clarify that CPA firms must provide ownership data as well as a list of CPA associates for the Board office to determine whether ownership and firm name requirements are met. Language regarding fee refunds is included in the chapter. Fee refund processes have not

been driven by rule in the past. This new language provides rule language that supports the processes.

Chapter 5

The Board is adopting the Statement on Standards for Continuing Professional Education that will serve to homogenize CPE requirements for all certificate holders. The rules also clarify that qualified CPE must maintain or improve the holder's professional competence as a CPA. Certificate holders must use the Board's online CPE reporting system to report and document CPE records. The new CPE reporting system is designed to support improved compliance with CPE requirements and allows holders a single repository to store all of their CPE records to help them streamline the annual certificate renewal process. The rules limit holders from earning CPE credits by repeating the same course during a renewal year. Repeating the same CPE course work typically does not enhance a holder's professional competence. Program standards are being replaced by Board incorporating the Statement on Standards for Continuing Professional Education by reference. The concept of "nano" learning is being incorporated into the rule. "Nano" learning is CPE designed to be offered in ten-minute increments to meet holders' contemporary continuing education needs. Holders requesting 90-day CPE extensions will be assessed a fee to cover staff time expenses related to the required CPE audit. CPE audits typically take an average of two to three hours of staff time to process.

Chapter 8

Much of the chapter is removed since "Petitions for Rule Making" is driven by statute. There is no reason to restate the statute in the rule. Language clarifying how persons could request the Board to consider changes to its rules.

Chapter 10

Changes to the chapter include adding a section for "Authority" and minor changes to the language in the chapter.

Chapter 1

General Provisions

Section 1. Authority. The Wyoming Board of Certified Public Accountants hereby adopts and promulgates the following rules and regulations as authorized by Wyoming Statute 33-3-108(a) and W.S. 16-3-103(j)(ii).

Section 2. Definitions. Unless otherwise stated or required by the context, the definitions set forth in this section shall apply to the construction and interpretation of any rules, regulation, interpretations and statements of reason adopted by the Board.

(a) “Active Status” means the status required when a certificate holder performs any service as defined at W.S. 33-3-109(c) for an employer, another person, or an entity not wholly owned by the certificate holder with or without compensation.

(b) “Advertise” means any written or graphic statement made in any manner that is used to advise, announce, apprise, command, give notice of, inform or make known that services are offered or available. It may include but is not limited to statements and representations made in a newspaper or other publication, radio or television, or any other notice, handbill, sign, catalog, letter, electronic media, or printed document that indicates services are offered or available.

(c) “Agreed-Upon Procedure” means a professional service whereby a holder is engaged to issue a written finding that:

(i) Is based on specific procedures that the specified parties agree are sufficient for their purposes;

(ii) Is restricted to the specified parties; and

(iii) Does not provide an opinion or negative assurance.

(d) “AICPA” or “Institute” means the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants or successor organizations.

(e) “Audit” means a professional service whereby the holder is engaged to examine financial statements, items, accounts, or elements of a financial statement, prepared by management, in order for an opinion to be expressed on financial statements, items, accounts, or elements as to whether the financial statements are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles or other comprehensive basis of accounting or a performance audit performed in compliance with the Government Auditing Standards as referenced in chapter 6, section 3(b) of these rules.

(f) “Certified Public Accountant” or “CPA” is a person holding a certified public accountant certificate issued pursuant to W.S. 33-3-109, W.S. 33-3-115 or W.S. 33-3-116 or that has not been suspended, revoked, surrendered, or expired or a person who holds a certificate based on meeting the substantial equivalency standards and availing himself of practice privileges.

(g) “Client” is any person or organization other than the holder’s employer that engages a certificate or permit holder to perform professional services.

(h) “Commission” is a fee, received or paid by others, that is calculated as a percentage of the total sale or service.

(i) “Contingent Fee” is a fee established for performing any service pursuant to an arrangement in which no fee will be charged unless a specified finding or result is attained, or in which the amount of the fee is otherwise dependent upon the finding or result of such service.

(j) “Designated Certificate Holder (DCH)” is the individual certificate holder responsible for registering the CPA firm and providing all CPA firm and office notifications required under W.S. 33-3-118 and W.S. 33-3-119, as well as other notifications required by these rules.

(k) “Financial Statements” means statements and related footnotes that present an actual or anticipated financial position as of a point in time, or results of operations, cash flow, or changes in financial position for a period of time in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles or another comprehensive basis of accounting. The term does not include incidental financial data included in management advisory services reports to support recommendations to a client, nor does it include tax returns and supporting schedules.

(l) “Foreign” means any place outside the United States or its territories.

(m) “Holder” is a person who has been issued a CPA certificate by the Board pursuant to W.S. 33-3-109, W.S. 33-3-115 or W.S. 33-3-116 and chapter 3 of these rules, a CPA firm that has been issued a permit pursuant to W.S. 33-3-118, W.S. 33-3-120, and chapter 4 of these rules or a person or firm availing himself or itself of practice privileges.

(n) “Holding Out” means any action initiated by a holder which states or implies he is skilled in the practice of accounting; or any action that informs others of the CPA status. Any action includes but is not limited to any oral or written representation to another regarding accounting skills or the CPA status, using a CPA designation on business cards or letterhead,

displaying a certificate, or reference to any of the AICPA professional standards or any of the standards established in chapter 6, section 3 of these rules.

(o) “Inactive Status” means the status available when a holder does not perform any service as defined in W.S. 33-3-109(c) for an employer, another person, or an entity not wholly owned by the certificate holder, with or without compensation.

(p) “Licensee” means “holder” whether licensed in this State or as defined in section 2(m) of this chapter.

(q) “NASBA” means National Association of State Boards of Accountancy.

(r) “Office” means any location within the State of Wyoming where the practice of public accounting is performed by certificate holders as a CPA firm.

(s) “Organization” is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, sole proprietorship, association, business trust, estate, trust, two or more persons having a joint or common interest, or any other legal or commercial entity.

(t) “Original Certificate” means the certificate issued to an individual as a result of passing the Uniform CPA examination and meeting the requirements as set forth in W.S. 33-3-109(a) and chapter 3, section 2 of these rules.

(u) “Peer Review” means a review under a practice monitoring program as approved by the Board such as the programs sponsored by the AICPA.

(v) “Practice Privilege” means the ability to practice as a certificate or permit holder in Wyoming without obtaining a Wyoming certificate based on meeting the criteria established in W.S. 33-3-116(a) and chapter 10 of these rules or a permit based on W.S. 33-3-118(b)(xiv).

(w) “Professional Services” are any services performed or offered to be performed by a holder in the practice of public accounting.

(x) “Reciprocal Certificate” means a certificate issued to an individual based on a certificate issued in another jurisdiction.

(y) “Referral Fee” is a fee paid by a holder to any person in return for recommending or referring any service of a holder to any person.

(z) “Registrant” means any certificate holder, permit holder or person or firm availing himself or itself of practice privileges under the provisions of the certified public accountants’ act and these rules.

(aa) “Report” when used with reference to financial statements means an opinion, report, or other form of language that states or implies assurance as to the reliability of a financial statement and that also includes or is accompanied by any statement or implication that the person or CPA firm issuing it has special knowledge or competence in accounting or auditing. Such a statement or implication of special knowledge or competence may arise from the use by the issuer of the report of names or titles indicating that the person or CPA firm is a certified public accountant or auditor, or from the use of language in the report itself. The term “report” includes any form of language that disclaims an opinion when the language is conventionally understood to imply any positive assurance as to the reliability of the financial statements referred to or special competence on the part of the person or CPA firm issuing such language; and it includes any other language that is conventionally understood to imply an assurance or other special knowledge or competence.

(bb) “Retired Status” means the status available when a certificate holder has reached the age of sixty-five (65) or is disabled and no longer performs any service for compensation as defined in W.S. 33-3-109(c) for an employer, another person, or an entity not wholly owned by the certificate holder.

(cc) “Review” means a professional service as defined in the Statement on Standards for Accounting and Review Services as set forth in chapter 6, section 3(d) of these rules.

(dd) “Sole Proprietorship” means a certificate holder performs accounting services as defined in W.S. 33-3-109(c) for any person or organization other than his employer, himself, or an entity wholly owned by himself, and the certificate holder is compensated for services provided.

(ee) “Surrendered Status” means the certificate or affidavit of lost certificate has been returned to the Board’s office. A person who surrenders a certificate is no longer a Wyoming CPA.

(ff) “Work papers” means the holders’ records of procedures applied, the tests performed, the information obtained, and the conclusions reached in attest services, tax, consulting, special report, or other engagements. Work papers include, but are not limited to, work programs used to perform professional services, analyses, memoranda, letters of confirmation and representation, checklists, copies or abstracts of company documents, and schedules of commentaries prepared or obtained by the holder. The forms include, but are not

limited to, handwritten, typed, printed, word processed, photocopied, photographed, computerized data, or any other form of letters, words, pictures, sounds or symbols.

Section 3. Chairman. The chairman of the Board shall preside at all meetings and perform other duties as the Board may direct. In the absence of the chairman, the Secretary shall perform the duties of the chairman.

Section 4. Secretary. In addition to duties pursuant to W.S. 33-3-104, the Board Secretary shall maintain, or direct the staff to maintain, a record of the transactions and business of the Board. The record shall include a record of any certificates and permits issued and any fees received.

Section 5. Meetings.

(a) The Board shall by resolution establish regular meetings at the Board's office or other location as identified in public notices issued by the Board office. Additional meetings and conference call meetings may be scheduled as determined by the Board. All meetings shall be scheduled and conducted in compliance with W.S. 16-4-401 et seq.

(b) The elected Board officers shall assume the duties of their respective offices at the conclusion of the meeting at which they were elected. Board officers shall serve a term of one year and shall be eligible for reelection.

Section 6. Appointment of Committees. The Board may appoint committees to facilitate the performance of its duties. Committee appointments may be "standing" or "ad hoc" as necessary to address complaint investigations, conduct peer review oversight, review rules and make recommendations to the Board for rules promulgation, review applications, or other matters as determined by the Board.

Section 7. Delegation of Temporary Licensure Authority. The Board may delegate the authority to issue temporary certificates and firm permits to Board members, Application Review Committees, or Board staff. Temporary certificates and firm permits issued under this section shall be valid for no longer than 120 days or until formal Board action to ratify issuance has been taken to render final Board approval.

Section 8. Records Retention. The Board shall comply with records retention schedules set forth by the State of Wyoming.

Section 9. Language of Record. The Board shall provide examinations, applications, correspondence, and all other documents in the English language only. Requests for assistance with foreign language impediments will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If provided, any and all costs associated with examinations, interpreters, or other aids will be borne solely by the applicant.

Section 10. Change of Name, Address, or Employment.

(a) All certificate holders and DCHs shall notify the Board of any changes in name, address, email address, telephone number, or employment within sixty (60) days of the change.

(b) Any notification from the Board required or permitted under the certified public accountants' act sent to the certificate holder, permit holder, or DCH shall be sent to the last known name and address or e-mail address provided to the Board by the holder and shall be deemed proper service on the holder.

Section 11. Change in Form, Ownership, Scope of Practice or CPA firm Name.

(a) The DCH shall notify the Board as follows:

(i) Within sixty (60) days of any changes in scope of services which affect the scheduling or timing of peer reviews;

(ii) Within sixty (60) days of the termination or transfer of a sole proprietorship, the admission or withdrawal of a partner, shareholder, member, or non-certificate holder from any permitted CPA firm.

(iii) Within sixty (60) days of the admission or withdrawal of any certificate holder acting as a resident manager of any office or any change in the certificate holder designated to represent the firm;

(iv) Within sixty (60) days of any CPA firm name change accompanied by amended articles of incorporation or articles of organization.

Section 12. Applications.

(a) All certificate and firm permit applications shall be reviewed and may be approved, subject to Board ratification, by the Board's staff or an Application Review Committee composed of the Board's staff and one (1) Board member pursuant to chapter 7, section 4 of these rules.

(b) The Board may deny any application for any of the following reasons:

(i) The applicant's failure to furnish all information required on the application and required application attachments;

(ii) The applicant engages in any actions listed in W.S. 33-3-121(a)(i) through (xiii);

(iii) The applicant falsifies information required by the application process; or

(iv) This or any other U.S. board of accountancy finds that the applicant committed an act of misconduct on the examination as set forth in chapter 2, section 4(e) of these rules.

(c) The Board or its designee shall not consider or review incomplete applications. An application for a certificate, firm permit, or examination, including any application for certificate or firm permit renewal, shall be deemed abandoned and any fee paid shall be forfeited if the applicant fails to complete the application within six (6) months of its original submission. All abandoned applications shall be destroyed one year from the date the partial application materials were received. Applicants whose documents have been destroyed in accordance with this subsection and who reapply shall be required to submit new applications including all required documentation and fees.

Section 13. Fees.

(a) Fees paid during the course of the current calendar year may be applied to fees due. Fees paid for certificates and firm permits are not prorated.

(b) Certificate Fees:

(i)	Wall Document:	\$	25.00
(ii)	Active Status:	\$	200.00
(iii)	Inactive Status:	\$	90.00
(iv)	Active Status Renewal:	\$	190.00
(v)	Inactive Renewal:	\$	80.00
(vi)	Retired Status (one-time):	\$	50.00
(vii)	Reinstate:	\$	1000.00
(viii)	Activate From Expired Status:	\$	300.00
(ix)	Activate from Surrendered Status:	\$	300.00
(x)	Activate from Inactive Status:	\$	210.00
(xi)	Activate from Retired Status:	\$	300.00
(xii)	Restore Inactive Status from Expired :	\$	190.00

- (xiii) Continuing professional education extension requested pursuant to chapter 5, section 8 of these rules: \$ 150.00
- (c) Permit Fees:
 - (i) Firm Permit \$ 170.00
 - (ii) Firm Permit Renewal: \$ 160.00
 - (iii) Activate From Expired Status: \$ 270.00
 - (iv) Reinstate: \$ 1000.00
- (d) Refunds.
 - (i) All refunds shall be subject to a \$25 processing fee;
 - (ii) After the \$25 processing fee has been assessed, the minimum allowable refund shall be \$5.00.
- (e) Other Fees:
 - (i) Non-sufficient Funds Fee: \$ 25.00
 - (ii) Credit Card Charge back: \$ 25.00
 - (iii) Duplicate/Reprinted Certificate: \$ 25.00
 - (iv) Each Certified Notice Fee unrelated to investigation/disciplinary action: \$50.00
 - (v) Board Approved Ethics Course Verification Fee: \$ 50.00 per hour review cost charged to course vendor. A minimum fee of \$200.00 shall accompany the course vendor's materials submitted for review and approval by the Board. The Board staff is not authorized to refund any portion of fees collected.

Section 14. Reporting Convictions, Judgments, and Disciplinary Actions.

- (a) Each certificate holder and each CPA firm's designated certificate holder, on a form and in the manner prescribed by the board, shall disclose information specified in subsections (d), (e), and (f) of this section. Disclosure shall be required upon initial application for an individual certificate or CPA firm permit. Once licensed, disclosure shall be required within thirty (30) days of the imposition of discipline or judgment or with the renewal of the certificate or permit. Actions previously reported do not need to be re-reported upon renewal.
- (b) All information or documents disclosed or provided pursuant to the requirements of this section shall be maintained in an investigative file pursuant to chapter 7, section 21(c)(ii).

- (c) Disclosure shall include but is not limited to the following:
 - (i) The name of the court or regulatory/administrative entity involved;
 - (ii) The case number;
 - (iii) The names of the parties involved;
 - (iv) The type of reportable event; and
 - (v) A summary of the reportable events.
- (d) Any conviction or finding of guilt or plea of nolo contendere to:
 - (i) A felony;
 - (ii) Any crime an element of which is dishonesty or fraud; or
 - (iii) The denial, cancellation, revocation, suspension, or refusal to renew the authority to practice as a certified public accountant by any state, federal agency, or foreign authority for any cause other than failure to pay a fee.
- (e) Imposition of a censure, reprimand, sanction, probation, civil penalty, fine, consent decree or order by any state board of accountancy, the AICPA, the Securities Exchange Commission, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, Internal Revenue Service, or foreign regulatory body that regulates the practice of accountancy.
- (f) Any fully adjudicated judgment or settlement in a civil suit or arbitration proceeding entered after July 1, 2005 totaling more than \$150,000 and based upon an allegation of dishonesty, fraud, or gross negligence in the practice of accounting, or any action that would constitute a violation of the rules of professional conduct promulgated by the board. Notification under this section shall apply only to actions directly involving a certificate or permit holder's practice of accounting in Wyoming.

Section 15. Incorporation by Reference.

- (a) The Board hereby incorporates by reference the following uniform rules which are referred to throughout the rules:
 - (i) Chapter 2 – Uniform Procedures, Fees, Costs and Charges for Inspecting, Copying, and Producing Public Records adopted by the Department of Administration and Information and effective September 6, 2016, found at: <https://State of Wyoming Admin & Info Public Records Rule>.
- (b) For these rules incorporated by reference:

(i) The Board has determined that incorporation of the full text in these rules would be cumbersome or inefficient given the length or nature of the rules:

(ii) The incorporation by reference does not include any later amendments editions of the incorporated matter beyond the applicable date identified in subsections (a)(i) and (ii) of this section; and

(iii) The incorporated rules are maintained at 325 West 18th Street, Ste. 4, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002 and are available for public inspection and copying at cost at the same location.

Chapter 2 Examination

Section 1. Authority. These rules are promulgated pursuant to Wyoming Statute 33-3-108(a)(iii), W.S. 33-3-110, W.S. 33-3-111, W.S. 33-3-112, W.S. 33-3-113.

Section 2. Applications for Examination.

(a) Applicants shall furnish all information required by the application form and other information, including proof of identity, as required by the board. Each application, shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee, as determined by section 4(d) of this chapter; via credit card payment by accessing the self-serve payment link offered by the Board. Forms may be obtained from the Board or may be downloaded from the Board's website.

(b) The Board shall forward notification of eligibility in the form of an Authorization to Test (ATT) for the computer-based Uniform CPA Examination (examination) to the candidate and NASBA's National Candidate Database. Upon receiving the ATT from the Board, the candidate shall:

- (i) Contact NASBA to obtain a Notice to Schedule (NTS) the examination,
- and
- (ii) Forward all applicable examination fees required by section 4(d) of this chapter to NASBA.

(c) The ATT expires six (6) months from the date of the NTS, when the candidate tests for a particular section, or six (6) months from the date the application was filed if an NTS is not issued, whichever occurs first. A candidate whose ATT expired is not entitled to a refund of any fees, including examination fees, and the candidate must reapply to the board.

(d) Eligible candidates who have received an NTS shall independently contact a test center identified by NASBA to schedule the examination at an approved test site.

(e) A candidate who fails to appear for a scheduled section of the examination is not entitled to a refund of any fee paid to the board or examination fees paid to NASBA.

(f) The board reserves the right to deny the application or invalidate scores of any individual for any of the following reasons:

- (i) Failure to furnish all information required under this chapter;
- (ii) Conviction of a felony under any state or United States law;
- (iii) Conviction of any crime, an element of which is dishonesty or fraud, under any state or United States law;

- (iv) Falsifying information required by the application process; or
 - (v) Misconduct on the examination as set forth in section 4(e) of this chapter or as determined by any United States board of accountancy.
- (g) Applicants shall meet the requirements of W.S. 33-3-109(a)(i) through (ii) by demonstrating that they are at least eighteen years of age; and
- (i) Hold a valid Wyoming drivers license;
 - (ii) Have a current Wyoming physical/street address (not P.O. Box); ~~or~~
 - (iii) Are currently employed in Wyoming or have a valid documented and accepted offer of employment that will begin within six (6) months of the application date; or
 - (iv) Are a current student at a Wyoming community college or the University of Wyoming.

Section 3. Education Requirements.

(a) Applicants shall furnish evidence in the form of a transcript(s) delivered directly to the board office by the college or university that they completed the following education requirements:

(i) An applicant who qualifies to sit for the examination under W.S. 33-3-111 shall have completed a baccalaureate or higher degree including a minimum of twenty-four (24) semester hours in accounting courses in some or all of the following subjects:

- (A) Financial accounting and reporting for business organizations;
- (B) Financial accounting and reporting for government and not-for profit entities;
- (C) Auditing and attestation services;
- (D) Managerial or cost accounting;
- (E) Taxation;
- (F) Fraud examination;
- (G) Internal controls and risk assessment;
- (H) Financial statement analysis;

- (I) Accounting or tax research and analysis;
- (J) Accounting information systems;
- (K) Ethics; or
- (L) Other areas included in the Uniform CPA Examination Content Specification Outline or as may be determined by the board.

(ii) An applicant who qualifies under W.S. 33-3-111 shall also have completed at least twenty-four (24) semester hours of business courses (other than accounting) at the undergraduate or graduate level covering some or all of the following subjects:

- (A) Business law;
- (B) Economics;
- (C) Management;
- (D) Marketing;
- (E) Finance;
- (F) Business communications;
- (G) Statistics;
- (H) Quantitative methods;
- (I) Technical writing;
- (J) Information systems or technology;
- (K) Ethics; or
- (L) Data analytics if applying the data analytics tools is the primary objective of the course.

(b) A maximum of six (6) semester hours for internships may count toward the accounting or business subject matter requirements. In order to qualify, the internship must meet the following criteria;

- (i) The internship is a short-term faculty supervised work experience usually related to a student's major field of study; and

(ii) The student earns academic credit.

(c) The official transcript shall be forwarded to the Board's office directly from the college or university that is accredited by one of the following accrediting associations or successor accrediting associations:

(i) New England Association of Schools and Colleges;

(ii) Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools;

(iii) Higher Learning Commission (formerly North Central Association of Colleges and Schools);

(iv) Northwest Commission on Colleges & Universities;

(v) Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;

(vi) Western Association of Schools and Colleges; or

(vii) Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

(d) Credit earned through life experience as a result of an applicant passing the examination shall not qualify towards meeting any of the course requirements.

(e) Transcripts that document a graduate degree with a concentration in accounting from a program that is accredited in accounting by the AACSB shall be equivalent to the requirements outlined in subsection (a)(i) and (ii) of this section.

(f) One quarter unit or hour is equivalent to two-thirds ($2/3$) of a semester unit or hour.

(g) Candidates qualifying based on a degree earned in a foreign country shall submit transcripts to a foreign education credentials service acceptable to the Board for evaluation. That evaluation shall verify that the degree awarded was transferrable to an institution of higher education in the United States and verify that the accounting courses are equivalent to those taken to qualify as a candidate in the United States.

Section 4. Examinations - Certified Public Accountant.

(a) The board shall rely on the examination and the AICPA advisory grading service.

(b) The candidate shall receive a passing score as determined by the AICPA in each of the four (4) examination sections before a certificate will be issued. A passing score shall be

seventy-five (75). Credit for passing a section is valid from the date of the testing event regardless of the date the candidate is notified or receives the score.

(c) Granting of Credit.

(i) A candidate may take examination sections individually and in any order. Credit for any examination section passed shall be valid for eighteen (18) months from the date the candidate took the examination section. A candidate must pass all four (4) examination sections within a rolling eighteen (18) month period that begins on the testing date of the first passed examination section. In the event all four (4) examination sections are not passed in the rolling eighteen (18) month period, credit for any examination section passed outside the eighteen (18) month period shall expire and that examination section shall be retaken. The eighteen (18) month period may be extended by the board at its discretion upon a showing by the candidate of good cause.

(ii) A candidate may take any section of the examination up to four (4) times during a one-year period but cannot retake any failed examination section in any one (1) three (3) month testing period.

(iii) If examination system administration changes eliminating the test window limitations, subsection (c)(ii) no longer applies.

(iv) Transfer credit shall be granted to a candidate for satisfactorily-completing any section of the examination given by the licensing authority in any jurisdiction, provided the requirements as outlined in W.S. 33-3-109(a)(v) and sections 3 and 4 of this chapter have been met.

(d) Fees: Each candidate shall pay an initial application fee to the board of \$110.00 or a re-examination application fee of \$50.00 for filing subsequent applications. The examination fees charged to candidates by the AICPA, NASBA, and the examination delivery service provider are paid directly to NASBA. All transfer candidates who qualify under subsection (c)(iii) above and all re-examination candidates who last applied for the examination in excess of three (3) years before the current application date shall pay initial application fees. An application fee will be assessed for each application regardless of the number of examination sections applied for on each application.

(e) Misconduct by a candidate in applying for, taking, or subsequent to the examination shall invalidate any score otherwise earned by a candidate on any section of the examination, may require the candidate to be relocated, or may warrant summary expulsion from the examination site and disqualification from taking the examination for a specified period of time. For purposes of this rule, the following actions or attempted activities, among others, may be considered misconduct:

(i) Falsifying or misrepresenting educational credentials or other information required for admission to the examination;

- (ii) Communication between candidates or others inside or outside the examination site while the examination is in progress;
 - (iii) Copying another candidate's answers while the examination is in progress;
 - (iv) Impersonating a candidate or having an impersonator take the examination in the candidate's place;
 - (v) Reference to crib sheets, textbooks, or other materials or electronic media (other than provided to the candidate as part of the examination) inside or outside the examination site while the examination is in progress;
 - (vi) Selling, buying, distributing, or receiving any portion of a future or current examination;
 - (vii) Violating the non-disclosure prohibitions of the examination or aiding or abetting another in doing so;
 - (viii) Failure to follow examination procedures or instructions; or
 - (ix) Retaking or attempting to retake an examination section by an individual holding a valid certificate or by a candidate who has unexpired credit for having passed the same examination section, unless the individual has been directed to retake an examination section pursuant to board order or unless the board has expressly authorized the individual to retake the examination section.
- (f) In any case where the Board believes it has evidence a candidate has engaged in misconduct on the examination, including those cases where the candidate has been expelled from the examination, the Board shall conduct an investigation and may conduct a hearing consistent with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act. Contested case hearings shall be conducted pursuant to the Office of Administrative Hearings' Uniform Rules for Contested Case Practice and Procedure. The board shall notify NASBA, the AICPA, and the examination center of the investigative findings. In any case where a candidate is barred from taking the examination in the future, the board shall provide the Board's findings and actions taken to any other board of accountancy to which the candidate may apply.
- (g) Subject to terms and conditions imposed by NASBA or the AICPA, including but not limited to; the candidate bearing all travel and examination score review and appeal costs, the Board may allow a Wyoming candidate the privilege to review and appeal the scores earned on the examination within sixty (60) days after the release of the examination section scores in question.

Section 5. Incorporation by Reference.

(a) The board hereby incorporates by reference the following uniform rules:

(i) Chapter 2 - Uniform Rules for Contested Case Practice and Procedure adopted by the Office of Administrative Hearings and effective on October 17, 2014 and revised effective July 20, 2017, found at: <https://State of Wyoming OAH Ch 2 Rule>.

(b) For these rules incorporated by reference:

(i) The board has determined that incorporation of the full text in these rules would be cumbersome or inefficient given the length or nature of the rules;

(ii) The incorporation by reference does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter beyond the applicable date identified in subsection (a)(i) of this section; and

(iii) The incorporated rules are maintained at the board office and are available for public inspection and copying at the same location.

Section 6. Security and Irregularities. Notwithstanding any other provisions under these rules, the board may postpone scheduled examinations, the release of scores, or the issuance of certificates due to:

(a) A breach of examination security;

(b) Unauthorized acquisition or disclosure of the contents of an examination;

(c) Suspected or actual negligence, errors, omissions, or irregularities in conducting an examination; or

(d) Any other reasonable cause or unforeseen circumstance.

Chapter 3 Certificates

Section 1. Authority. These rules are promulgated pursuant to Wyoming Statute 33-3-108(a)(iii), (v), and (vi) and W.S. 33-3-109(a), (c), (d), (f), (g), (k), (m), (o), and (p).

Section 2. Original Certificates.

(a) A certificate shall be issued to any person who has successfully completed all sections of the Uniform CPA Examination (examination), documents lawful presence in the United States, and who has met the requirements of W.S. 33-3-109(a) and the rules. All certificate holders whose principal place of business is in this state and who provide services in Wyoming as defined in W.S. 33-3-109(c) are in active practice and shall maintain the certificate on active status.

(b) Education. The applicant for a certificate as a CPA shall have completed, and evidence by an official transcript from a college or university acceptable to the board under chapter 2, section 3(c) and (e) of these rules, at least twenty-four (24) semester hours of upper division or graduate level accounting courses.

(c) Experience.

(i) The applicant for a certificate as a CPA qualifying for the examination under W.S. 33-3-109(a)(v)(A) or W.S. 33-3-109(p) shall demonstrate four (4) years of experience which shall be verified by a CPA whose certificate was active at the time the experience was earned or as provided for in W.S. 33-3-109(a)(v)(B).

(ii) The applicant for a CPA certificate qualifying under W.S. 33-3-109(a)(v)(C) shall demonstrate one (1) year of experience which shall be verified by a CPA whose certificate was active at the time the experience was earned or as provided for in W.S. 33-3-109(a)(v)(D).

(iii) The term “year of experience” as used in W.S. 33-3-109(a)(v)(B) and (D) means a minimum of two thousand (2,000) working hours.

(d) Equivalent experience. The board may consider equivalent experience not verified by an active CPA. The applicant shall provide documentation verifying equivalent experience specifying the job title, employment period, a detailed description of the duties, and the documentation shall be affirmed by an appropriate supervisor or official. The applicant shall be required to provide samples of work product that demonstrate the type and quality of work experience earned by the applicant. This experience may include but is not limited to the following:

(i) Financial statement preparation;

- (ii) Financial statement consolidation;
- (iii) Trial balance/general ledger/fixed asset;
- (iv) Audit support;
- (v) Software conversion/installation of financial systems;
- (vi) Account reconciliation;
- (vii) Expense account analysis;
- (viii) Tax payments and returns;
- (ix) Payroll management;
- (x) Budget preparation, operating, and capital;
- (xi) Product costing;
- (xii) Developing or testing internal controls;
- (xiii) Capital budgeting support;
- (xiv) Analysis of financial statements or budgets;
- (xv) Analysis of information flows and accounting processes;
- (xvi) Research of accounting literature or tax codes;
- (xvii) Conducting internal audits;
- (xviii) Preparation of journal entries;
- (xix) Income tax preparation, projections, or advice;
- (xx) Financial consulting; or
- (xxi) Educational instruction in any discipline covered by the examination (academia).

(e) An original certificate applicant shall document that he has completed a professional ethics examination, “Professional Ethics: The AICPA’s Comprehensive Course” accepted by the board for certification purposes at the time of application.

(f) Transfer credit shall be granted to an original certificate applicant if he shows satisfactory completion of all sections of the examination given by the licensing authority in any jurisdiction, provided the requirements outlined in W.S. 33-3-109(a) and section 2 of this chapter have been met.

(g) An applicant shall document lawful presence in the United States on forms required by the Board.

(h) After issuance of an original certificate, the holder shall practice under the name registered with the Board.

(i) Applications for original certificates from applicants who have a history of disciplinary action related to certificate(s) issued in other jurisdictions, shall be referred to an Application Review Committee set forth in chapter 7, section 4 of these rules.

Section 3. Reciprocal Certificates.

(a) CPAs of other states or accountants from foreign countries whose principal place of business is in Wyoming or who do not qualify for practice privileges shall obtain an active Wyoming certificate before furnishing services in Wyoming. All applicants for reciprocal certificates shall document lawful presence in the United States.

(b) Duly qualified persons may be certified under W.S. 33-3-109(o) and W.S. 33-3-116(c) when they submit applications, proof of qualifications, applicable fees, document lawful presence in the United States, and other information as follows:

(i) A person holding an active CPA certificate based on passing the examination prior to January 1, 2012 and issued by any state or jurisdiction when the person had completed at least one year of broad-based experience set forth in section 2(d) of this chapter meets requirements substantially equivalent to Wyoming's requirements and shall demonstrate applicable certification is in good standing and the person has not been otherwise.

(ii) A person holding an active CPA certificate based on passing the examination after January 1, 2012 and issued by any state or jurisdiction when the person had met the requirements specified at W.S. 33-3-116(c) meets requirements substantially equivalent to Wyoming's requirements and shall demonstrate applicable certification is in good standing.

(iii) A person holding an active CPA certificate issued by a state or jurisdiction deemed substantially equivalent to the Uniform Accountancy Act by NASBA National Qualification Appraisal Service meets requirements substantially equivalent to Wyoming's requirements and shall demonstrate applicable certification is in good standing.

(iv) A person holding an inactive or retired CPA certificate in any other state shall either activate the certificate in a substantially equivalent state or submit documents to demonstrate the individual qualifications have been determined by NASBA to be substantially equivalent or shall meet the requirements as set forth in section 2 of this chapter. An applicant

meeting the requirements of section 2 shall provide an official transcript showing compliance with the educational requirements imposed by W.S. 33-3-109 and documentation that shows compliance with the CPE requirements to activate a certificate.

(v) Pursuant to W.S. 33-1-117 and notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, military spouses registered in good standing as CPAs in other states deemed to be substantially equivalent may practice under a temporary permit not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days or until an application for certification in Wyoming has been granted or denied, whichever first occurs.

(c) Foreign Reciprocity. An applicant meeting requirements pursuant to W. S. 33-3-109(a)(i) and (ii) and who holds a credential from a foreign country comparable to the CPA certificate is required to meet the qualifications for certificates provided in W.S. 33-3-109(k).

(i) The board shall waive the examination and issue a certificate to an applicant who has completed an examination comparable to the Uniform CPA Examination administered by a foreign authority evaluated by NASBA's International Qualifications Appraisal Board with requirements determined to be substantially equivalent to the requirements for a CPA whose certificate was issued by a U.S. State Board of Accountancy.

(A) An applicant shall pass the AICPA International Uniform Certified Public Accountant Qualification Examination with a minimum score of seventy-five (75).

(B) An applicant shall satisfactorily complete the comparable examination administered by the foreign authority.

(C) An applicant shall provide certification from an appropriate foreign authority that no designation awarded has expired, been revoked, suspended, or is under investigation and is otherwise in good standing.

(D) An applicant shall provide certification from the foreign authority that the authority provides similar provisions to Wyoming CPAs to obtain a comparable designation.

(E) Fees for the application shall be submitted in U.S. funds by money order or a properly encoded draft drawn on a United States bank in U.S. funds.

(F) An applicant located in the United States shall document lawful presence in the United States on forms required by the Board.

(d) Applications for reciprocal certificates from applicants who have a history of disciplinary action related to certificate(s) issued in other jurisdictions, shall be referred to an Application Review Committee set forth in chapter 7, section 4 of these rules.

(e) After issuance of a reciprocal certificate, the holder shall practice under the name registered with the Board.

Section 4. Inactive Status.

(a) Persons holding a certificate issued under W.S. 33-3-109 or W.S. 33-3-116 but who do not practice public accounting in Wyoming and have not lost the right to active status may place the certificate on an inactive status.

(b) A certificate holder who is no longer actively engaged in the practice of accounting in Wyoming may place the certificate on inactive status by submitting a written application to the Board. The request may be submitted when the holder no longer provides services or with the annual renewal application. The written request shall certify the holder is not actively engaged in the practice of accounting in Wyoming and provide the following information:

- (i) Place of employment;
- (ii) Name of supervisor or manager, if applicable;
- (iii) Occupational information regarding services provided in Wyoming or job duties; and
- (iv) Reason for the request to place the certificate on inactive status.

(c) A certificate holder who maintains the certificate on inactive status may assume or use the title “Certified Public Accountant, Inactive” or “CPA, Inactive” if:

- (i) The assumption or use of the designation is not incident to the practice of public accounting as defined in W.S. 33-3-109(c);
- (ii) The certificate has not been revoked or suspended by any jurisdiction for any reason except non-payment of fees; and
- (iii) The certificate holder pays an annual fee as set forth in chapter 1, section 13 of these rules.

(d) A holder who maintains the certificate on an inactive status shall not be subject to CPE requirements.

(e) An inactive certificate holder may activate the certificate by providing:

- (i) An application in a form provided by the Board;
- (ii) Documentation of compliance with the CPE requirements set forth in chapter 5 of these rules; and

(iii) Payment of additional fees equal to the difference between the fee paid for the inactive status and the fee required to maintain active status; and

(iv) Documentation of lawful presence in the United States if the holder is located in the United States.

(f) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an inactive CPA from offering uncompensated accounting services that could be performed by a non-CPA.

(g) A holder who maintains the certificate on inactive status and wishes to provide services as defined in W.S. 33-3-109(c) in Wyoming for compensation shall submit a complete application to activate the certificate as set forth in subsection (e) above before providing accounting services in Wyoming. The holder may begin to provide services upon notification that his certificate has been reactivated.

Section 5. Retired Status.

(a) The Board may waive the requirement that holders maintain active or inactive status and allow a holder to retire the certificate and continue to assume or use the title “Certified Public Accountant, Retired” or “CPA, Retired” if:

(i) The holder is not engaged in the practice of public accounting in Wyoming as defined in W.S. 33-3-109(c);

(ii) The assumption or use of the designation is not incident to the practice of public accounting as defined in W.S. 33-3-109(c);

(iii) The certificate has not been revoked or suspended by any jurisdiction for any reason except non-payment of fees; and

(iv) The certificate holder has reached age 65 or is disabled.

(b) A retired certificate holder who has previously held active or inactive status may activate the certificate by providing:

(i) An application in a form provided by the Board;

(ii) Documentation of compliance with CPE requirements set forth in chapter 5 of these rules;

(iii) Payment of active status fees; and

(iv) Documentation of lawful presence in the United States if the holder is located in the United States.

(c) A holder who maintains the certificate on retired status and begins to provide services as defined in W.S. 33-3-109(c) in Wyoming shall submit a complete application to activate the certificate as set forth in subsection (b) above prior to providing accounting services in Wyoming. The holder may begin to provide services upon notification that his certificate has been reactivated.

(d) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a retired CPA from offering uncompensated accounting services that could be performed by a non-CPA.

Section 6. Renewal.

(a) All active and inactive certificates expire December 31st each year. Renewal notifications shall be provided to all certificate holders by e-mail only no later than October 1st each year. Renewal applicants shall provide all information required by the Board. All certificate renewal applications shall be processed using the online licensing management system provided by the Board.

(b) Active Status: Certificate holders shall process certificate renewal applications online by no later than December 31st of each year and shall include the following:

(i) Resident certificate holders shall comply with Wyoming's CPE requirements by providing a list of courses completed or proposed to be completed during the current calendar year and upload copies of certificates of completion with the certificate renewal application.

(ii) Designated certificate holders as defined in chapter 1, section 2(j) of these rules who provide services in a Wyoming office must submit the application to renew the CPA firm permit in conjunction with the individual certificate renewal application.

(iii) Applicable fees set forth in chapter 1, section 13 of these rules shall be included with the certificate renewal application.

(c) Inactive Status: Certificate holders who maintain an inactive certificate shall annually renew the certificate by complying with the provisions of this section no later than December 31st each year.

(i) Inactive certificate holders who fail to renew certificates by no later than December 31st shall pay the annual inactive fee plus the late and notice fees set forth in chapter 1, section 13 of these rules in order to restore the certificate to inactive status from expired status.

(d) Individual certificate holders shall be responsible for the truth and accuracy of all renewal information submitted.

(e) Expired or Surrendered Certificates.

(i) Expired or surrendered certificates may be restored upon application, payment of fees set forth in chapter 1, section 13 of these rules, and compliance with other requirements imposed on certificate holders including CPE requirements.

(f) On-line Renewal: Certificate holders shall renew active or inactive status certificates electronically by certifying compliance with all applicable requirements.

Section 7. Exemptions. A certificate holder may request on forms provided by the Board that the Board waive the requirement to maintain the certificate on active status for cases of individual hardship for the following reasons:

- (a) Deployment for military service;
- (b) Health of the certificate holder; or
- (c) Other good cause shown.

Section 8. Transition to Practice Privileges. Certificate holders whose principal place of business is not in Wyoming and who qualify for practice privileges or otherwise are not required to maintain the Wyoming certificate may choose between the following:

- (a) Surrender the certificate and wall document for mobility (if issued), submit an affidavit of lost certificate, or allow the certificate to expire at the end of the calendar year; or
- (b) Continue to maintain the certificate on active status as required by the rules.

Section 9. Refunds. Refunds of certificate fees paid may be processed at the discretion of the Board. All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to the Board office within thirty (30) days of payment of the fee. All refunds are subject to requirements in chapter 1, section 13(d) of these rules.

Chapter 4 Permits

Section 1. Authority. These rules are promulgated pursuant to Wyoming Statutes 33-3-118, W.S. 33-3-119, and W.S. 33-3-120.

Section 2. Registration of Firms.

(a) All certificate holders who perform compilation services outside of a permitted firm from a Wyoming office shall register and obtain permits. A firm that does not have an office as defined in chapter 1, section 2(r) of these rules, but performs compilations for a client whose home office is in Wyoming and is not required to comply with the AICPA peer review requirements or some state's peer review requirements must register with the Board and obtain a permit.

(b) CPA firms required to register shall meet the application requirements as follows:

(i) A corporation must file a copy of the filed articles of incorporation at the time of initial application and any subsequent amendments thereto in accordance with chapter 1 of these rules.

(ii) A limited liability company must file a copy of the articles of organization with the secretary of state or other appropriate authority of the state at the time of initial application and any subsequent amendments thereto in accordance with chapter 1 of these rules.

(c) An application to register a firm shall be made on forms provided by the Board and upon the sworn statement of a designated certificate holder who holds an active Wyoming certificate or qualifies for practice privileges and is responsible for the CPA firm in the State of Wyoming. All notifications required under this act and these rules shall be the responsibility of this designated certificate holder.

(d) Designated certificate holders shall register Wyoming office locations with the CPA firm registration and provide the following information:

- (i) Office address, both physical and mailing, if different;
- (ii) Phone number;
- (iii) Name of certificate holder providing attest or compilation services at each location; and
- (iv) A list of all office locations within Wyoming.

(e) After issuance of a CPA firm permit, the firm shall practice under the name registered with the Board.

Section 3. Renewal/Activation.

(a) All CPA firm permits expire December 31st of each calendar year. Renewal notifications shall be e-mailed to designated certificate holders no later than October 1st each calendar year.

(b) The designated certificate holder shall submit an application for renewal which shall be processed in the Board's electronic licensing system no later than December 31st of each calendar year and be accompanied by the following:

(i) A complete individual certificate renewal unless authorized to use practice privileges;

(ii) Copies of applicable amended articles of incorporation or articles of organization;

(iii) Applicable fees, to include outstanding certified notice fees as outlined in chapter 1, section 13(c)(ii) of these rules;

(iv) A list of all firm ownership, including certificate status and percentage ownership; and

(v) A list of all certificate holders associated with the firm.

(c) Firms eligible for practice privileges may activate an expired firm permit at any time and are subject to activation fees as set forth in chapter 1, section 13(c)(iii) of these rules.

Section 4. Non-certificate Holders. CPA firms whose ownership includes non-certificate holders shall provide a list of the names of all certificate and non-certificate holder owners at initial registration and at the time of annual permit renewal. This list shall document compliance with subsection (ii) of this section.

(i) Subsequent changes must be reported within sixty (60) days;

(ii) If the withdrawal of a certificate holder results in the CPA firm's ownership being controlled by more than 49% of non-certificate holders, the CPA firm shall take corrective action within sixty (60) days to ensure the CPA firm complies with W.S. 33-3-118(b)(xvi) and (xvii).

Section 5. Non-Resident Firms. CPA firms that qualify for practice privileges but elect to obtain/maintain a permit in Wyoming shall comply with all provisions and requirements set forth in W.S. 33-3-118(b)(xiv) and (xv), W.S. 33-3-120, W.S. 33-3-132, and these rules.

Section 6. Refunds. Refunds of firm permit fees paid may be processed at the discretion of the Board. All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to the Board office

within thirty (30) days of payment of the fee. All refunds are subject to requirements in chapter 1, section 13(d) of these rules.

Chapter 5

Continuing Professional Education

Section 1. Authority. These rules are promulgated pursuant to Wyoming Statute 33-3-108(a)(iii) and W.S. 33-3-109(e).

Section 2. Definitions.

(a) “Renewal Year” means the calendar year following any year in which a registrant holds an active certificate.

(b) “Third Party” means a person associated with or duly authorized by a CPE vendor or sponsor to represent that vendor or sponsor.

Section 3. General Requirements.

(a) A Continuing Professional Education (CPE) program qualifies as acceptable continuing education if it is a formal program of learning that contributes directly to the professional competence of a certificate holder in the practice of accounting as a CPA regardless of whether the holder practices in a public firm, in industry, in government, or in academia and verification of attendance or completion can be provided by a third party. Selection of the appropriate courses will be at the discretion of the certificate holder and may be selected from any of the Fields of Study issued by NASBA’s Registry of CPE Sponsors. Holders may not report credits earned through completion of multiple identical courses completed within the same calendar year, whether the courses are offered by the same vendor or a closely related vendor. Holders shall be required to provide evidence that courses are different if the Board requires it.

(i) At least sixty-six (66%) (80 of the 120 credit requirement or 40 of the 60 credit requirement found in subsection (c) of this section) of the credits shall be earned in fields of study that directly relate to a holder’s field of business as a CPA in the technical learning categories found in the Fields of Study That Qualify For Continuing Professional Education document incorporated by reference:

- (A) Accounting;
- (B) Accounting (Governmental);
- (C) Auditing;
- (D) Business Law;
- (E) Economics;
- (F) Finance;
- (G) Information Technology;

- (H) Management Services;
- (I) Regulatory Ethics;
- (J) Specialized Knowledge;
- (K) Statistics; or
- (L) Taxes.

(ii) The balance of credits may be earned in non-technical learning activities that contribute to the professional competence of a CPA in fields of study that indirectly relate to the CPA’s field of business in categories found in the Fields of Study That Qualify For Continuing Professional Education document incorporated by reference:

- (A) Behavioral Ethics;
- (B) Business Management & Organization;
- (C) Communications and Marketing;
- (D) Computer Software & Applications;
- (E) Personal Development;
- (F) Personnel/Human Resources; or
- (G) Production.

(b) Programs must be developed and conducted in compliance with the Statement on Standards for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Programs incorporated by reference. If called upon to do so by the Board, certificate holders must be prepared to demonstrate that providers/sponsors have complied with the Statement on Standards for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Programs.

(c) Certificate holders are required to comply with the CPE requirements in the three (3) full calendar years immediately preceding the renewal year as set forth below:

Rolling CPE Reporting Requirements			
Renewal Year	First Calendar Year	Second Calendar Year	Third Calendar Year
First Renewal Reporting Requirement	0 credits to be reported for this first certificate year		

Rolling CPE Reporting Requirements		
Second Renewal Reporting Requirement	60 credits completed during this two calendar year period	
Thereafter	120 credits in this rolling three year period	

(i) With the exception of the requirement stipulated in sub-section (iv)(A) below, certificate holders renewing an active certificate for the first time are excepted from the continuing professional education reporting requirements;

(ii) To renew an active certificate for the second time, a holder shall complete 60 credits in the two calendar years immediately preceding the renewal year as reported and evidenced by the holder using the Board’s online CPE reporting tool;

(iii) To renew an active certificate thereafter, a holder shall complete 120 credits in the three calendar years immediately preceding the renewal year as reported and evidenced by the holder using the Board’s online CPE reporting tool.

(iv) All certificate holders who maintain their principal place of business in Wyoming are required to complete, as scheduled by the Board, and at least once every three-year continuing education period, four credits of continuing education in regulatory/professional ethics as approved by the Board. Credits may be earned at separate courses but all four credits must be completed in the same calendar year. To qualify for credit, the course must include a Wyoming statutes and rules element and other topics such as ethical reasoning or standards of professional conduct including those of other applicable regulatory bodies with a passing score of 80% unless satisfaction of the requirement is through participation in a group program. Holders who obtain initial certificates shall complete an approved regulatory/professional ethics course as set forth in section 3(d)(iv) of this chapter within six (6) months (month-end of date of initial certificate) of obtaining the initial certificate and every three year renewal period thereafter.

(v) If a reported/planned course as of the date of processing an online certificate renewal application is not completed by December 31st, an amended program attendance record must be submitted in the Board’s online licensing renewal/CPE reporting system reflecting the change. If reported/planned courses are not completed by December 31st and are required to meet minimum CPE requirements, holders may request an extension of the CPE deadline in accordance with section 8 of this chapter and shall pay required fees at the time of the request.

(d) The continuing professional education requirement of a non-resident certificate holder not using practice privileges is met if the individual meets the continuing education requirement for renewal of a certificate, permit, or license in the state in which the individual’s principal office is located. These individuals must, during the applicable renewal period imposed by the state where the principal office is located, complete four credits of continuing education in regulatory/professional ethics covering state specific statutes and rules and such

topics as ethical reasoning or standards of professional conduct including those of other applicable regulatory bodies. The non-resident must certify that the continuing professional education requirement has been met in another state. If there is no continuing education requirement in the non-resident's principal place of business or the individual is not licensed in his principal place of business, the individual must comply with the requirements as though he was a resident of Wyoming. Non-resident certificate holders are subject to the audit provisions of this chapter to verify the continuing professional education status of a non-resident.

(e) Courses offered by a single course sponsor or multiple course sponsors repeated during a renewal year are ineligible to be counted towards meeting minimum requirements. Holders are responsible for providing evidence that courses are different if the Board requires it.

(f) Inactive and Retired certificate holders are excepted from the continuing education requirements until such a time as they enter or re-enter practice under the provisions of the Act and the rules.

(g) The Board may suspend, relax, or grant exceptions to the continuing education requirements for instances of individual hardship or other good cause shown.

Section 4. Credit.

(a) Continuing Professional Education will be measured by program length with one fifty (50) minute period constituting one (1) credit unless the course is offered as a nano learning course. Total credits will be determined based on the sum of segments with credits rounded down to the nearest half credit when the total is not divisible by 50 (180 minutes = 3.5 credits). Credit is granted in the calendar year in which the course is attended or completed unless the Board determines otherwise. Credits reported in one certificate of completion or other evidence of completion may not be split between multiple calendar years. Credit granted through the extension process will be granted in one year only to satisfy minimum CPE requirements and cannot be carried forward to meet future requirements.

(b) A nano learning program is a formal tutorial program designed to permit a participant to learn a given subject in 10-minute increments through the use of electronic media (including technology applications and processes and computer-based or web-based technology) and without interaction with a real-time instructor. A holder shall not claim more than ten (10) full CPE credits (maximum of fifty (50) ten (10) minute nano learning programs) earned through nano learning programs within one (1) calendar year and all nano learning credits shall be offered through course sponsors listed on NASBA's Learning Registry. This subsection is effective January 1, 2020.

(c) Instructors, lecturers, discussion leaders, and speakers earn credit for the actual presentation period plus an additional two credits for each period for preparation (three (3) credits for each presentation credit). The maximum credit allowed in this category will be 50% of the total renewal requirement (no more than 60 credits in any three-year period). Repetitious presentations will not qualify unless substantive changes requiring significant additional research and study have been made to the course.

(d) Published articles, books, etc. authored by the certificate holder: Credit may be awarded for published articles or books for up to 25% of the renewal requirement (no more than 30 credits). Copies of articles or books must be provided at the holder's expense.

(e) University or college courses: Each semester hour credit will equal fifteen (15) credits towards the requirement. A quarter hour will equal ten (10) credits. Credit earned for courses taken to obtain an initial baccalaureate degree that qualifies an individual to sit for the examination do not qualify under this section.

(f) Independent Study: Credit in this area is limited to twelve (12) credits in any renewal period.

(g) Non-degree certificate programs: Accredited colleges and universities that offer certificate programs but do not post credit for the program on the official transcript must either provide a completion certificate to the participant or maintain an attendance log of participants, prepare and preserve an outline of the course, and ensure the course is led by a qualified instructor. One (1) CPE credit shall be awarded for every 50 minutes of class time.

(h) When credits are limited by section 4(b), (c), (d) or (e), no future adjustments may be made to use credits previously limited.

Section 5. Evidence of Completion - Retention. Primary responsibility for documenting that requirements have been met rests with the certificate holder. Evidence to support fulfillment of those requirements shall be retained for a period of four (4) years after the completion of the course. Certificate holders shall retain an outline or program for each course and evidence of attendance. Holders shall report coursework and upload certificates of completion and other documentation as required into the online system provided by the Board. All documents uploaded to the online CPE reporting system shall be associated only with the course to which it pertains. Documentation shall include the holder's name; sponsor/provider name; course title, date and timeframe of the course; and the amount of credit granted as applicable calculated based upon a 50-minute hour. Satisfaction of completion of the requirements may be accomplished as follows:

(a) College or university courses: transcripts verifying completion or other verified documentation from an institution.

(b) Individual or independent study: Certificates of completion, signed statements from vendors or sponsors, copies of the applicable independent study contracts, or other acceptable documentation as determined by the Board.

(c) Group study: Sign in sheets, certificates of attendance, firm rosters signed by participants and attested to by the appropriate firm officials, other third party verification, or other acceptable documentation as determined by the Board.

(d) Instructor/lecturer: a signed statement from the course provider or other appropriate official verifying the services were provided shall be obtained.

(e) Board approved regulatory/professional ethics course: Upon request all certificate holders shall submit a certificate of completion or certificate of attendance to the Board office using the online CPE reporting system.

Section 6. Activation.

(a) Before providing accounting services, an individual who has been excepted from the requirements or has otherwise not provided evidence of compliance with the CPE requirements shall make appropriate application and show compliance with the continuing education requirements.

(b) The Board may waive the requirement to complete requirements in a given calendar year period and consider a combination of 120 hours completed within a three (3) year period other than calendar years.

(c) The Board may allow a certificate holder to re-enter active practice without providing compliance with the continuing education requirements upon the condition that the applicant follow a particular future program or schedule of continuing education.

(d) The applicant shall document that an approved ethics course as set forth in section 3 of this chapter has been completed within the three (3) years prior to re-entry.

Section 7. Controls and Reporting. To renew an active certificate, on the online licensing renewal system and CPE reporting tool provided by the Board, each holder or each non-resident who does not report CPE to another state shall provide the following by reporting course details and uploading certificates of completion to the Board's online licensing system:

(a) The number of CPE credits completed as requested;

(b) A list of the individual courses completed or to be completed prior to December 31st of the calendar year subject to renewal including the following information:

(i) Sponsoring organization/provider/contractor;

(ii) Title of program or description of content;

(iii) Course type (individual, group, lecture, etc.);

(iv) Dates attended or completed; and

(v) Credit claimed.

Section 8. Extensions. The Board may, upon written request, extend the time within which certificate holders must comply with the requirements of this chapter for good cause.

(a) An applicant may request a ninety (90) day extension at the time of renewal upon payment of the required \$150.00 CPE Extension Processing Fee in addition to the certificate renewal fee. All requests for 90-day extensions are subject to the \$150.00 CPE Extension Processing Fee regardless of whether the request was intended or not. There shall be no refunds of the CPE Extension Processing Fee.

(b) Any request for an additional extension in excess of ninety (90) days shall be submitted to the Board in writing no later than March 1st and outline good cause for granting the extension.

(c) Any applicant who requests or is granted an extension of time under this section shall submit documentation of completing the applicable course work no later two weeks after the expiration of the extension deadline and shall be audited under section 9 of this chapter.

(d) Any applicant who fails to complete the CPE requirement by the extended deadline shall be required to complete additional CPE credits equal to either the lesser of the shortage of credits or no more than sixteen (16) additional CPE credits. The additional credits shall be completed no later than thirty (30) days from the extended deadline and shall not qualify for purposes of meeting any future CPE renewal requirement. Failure to submit documentation of completion of the additional credits by the deadline shall result in the initiation of an investigation and possible disciplinary action in accordance with chapter 7 of the rules.

Section 9. Verification. The Board shall verify compliance with the CPE requirements on a test basis (to a maximum of 20% audit) or as otherwise necessary. Board staff or Board members shall determine whether CPE credits claimed meet the requirements set forth in this chapter. Upon a finding that CPE credits or the documentation provided to evidence CPE credits do not meet the requirements set forth in this chapter, the Board staff or Board members may disqualify course credits claimed and shall notify the holder of the findings.

(a) In the form requested by the Board, holders shall submit evidence of compliance with the CPE requirements.

(b) Non-resident certificate holders not using practice privileges shall comply by providing evidence and reporting of continuing professional education in a form required by the Board and by submitting a copy of the applicable renewal application in the state of residence and evidence of completion of all courses required by the residency state, to include the completion of the ethics course required in section 3(e) of this chapter for the applicable renewal period or through another Board approved CPE audit process. All CPE documentation required must be recorded in the Board's CPE reporting system. If no documents were submitted to the state of residence, the holder shall comply with subsection (a) above.

(c) A holder shall remedy any deficiency discovered within ninety (90) days of formal notification by the Board. Deficiency credits shall qualify for credit in the initial reporting period and cannot be duplicated for purposes of determining the applicable requirement in any other reporting period.

(d) Any certificate holder found deficient shall be required to complete additional CPE credits equal to the lesser of the shortage of credits but not more than sixteen (16) additional CPE credits. The additional credits shall be completed within thirty (30) days of the date advised of the deficiency. Deficiency credits shall not qualify for purposes of meeting any future CPE renewal requirement. Failure to submit documentation of completion by the deadline shall result in the initiation of disciplinary action.

(e) Programs found to be out of compliance with the general standards may be disqualified and result in the requirement that the holder remedy any deficiency caused pursuant to subsections (c) and (d) of this section.

(f) Certificate holders found deficient shall be included in the CPE audit for two renewal cycles following the deficiency.

Section 10. Incorporation by Reference.

(a) The Statement on Standards for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Programs adopted by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and last revised August 4, 2016, found at: https://www.nasbaregistry.org/__media/Documents/Others/Statement_on_Standards_for_CPE_Programs-2016.pdf.

(b) Fields of Study That Qualify For Continuing Professional Education adopted by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy and last revised July 1, 2016, found at: https://www.nasbaregistry.org/__media/Documents/RegistryPolicies/FieldsOfStudy2016.pdf.

(c) For these rules incorporated by reference:

(i) The Board has determined that incorporation of the full text in these rules would be cumbersome or inefficient given the length or nature of the rules:

(ii) The incorporation by reference does not include any later amendments editions of the incorporated matter beyond the applicable date identified in subsections (a)(i) and (ii) of this section; and

(iii) The incorporated rules are maintained at 325 West 18th Street, Ste. 4, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002 and are available for public inspection and copying at cost at the same location.

Chapter 8

Petitions for Rule Making

Section 1. Authority. This Chapter is adopted pursuant to Wyoming Statute 16-3-106.

Section 2. Form of Petition.

(a) The Board will consider written requests that could reasonably be construed as requests to change rules when presented as follows:

- (i) Requests must provide concise language regarding whether the recommended rule is to promulgate a new rule, amend a current rule, or repeal a rule;
- (ii) The specific rule must be identified by chapter and section;
- (iii) Specific information outlining relevant data, views, and arguments must be included in the written request.

Chapter 10 Practice Privileges

Section 1. Authority. These rules are promulgated pursuant to W.S. 33-3-108(a)(v).

Section 2. Qualification Determinations. Qualifications may be established by NASBA's National Qualification Service. NASBA's qualification determinations can be accessed at http://www.nasbatools.com/display_page?id=105. Those qualified under sections 2 or 3 below may practice in Wyoming without obtaining a Wyoming certificate or paying a fee.

Section 3. State Qualifications. Persons who hold active certificates in their principal places of business in a state that has been deemed substantially equivalent by NASBA's National Qualification Service may practice accounting as a certified public accountant in Wyoming through practice privileges when their principal place of business is not in Wyoming.

Section 4. Individual Qualifications. Persons who have passed the Uniform CPA examination prior to January 1, 2012, hold active certificates in their principal places of business, and the certificates were awarded based on completing at least one year of experience within five years of the certificate date, may practice accounting as certified public accountants in Wyoming through practice privileges when their principal place of business is not in Wyoming.

Section 5. Certificates. Persons who currently hold Wyoming certificates and qualify for practice privileges may continue to maintain the certificate on active status in Wyoming in lieu of availing themselves of practice privileges.

(a) Persons who elect to avail themselves of practice privileges and allow the certificate to expire or surrender the certificate pursuant to chapter 3, section 8 of these rules may activate the certificate by complying with the provisions set forth in chapter 3, section 5(e)(ii) of these rules.

(b) Persons practicing under this chapter may not place the Wyoming certificate on inactive or retired status.

Section 6. Firms. Firms that are not required to register pursuant to chapter 4 of the regulations may practice in Wyoming without a permit if the services are performed by individuals certified in Wyoming or by individuals who qualify for practice privileges and the firm does not have an office located in Wyoming.

Section 7. Internet Practice. An individual or firm using practice privileges and advertising professional services via a website shall disclose the state of his principal place of business, his license or certificate number, a physical and mailing address, and a phone number where he may be contacted by the general public or regulators.

Section 8. Conditions of Practice Privileges. An individual registrant of another state exercising privileges afforded under W.S. 33-3-116(a)(i), and the firm that employs the registrant, simultaneously consent as a condition of the grant of this privilege:

(a) To the personal and subject matter jurisdiction and disciplinary authority of the board;

(b) To comply with the certified public accountants' act and any board rules;

(c) That in the event the license from the state of the individual's principal place of business is no longer valid, the individual will cease offering or rendering professional services in this state individually and on behalf of a firm; and

(d) To the appointment of the state board which issued his license as his agent upon whom process may be served in any action or proceeding by the Wyoming board against the registrant.

~~CHAPTER 1~~**Chapter 1**
~~GENERAL PROVISIONS~~**General Provisions**

Section 1. Authority. The Wyoming Board of Certified Public Accountants hereby adopts and promulgates the following rules and regulations as authorized by Wyoming Statute 33-3-108(a) ~~the Act and the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, and W.S. 16-3-101 et seq~~103(j)(ii).

Section 2. Definitions. Unless otherwise stated or required by the context, the definitions set forth in this section shall apply to the construction and interpretation of any rules, regulation, interpretations and statements of reason adopted by the ~~Wyoming Board of Certified Public Accountants~~.

(a) “Active Status” means the status required when a certificate holder performs any service as defined ~~in~~at W.S. 33-3-109(c)~~and Section 2(dd) of this chapter~~ for an employer, another person, or an entity not wholly owned by the certificate holder with or without compensation.

(b) “Advertise” means ~~the use of~~any written or graphic statement made in any manner ~~which~~that is used to advise, announce, apprise, command, give notice of, inform or make known that services are offered or available. It may include but is not limited to statements and representations made in a newspaper or other publication, radio or television ads, or ~~the use of~~ any other notice, handbill, sign, catalog, letter, electronic media, or printed document ~~which~~that indicates services are offered or available.

(c) “Agreed-Upon Procedure” means a professional service whereby a holder is engaged to issue a written finding that:

(i) Is based on specific procedures that the specified parties agree are sufficient for their purposes;

(ii) Is restricted to the specified parties; and

(iii) Does not provide an opinion or negative assurance.

(d) “AICPA” or “Institute” means the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants or successor organizations.

(e) “Audit” means a professional service whereby the holder is engaged to examine financial statements, items, accounts, or elements of a financial statement, prepared by management, in order for an opinion to be expressed on financial statements, items, accounts, or elements as to whether the financial statements are presented in conformity with generally

accepted accounting principles or other comprehensive basis of accounting or a performance audit performed in compliance with the Government Auditing Standards as referenced in Chapter 6, Section 3(b) of these rules.

(f) “Certified Public Accountant” or “CPA” is a person holding a certified public accountant certificate issued pursuant to W.S. 33-3-109, W.S. 33-3-115 or W.S. 33-3-116 or ~~which that~~ has not been suspended, revoked, surrendered, or expired or a person who holds a certificate based on meeting the substantial equivalency standards and availing himself of practice privileges.

(g) “Client” is any person or organization other than the holder’s employer that engages a certificate or permit holder to perform professional services.

(h) “Commission” is a fee, received or paid by others, ~~which that~~ is calculated as a percentage of the total sale or service.

~~(i) “Compilation” means a professional service as defined in the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services as set forth in Chapter 6, Section 3(d).~~

(j) “Contingent Fee” is a fee established for ~~the performance of performing~~ any service pursuant to an arrangement in which no fee will be charged unless a specified finding or result is attained, or in which the amount of the fee is otherwise dependent upon the finding or result of such service. ~~A fee may vary depending, for example, on the complexity of the services rendered.~~

~~(k) “CPA Firm” is a partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, flexible limited liability company, sole proprietorship, or any type of corporation engaged in the practice of public accounting.~~

(l) “Designated Certificate Holder (DCH)” is the individual certificate holder responsible for registering the CPA firm and providing all CPA firm and office notifications required under W.S. 33-3-118, and W.S. 33-3-119, as well as other notifications required by these Rrules and Regulations.

~~(m) “Enterprise” is any person or entity, whether or not organized for profit, for which a certificate holder provides public accounting services.~~

~~(n)~~ (k) “Financial Statements” means statements and related footnotes ~~related thereto~~ that ~~undertake to~~ present an actual or anticipated financial position as of a point in time, or results of operations, cash flow, or changes in financial position for a period of time, in conformity with

generally accepted accounting principles or another comprehensive basis of accounting. The term does not include incidental financial data included in management advisory services reports to support recommendations to a client, nor does it include tax returns and supporting schedules.

~~(o)~~ “Foreign” means any place ~~situated outside of the fifty-five United States or its territories~~ jurisdictions which includes all fifty states and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands as recognized by the United States of America.

~~(p)~~ “Holder” is a person who has been ~~awarded~~ issued a CPA certificate by the Board ~~under pursuant to W.S. 33-3-109; under W.S. 33-3-115; or W.S. 33-3-116 and chapter 3 of these rules, or a CPA firm that has been issued a permit under pursuant to W.S. 33-3-118, W.S. 33-3-120, and Chapter 4 of these Rules and Regulations or a person or firm availing it or himself or itself~~ of practice privileges.

~~(q)~~ “Holding Out” means any action initiated by a holder which states or implies he is skilled in the practice of accounting; ~~or any action that informs others of the CPA status. Any action includes but is not limited to any oral or written representation to another regarding accounting skills or the CPA status, the use of the using a CPA designation on business cards or letterhead, the displaying a of the certificate, a listing as a CPA in the local telephone directories, or reference to any of the AICPA professional standards or any of the standards established in Chapter 6, Section 3 of these Rules and Regulations.~~

~~(r)~~ “Inactive Status” means the status ~~required~~ available when a ~~certificate~~ holder does not perform any service as defined in W.S. 33-3-109 ~~(c) and Section 2(dd) of this chapter~~ for an employer, another person, or an entity not wholly owned by the certificate holder, with or without compensation.

~~(s)~~ “License” is used ~~synonymously with the term “certificate” or “permit” as appropriate in the context of the rules.~~

~~(t)~~ “Licensee” is used ~~synonymously with the term~~ means “holder” whether licensed in this State or ~~availing himself of practice privileges as defined in section 2(m) of this chapter.~~

~~(u)~~ ~~— Masculine/singular terms when used in these provision shall also include the feminine/plural.~~

~~(v)~~ “NASBA” means National Association of State Boards of Accountancy.

(~~wr~~) “Office” means any location within the State of Wyoming where the practice of public accounting is performed by certificate holders as a CPA firm.

(~~xs~~) “Organization” is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, sole proprietorship, association, business trust, estate, trust, two or more persons having a joint or common interest, or any other legal or commercial entity.

(~~yt~~) “Original Certificate” means the certificate issued to an individual as a result of passing the Uniform CPA examination as a ~~Wyoming candidate~~ and meeting the requirements as set forth in W.S. 33-3-109(a) and chapter 3, section 2 of these rules.

(~~z~~)—“PCAOB” means ~~Public Company Accounting Oversight Board~~.

(~~aa~~u) “Peer Review” means a review under a practice monitoring program as approved by the Board such as the programs sponsored by the ~~American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)~~.

(~~bb~~)—“Permit” or “Permit to Practice” is a ~~permit to engage in the practice of public accounting as a certified public accounting firm issued by the Board under W.S. 33-3-118, W.S. 33-3-120, Chapter 4 of the Rules and Regulations which is in good standing~~.

(~~cc~~)—“Permit Holder” is a CPA firm pursuant to ~~W.S. 33-3-118, W.S. 33-3-120, and Chapter 4 of the Rules and Regulations which is in good standing~~.

(~~dd~~)—“~~Practice of Public Accounting~~”, “~~Practice of Certified Public Accounting~~”, or “~~practicing~~” means a holder providing any type of service listed in Chapter 3, Section 1(b)(i-xxi) or providing advice involving the use of accounting skills; any auditing, review, or compilation service; any management advisory service; or any tax or consulting service; or any litigation support service, including but not limited to expert witness testimony.

(~~ee~~v) “Practice Privilege” means the ability to practice as a certificate or permit holder in Wyoming without obtaining a Wyoming certificate based on meeting the criteria established in W.S. 33-3-116(a) and ~~Chapter 10 of these rules~~ or a permit based on W.S. 33-3-118(b)(xiv) and ~~(xv)~~.

(~~ff~~w) “Professional Services” are any services performed or offered to be performed by a holder in the practice of public accounting.

(~~gg~~x) “Reciprocal Certificate” means a certificate issued to an individual based on a certificate issued in another jurisdiction.

(~~hh~~y) “Referral Fee” is a fee paid by a holder to any person in return for recommending or referring any service of a holder to any person~~in exchange for producing a purchase of goods or services.~~

(~~ii~~z) “Registrant” means any certificate holder, permit holder or person or firm availing himself or itself of practice privileges under the provisions of the certified public accountants’ Act and these Rules and Regulations.

(~~jj~~aa) “Report” when used with reference to financial statements means an opinion, report, or other form of language that states or implies assurance as to the reliability of ~~any~~ financial statement and that also includes or is accompanied by any statement or implication that the person or CPA firm issuing it has special knowledge or competence in accounting or auditing. Such a statement or implication of special knowledge or competence may arise from the use by the issuer of the report of names or titles indicating that the person or CPA firm is a certified public accountant or auditor, or from the use of language in the report itself. The term “report” includes any form of language ~~which that~~ disclaims an opinion when ~~such form of the~~ language is conventionally understood to imply any positive assurance as to the reliability of the financial statements referred to ~~and/or~~ special competence on the part of the person or CPA firm issuing such language; and it includes any other ~~form of~~ language that is conventionally understood to imply ~~such an~~ assurance ~~and/or~~ other special knowledge or competence.

(~~kk~~bb) “Retired Status” means the status available when a certificate holder has reached the age of sixty-five (65) or is disabled and does not no longer performs any service for compensation as defined in W.S. 33-3-109(~~c~~)~~and Section 2(dd) of this chapter~~ for an employer, another person, or an entity not wholly owned by the certificate holder,~~with or without compensation, and has reached the age of fifty five (55) or is disabled.~~

(~~ll~~cc) “Review” means a professional service as defined in the Statement on Standards for Accounting and Review Services as set forth in ~~€~~Chapter 6, §section 3(d) of these rules.

(~~mm~~dd) “Sole Proprietorship” ~~exists when~~means a certificate holder performs accounting services as defined in W.S. 33-3-109(~~c~~) ~~and section 2(dd) of this Chapter~~ for any person or organization other than his employer, himself, or an entity wholly owned by himself, ~~is not organized as any other formal entity,~~ and the certificate holder is compensated for services provided.

(~~nn~~ee) “Surrendered Status” means the certificate or affidavit of lost certificate has been returned to the Board’s office. A person who surrenders a certificate is no longer ~~considered~~ a Wyoming CPA.

(ooff) “Work papers” means the holders’ records of procedures applied, the tests performed, the information obtained, and the conclusions reached in attest services, tax, consulting, special report, or other engagements. Work papers include, but are not limited to, work programs used to perform professional services, analyses, memoranda, letters of confirmation and representation, checklists, copies or abstracts of company documents, and scheduleds of commentaries prepared or obtained by the holder. The forms include, but are not limited to, handwritten, typed, printed, word processed, photocopied, photographed, computerized data, or any other form of letters, words, pictures, sounds or symbols.

(pp) —“W.S.” means the Wyoming Statutes in their most recently published form, including all amendments.

Section 3. Chairman. The Chairman of the Board shall preside at all meetings and shall perform such other duties as the Board may direct. In the absence of the Chairman, the Secretary shall perform the duties of the Chairman.

Section 4. Secretary. In addition to those duties imposed under pursuant to W.S. 33-3-104, the Board Secretary of the Board shall maintain, or direct the staff to maintain, a record of the transactions and business of the Board. The record shall include a record of any certificates and permits issued and of any fees paidreceived.

Section 5. Meetings.

(a) The Board shall ~~meet at least three times a year~~ by resolution establish regular meetings at the Board’s office or other location as identified in public notices issued by the Board office. Additional meetings and conference call meetings may be scheduled as determined by the Board. All meetings shall be scheduled and conducted in compliance with W.S. 16-4-401 et seq.

(b) ~~The Board shall elect annually from among its members a chair and a secretary.~~ The elected Board officers shall assume the duties of their respective offices at the conclusion of the meeting at which they were elected. They Board officers shall serve a term of one year, ~~but~~ and shall be eligible for reelection.

Section 6. Interpretations. ~~The Board will periodically issue interpretations necessary for the implementation of the Act.~~ **Appointment of Committees.** The Board may appoint committees to facilitate the performance of its duties. Committee appointments may be “standing” or “ad hoc” as necessary to address complaint investigations, conduct peer review oversight, review rules and make recommendations to the Board for rules promulgation, review applications, or other matters as determined by the Board.

Section 7. Delegation of Temporary Licensure Authority. The Board may delegate the authority to issue temporary certificates and firm permits to Board members,

Application Review Committees, or Board staff. Temporary certificates and firm permits issued under this section shall be valid for no longer than 120 days or until formal Board action to ratify issuance has been taken to render final Board approval.

Section 78. Records Retention. The Board shall comply with records retention schedules ~~which were formally adopted by the Board on May 11, 2009~~ set forth by the State of Wyoming.

Section 89. Language of Record. The Board shall provide ~~E~~examinations, applications, correspondence, and all other documents ~~will be provided~~ in the English language only. Requests for assistance with foreign language impediments will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If provided, any and all costs associated with ~~usage~~ examinations, interpreters, or other aids will be borne solely by the applicant.

Section 910. Change of Name, Address, or Employment.

(a) All certificate holders and DCH's shall notify the Board of any changes in name, address, email address, telephone number, or employment within sixty (60) days of the change.

(b) Any notification from the Board required or permitted under the ~~C~~certified ~~P~~ublic ~~A~~ccountants' ~~A~~ct sent to the certificate holder, permit holder, or DCH shall be sent to the last known name and address, or e-mail address provided to the Board by the holder, and shall be deemed proper service on ~~said~~the holder.

Section 1011. Change in Form, Ownership, Scope of Practice or CPA firm Name.

(a) ~~The~~ DCH shall notify the Board ~~as may be applicable~~ as follows:

(~~ai~~) ~~W~~within sixty (60) days of any changes in scope of services which affect the scheduling or timing of peer reviews;

(~~bii~~) ~~W~~within sixty (60) days of the termination or transfer of a sole proprietorship, the admission or withdrawal of a partner, shareholder, member, or non-certificate holder from any permitted CPA firm.

(~~eiii~~) ~~W~~within sixty (60) days of the admission or withdrawal of any certificate holder acting ~~in the capacity of~~ as a resident manager of any office or any change in the certificate holder designated to represent the firm;

(~~d~~iv) ~~W~~within sixty (60) days of any CPA firm name change accompanied by ~~applicable~~ amended articles of incorporation or articles of organization.

Section ~~11~~12. Applications.

(a) All certificate and firm permit applications shall be reviewed and may be approved, subject to Board ratification, by the Board's staff or an Application Review Committee comprised/composed of the Board's staff and one (1) Board member pursuant to chapter 7, section 4 of these rules.

~~(b) If an application is denied, the reasons for denial shall be communicated to the applicant in writing. The applicant shall have the right of reconsideration based on submission of new information and/or an appearance before the Board with the opportunity to demonstrate to the Board that the applicable requirements are met. Any request for reconsideration shall be submitted within thirty (30) days of the denial decision.~~

~~(e)~~ The Board reserves the right to may deny any application for any of the following reasons:

(i) The applicant's failure to furnish all information required on the application and required application attachments;

(ii) The applicant engages in any actions listed in W.S. 33-3-121(a)(i) through (~~xix~~xiii);

(iii) The applicant falsifies/season of information required by the application process; or

(iv) This or any other U.S. board of accountancy finds that the applicant a finding of cheating committed an act of misconduct on the CPA examination as set forth in chapter 2, Section 4(e) of Chapter 2 these rules or as issued by any United States Board of Accountancy.

(c) The Board or its designee shall not consider or review incomplete applications. An application for a certificate, firm permit, or examination, including any application for certificate or firm permit renewal, shall be deemed abandoned and any fee paid shall be forfeited if the applicant fails to complete the application within six (6) months of its original submission. All abandoned applications shall be destroyed one year from the date the partial application materials were received. Applicants whose documents have been destroyed in accordance with this subsection and who reapply shall be required to submit new applications including all required documentation and fees.

Section ~~12~~13. Fees.

(a) Fees paid during the course of the current calendar year may be applied to fees due. Fees paid for certificates and firm permits are not prorated. Filing dates and assessment of related fees shall be established pursuant to W.S. 16-4-303.

(a**b**) Certificate Fees:

(i)	Wall Document:	\$	25.00
(ii)	Active Status:	\$	200.00
(iii)	Inactive Status:	\$	90.00
(iv)	Paper Active Renewal	\$	200.00
(v)	Electronic Active Status Renewal:	\$	190.00
(iv)	Paper Inactive Renewal:	\$	90.00
(vii)	Electronic Inactive Status Renewal:	\$	80.00
(vii)	Retired Status (one-time):	\$	50.00
(ix)	Reinstate:	\$	1000.00
(xviii)	Activate From Expired Status:	\$	300.00
(ix)	Activate from Surrendered Status:	\$	300.00
(x)	Activate from Inactive Status:	\$	210.00
(xi)	Activate from Retired Status:	\$	300.00
(xii)	Restore Inactive Status from Expired:	\$	190.00
(xiii)	<u>Continuing professional education extension requested pursuant to chapter 5, section 8 of these rules:</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>150.00</u>
(xi)	Active Paper Late Fee (11-1):	\$	50.00
(xii)	Expired Late Fee (12-31):	\$	100.00
(xiii)	Inactive Late Fee (12-31):	\$	25.00

(b**c**) Permit Fees:

(i)	Firm Permit:	\$	170.00
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(ii)	Paper Renewal:	\$	170.00
(iii)	Electronic Firm Permit Renewal:	\$	160.00
(iv)	Late Paper Renewal (11/1):	\$	50.00
(v)	Expired Late Fee (12/31):	\$	100.00
(viii)	Activate From Expired Status:	\$	270.00
(iv)	Reinstate:	\$	1000.00

(e) ~~The following fees may be assessed for the costs and services required to provide copies or printouts of public records:~~

- ~~(i) name and address rosters (printed or electronic; annual register) \$50;~~
- ~~(ii) photocopies \$.10 each;~~
- ~~(iii) applicable postage charges;~~
- ~~(iv) applicable hourly pay rate for staff time involved to produce printouts or copies; and~~
- ~~(v) costs of computer disks, document mailers, envelopes and other supplies as applicable.~~

(d) Refunds.

- (i) All refunds shall be subject to a \$25 processing fee;
- (ii) After the \$25 processing fee has been assessed, the minimum allowable refund shall be \$5.00.

(e) Other Fees:

- (i) ~~NSF~~Non-sufficient Funds Fee: \$ 25.00
- (ii) Credit Card Charge back: \$ 25.00
- (iii) Duplicate/Reprinted Certificate: \$ ~~15.00~~25.00
- (iv) Each Certified Notice Fee unrelated to investigation/disciplinary action:
\$50.00
- (v) Board Approved Ethics Course Verification Fee: \$ ~~100.00~~**50.00
per hour review cost charged to course vendor. A minimum fee of \$200.00 shall accompany the

course vendor's materials submitted for review and approval by the Board. The Board staff is not authorized to refund any portion of fees collected.

~~**No fee for initial review and minor revisions; fee may apply in the event of multiple reviews and/or major revisions.~~

Section 14. Reporting Convictions, Judgments, and Disciplinary Actions.

(a) Each certificate holder and each CPA firm's designated certificate holder, on a form and in the manner prescribed by the board, shall disclose information specified in subsections (d), (e), and (f) of this section. Disclosure shall be required upon initial application for an individual certificate or CPA firm permit. Once licensed, disclosure shall be required within thirty (30) days of the imposition of discipline or judgment or with the renewal of the certificate or permit. Actions previously reported do not need to be re-reported upon renewal.

(b) All information or documents disclosed or provided pursuant to the requirements of this section shall be maintained in an investigative file pursuant to chapter 7, section 21(c)(ii).

(c) Disclosure shall include but is not limited to the following:

(i) The name of the court or regulatory/administrative entity involved;

(ii) The case number;

(iii) The names of the parties involved;

(iv) The type of reportable event; and

(v) A summary of the reportable events.

(d) Any conviction or finding of guilt or plea of nolo contendere to:

(i) A felony;

(ii) Any crime an element of which is dishonesty or fraud; or

(iii) The denial, cancellation, revocation, suspension, or refusal to renew the authority to practice as a certified public accountant by any state, federal agency, or foreign authority for any cause other than failure to pay a fee.

(e) Imposition of a censure, reprimand, sanction, probation, civil penalty, fine, consent decree or order by any state board of accountancy, the AICPA, the Securities Exchange Commission, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, Internal Revenue Service, or foreign regulatory body that regulates the practice of accountancy.

(f) Any fully adjudicated judgment or settlement in a civil suit or arbitration proceeding entered after July 1, 2005 totaling more than \$150,000 and based upon an allegation of dishonesty, fraud, or gross negligence in the practice of accounting, or any action that would constitute a violation of the rules of professional conduct promulgated by the board. Notification under this section shall apply only to actions directly involving a certificate or permit holder's practice of accounting in Wyoming.

Section 15. Incorporation by Reference.

(a) The Board hereby incorporates by reference the following uniform rules which are referred to throughout the rules:

(i) Chapter 2 – Uniform Procedures, Fees, Costs and Charges for Inspecting, Copying, and Producing Public Records adopted by the Department of Administration and Information and effective September 6, 2016, found at: <https://State of Wyoming Admin & Info Public Records Rule>.

(b) For these rules incorporated by reference:

(i) The Board has determined that incorporation of the full text in these rules would be cumbersome or inefficient given the length or nature of the rules:

(ii) The incorporation by reference does not include any later amendments editions of the incorporated matter beyond the applicable date identified in subsections (a)(i) and (ii) of this section; and

(iii) The incorporated rules are maintained at 325 West 18th Street, Ste. 4, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002 and are available for public inspection and copying at cost at the same location.

Chapter 2 Examination

Section 1. Authority. These rules are promulgated pursuant to W.S. Wyoming Statute 33-3-108(a)(iii), W.S. 33-3-110, and W.S. 33-3-111, W.S. 33-3-112, W.S. 33-3-113.

Section 2. Applications for Examination.

(a) Applicants shall furnish all information required by the application form and other information, including proof of identity, as required by the board. Each application, ~~when filed,~~ shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee, as determined by section 4(d) of this chapter, ~~payable by check to the Wyoming Board of Certified Public Accountants or~~ via credit card payment by accessing the self-serve payment link offered by the ~~h~~Board. Forms may be obtained from the ~~h~~Board or may be downloaded from the ~~h~~Board's website.

(b) The ~~h~~Board shall forward notification of eligibility in the form of an Authorization to Test (ATT) for the computer-based Uniform CPA Examination (examination) to the candidate and NASBA's National Candidate Database. Upon receiving the ATT from the ~~h~~Board, the candidate shall:

(i) Contact NASBA to obtain a Notice to Schedule (NTS) the examination,
and
(ii) Forward all applicable examination fees required by section 4(d) of this chapter to NASBA.

(c) The ATT expires six (6) months from the date of the NTS, when the candidate tests for a particular section, or six (6) months from the date the application was filed if an NTS is not issued, whichever occurs first. A candidate whose ATT expired is not entitled to a refund of any fees, including examination fees, and the candidate must reapply to the board.

(d) Eligible candidates who have received an NTS shall independently contact a test center identified by NASBA to schedule the examination at an approved test site.

(e) A candidate who fails to appear for a scheduled section of the examination is not entitled to a refund of any fee paid to the board or examination fees paid to NASBA.

(f) The board reserves the right to deny the application or invalidate scores of any individual for any of the following reasons:

(i) Failure to furnish all information required under this chapter;
(ii) Conviction of a felony under any state or United States law;
(iii) Conviction of any crime, an element of which is dishonesty or fraud,
under any state or United States law;

- (iv) Falsifying information required by the application process; or
 - (v) Misconduct on the examination as set forth in section 4(e) of this chapter or as determined by any United States board of accountancy.
- (g) Applicants shall meet the requirements of W.S. 33-3-109(a)(i) through (ii) by demonstrating that they: ~~(i) Are~~ at least eighteen years of age; and
- ~~(ii)~~ Hold a valid Wyoming drivers license; ~~or~~
 - ~~(iii)~~ Have a current Wyoming physical/street address (not P.O. Box); ~~or~~
 - ~~(iv)~~ Are currently employed in Wyoming or have a valid documented and accepted offer of employment that will begin within six (6) months of the application date; or
 - ~~(v)~~ Are a current student at a Wyoming community college or the University of Wyoming ~~(UW)~~.

Section 3. Education Requirements.

(a) Applicants shall furnish evidence in the form of a transcript(s) delivered directly to the board office by the college or university that ~~evidences completion of~~ they completed the following education requirements:

- (i) An applicant who qualifies to sit for the examination under W.S. 33-3-111 shall have completed a baccalaureate or higher degree including a minimum of twenty-four (24) semester hours in accounting courses in some or all of the following subjects:
 - (A) Financial accounting and reporting for business organizations;
 - (B) Financial accounting and reporting for government and not-for profit entities;
 - (C) Auditing and attestation services;
 - (D) Managerial or cost accounting;
 - (E) Taxation;
 - (F) Fraud examination;
 - (G) Internal controls and risk assessment;
 - (H) Financial statement analysis;

(I) Accounting or tax research and analysis;

(J) Accounting information systems;

(K) Ethics; or

(L) Other areas included in the Uniform CPA Examination Content Specification Outline or as may be determined by the board.

(ii) An applicant who qualifies to sit for examination under W.S. 33-3-111 shall also have completed at least twenty-four (24) semester hours of business courses (other than accounting) at the undergraduate or graduate level covering some or all of the following subjects:

(A) Business law;

(B) Economics;

(C) Management;

(D) Marketing;

(E) Finance;

(F) Business communications;

(G) Statistics;

(H) Quantitative methods;

(I) Technical writing;

(J) Information systems or technology;

(K) Ethics; or

(L) Data analytics if applying the data analytics tools is the primary objective of the course.

~~(L) Others areas as may be determined by the board.~~

(b) A maximum of six (6) semester hours for internships may count toward the accounting or business subject matter requirements. In order to qualify, the internship must meet the following criteria:

(i) ~~The “Internship” means~~ is a short-term faculty supervised work experience usually related to a student’s major field of study; and

(ii) ~~for which~~ the student earns academic credit.

(c) ~~The official transcript which evidences compliance with the requirements set forth in subsection (a) above~~ shall be forwarded to the ~~the~~ Board’s office directly from the college or university that is accredited by one of the following accrediting associations or successor accrediting associations:

(i) New England Association of Schools and Colleges;

(ii) Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools;

(iii) Higher Learning Commission (formerly North Central Association of Colleges and Schools);

(iv) Northwest Commission on Colleges & Universities;

(v) Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;

(vi) Western Association of Schools and Colleges; or

(vii) Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

(d) Credit earned through life experience as a result of an applicant passing the examination shall not qualify towards meeting any of the course requirements.

(e) Transcripts that document a graduate degree with a concentration in accounting from a program that is accredited in accounting by the AACSB shall be equivalent to the requirements outlined in subsection (a)(i)and (ii) of this section.

(f) One quarter unit or hour is equivalent to two-thirds (2/3) of a semester unit or hour.

(g) Candidates qualifying based on a degree earned in a foreign country shall submit transcripts to a foreign education credentials service acceptable to the ~~the~~ Board for evaluation. That evaluation shall verify that the degree awarded was transferrable to an institution of higher education in the United States and verify that the accounting courses are equivalent to those taken to qualify as a candidate in the United States.

Section 4. Examinations - Certified Public Accountant.

(a) The board shall rely on the examination and the AICPA advisory grading service.

(b) The candidate shall receive a passing score as determined by the AICPA in each of the four (4) examination sections before a certificate will be issued. A passing score shall be seventy-five (75). Credit for passing a section is valid from the date of the testing event regardless of the date the candidate is notified or receives the score.

(c) Granting of Credit.

(i) A candidate may take examination sections individually and in any order. Credit for any examination section passed shall be valid for eighteen (18) months from the date the candidate took the examination section. A candidate must pass all four (4) examination sections within a rolling eighteen (18) month period that begins on the testing date of the first passed examination section. ~~A candidate may take any section of the examination up to four (4) times during a one-year period but cannot retake any failed examination section in any one (1) three (3) month testing period.~~ In the event all four (4) examination sections are not passed in the rolling eighteen (18) month period, credit for any examination section passed outside the eighteen (18) month period shall expire and that examination section shall be retaken. The eighteen (18) month period may be extended by the board at its discretion upon a showing by the candidate of good cause.

(ii) A candidate may take any section of the examination up to four (4) times during a one-year period but cannot retake any failed examination section in any one (1) three (3) month testing period.

(iii) If examination system administration changes eliminating the test window limitations, subsection (c)(ii) no longer applies.

~~(iv)~~ Transfer credit shall be granted to a candidate for satisfactorily completing ~~one~~ of any section of the examination given by the licensing authority in any jurisdiction, provided the requirements as outlined in W.S. 33-3-109(a)(v) and sections 3 and 4 of this chapter have been met.

(d) Fees: Each candidate shall pay an initial application fee to the board of \$110.00 or a re-examination application fee of \$50.00 for filing subsequent applications. The examination fees charged to candidates by the AICPA, NASBA, and the examination delivery service provider are paid directly to NASBA. All transfer candidates who qualify under subsection (c)(~~iv~~) above and all re-examination candidates who last applied for the examination in excess of three (3) years before the current application date shall pay initial application fees. An application fee will be assessed for each application regardless of the number of examination sections applied for on each application.

(e) Misconduct by a candidate in applying for, taking, or subsequent to the examination shall invalidate any score otherwise earned by a candidate on any ~~examination~~ section of the examination, may require the candidate to be relocated, or may warrant summary expulsion from the examination site and disqualification from taking the examination for a

specified period of time. For purposes of this rule, the following actions or attempted activities, among others, may be considered misconduct:

- (i) Falsifying or misrepresenting educational credentials or other information required for admission to the examination;
 - (ii) Communication between candidates or others inside or outside the examination site while the examination is in progress;
 - (iii) Copying another candidate's answers while the examination is in progress;
 - (iv) Impersonating a candidate or having an impersonator take the examination in the candidate's place;
 - (v) Reference to crib sheets, textbooks, or other materials or electronic media (other than provided to the candidate as part of the examination) inside or outside the examination site while the examination is in progress;
 - (vi) Selling, buying, distributing, or receiving any portion of a future or current examination;
 - (vii) Violating the non-disclosure prohibitions of the examination or aiding or abetting another in doing so;
 - (viii) Failure to follow examination procedures or instructions; or
 - (ix) Retaking or attempting to retake an examination section by an individual holding a valid certificate or by a candidate who has unexpired credit for having passed the same examination section, unless the individual has been directed to retake an examination section pursuant to board order or unless the board has expressly authorized the individual to retake the examination section.
- (f) In any case where the ~~h~~Board believes it has evidence a candidate has engaged in misconduct on the examination, including those cases where the candidate has been expelled from the examination, the ~~h~~Board shall conduct an investigation and may conduct a hearing consistent with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act. Contested case hearings shall be conducted pursuant to the Office of Administrative Hearings' Uniform Rules for Contested Case Practice and Procedure. The board shall notify NASBA, the AICPA, and the examination center of the investigative findings. In any case where a candidate is barred from taking the examination in the future, the board shall provide ~~information regarding the~~ ~~h~~Board's findings and actions taken to any other board of accountancy to which the candidate may apply.
- (g) Subject to terms and conditions imposed by NASBA or the AICPA, including but not limited to, the candidate bearing all travel and examination score review and appeal costs, the ~~h~~Board may allow a Wyoming candidate the privilege to review and appeal the scores earned on

the examination within sixty (60) days after the release of the examination section scores in question.

Section 5. Incorporation by Reference.

(a) The board hereby incorporates by reference the following uniform rules:

(i) Chapter 2 - Uniform Rules for Contested Case Practice and Procedure adopted by the Office of Administrative Hearings and effective on October 17, 2014 and revised effective July 20, 2017, found at: <https://rules.wyo.gov> <https://State of Wyoming OAH Ch 2 Rule>.

(b) For these rules incorporated by reference:

(i) The board has determined that incorporation of the full text in these rules would be cumbersome or inefficient given the length or nature of the rules;

(ii) The incorporation by reference does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter beyond the applicable date identified in subsection (a)(i) of this section; and

(iii) The incorporated rules are maintained at the board office and are available for public inspection and copying at the same location.

Section 6. Security and Irregularities. Notwithstanding any other provisions under these rules, the board may postpone scheduled examinations, the release of scores, or the issuance of certificates due to:

(a) ~~a~~A breach of examination security;

(b) ~~u~~Unauthorized acquisition or disclosure of the contents of an examination;

(c) ~~s~~Suspected or actual negligence, errors, omissions, or irregularities in conducting an examination; or

(d) ~~for a~~Any other reasonable cause or unforeseen circumstance.

Chapter 3 Certificates

Section 1. Authority. These rules are promulgated pursuant to W.S. Wyoming Statute 33-3-108(a)(iii), (v), and (vi) and W.S. 33-3-109(a), (c), (d), (f), (g), (k), (m), (o), and (p).

Section 2. Original Certificates.

(a) A certificate ~~as a CPA~~ shall be issued to any person who has successfully completed all sections of the Uniform CPA Examination (examination), documents lawful presence in the United States, and who has met the requirements of W.S. 33-3-109(a) and the rules. All certificate holders whose principal place of business is in this state and who provide services in Wyoming as defined in W.S. 33-3-109(c) are in active practice and shall maintain the certificate on active status.

(b) Education. The applicant for a certificate as a CPA shall have completed, and evidence by an official transcript from a college or university acceptable to the board under chapter 2, section 3(c) and (e) of these rules, at least twenty-four (24) semester hours of upper division or graduate level accounting courses.

(c) Experience.

(i) The applicant for a certificate as a CPA qualifying for the examination under W.S. 33-3-109(a)(v)(A) or W.S. 33-3-109(p) shall demonstrate four (4) years of experience which shall be verified by a CPA whose certificate was active at the time the experience was earned or as provided for in W.S. 33-3-109(a)(v)(B).

(ii) The applicant for a CPA certificate qualifying under W.S. 33-3-109(a)(v)(C) shall demonstrate one (1) year of experience which shall be verified by a CPA whose certificate was active at the time the experience was earned or as provided for in W.S. 33-3-109(a)(v)(D).

(iii) The term “year of experience” as used in W.S. 33-3-109(a)(v)(B) and (D) means a minimum of two thousand (2,000) working hours.

(d) Equivalent experience. The board may consider equivalent experience not verified by an active CPA. The applicant shall provide documentation verifying equivalent experience specifying the job title, employment period, a detailed description of the duties, and the documentation shall be affirmed by an appropriate supervisor or official. The applicant shall be required to provide samples of work product that demonstrate the type and quality of work experience earned by the applicant. This experience may include but is not limited to the following:

(i) Financial statement preparation;

- (ii) Financial statement consolidation;
- (iii) Trial balance/general ledger/fixed asset;
- (iv) Audit support;
- (v) Software conversion/installation of financial systems;
- (vi) Account reconciliation;
- (vii) Expense account analysis;
- (viii) Tax payments and returns;
- (ix) Payroll management;
- (x) Budget preparation, operating, and capital;
- (xi) Product costing;
- (xii) Developing or testing internal controls;
- (xiii) Capital budgeting support;
- (xiv) Analysis of financial statements or budgets;
- (xv) Analysis of information flows and accounting processes;
- (xvi) Research of accounting literature or tax codes;
- (xvii) Conducting internal audits;
- (xviii) Preparation of journal entries;
- (xix) Income tax preparation, projections, or advice;
- (xx) Financial consulting; or
- (xxi) Educational instruction in any discipline covered by the examination (academia).

(e) An original certificate applicant shall document that he has completed a professional ethics examination, “Professional Ethics: The AICPA’s Comprehensive Course” accepted by the board for certification purposes at the time of application.

(f) Transfer credit shall be granted to an original certificate applicant if he shows satisfactory completion of all sections of the examination given by the licensing authority in any jurisdiction, provided the requirements outlined in W.S. 33-3-109(a) and section 2 of this chapter have been met.

(g) An applicant shall document lawful presence in the United States on forms required by the Board.

(h) After issuance of an original certificate, the holder shall practice under the name registered with the Board.

(i) Applications for original certificates from applicants who have a history of disciplinary action related to certificate(s) issued in other jurisdictions, shall be referred to an Application Review Committee set forth in chapter 7, section 4 of these rules.

Section 3. Reciprocal Certificates.

(a) CPAs of other states or accountants from foreign countries whose principal place of business is in Wyoming or who do not qualify for practice privileges shall obtain an active Wyoming certificate before furnishing services in Wyoming. All applicants for reciprocal certificates shall document lawful presence in the United States.

(ab) Duly qualified persons may be certified under W.S. 33-3-109(o) and W.S. 33-3-116(c) when they submit applications, proof of qualifications, applicable fees, document lawful presence in the United States, and other information as follows:

(i) A person holding an active CPA certificate based on passing the examination prior to January 1, 2012 and issued by any state or jurisdiction when the person had completed at least one year of broad-based experience set forth in section 2(d) of this chapter meets requirements substantially equivalent to Wyoming's requirements and shall demonstrate applicable certification is in good standing and the person has not been otherwise disciplined for cause.

(ii) A person holding an active CPA certificate based on passing the examination after January 1, 2012 and issued by any state or jurisdiction when the person had met the requirements specified at W.S. 33-3-116(c) meets requirements substantially equivalent to Wyoming's requirements and shall demonstrate applicable certification is in good standing and the person has not been otherwise disciplined for cause.

(iii) A person holding an active CPA certificate issued by a state or jurisdiction deemed substantially equivalent to the Uniform Accountancy Act by NASBA National Qualification Appraisal Service meets requirements substantially equivalent to Wyoming's requirements and shall demonstrate applicable certification is in good standing and the person has not been otherwise disciplined for cause.

(iv) A person holding an inactive or retired CPA certificate in any other state shall either activate the certificate in a substantially equivalent state or submit documents to demonstrate the individual qualifications have been determined by NASBA to be substantially equivalent or shall meet the requirements as set forth in section 2 of this chapter. An applicant meeting the requirements of section 2 shall provide an official transcript showing compliance with the educational requirements imposed by W.S. 33-3-109 and documentation that shows compliance with the CPE requirements to activate a certificate.

(v) Pursuant to W.S. 33-1-117 and notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, military spouses registered in good standing as CPAs in other states deemed to be substantially equivalent may practice under a temporary permit not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days or until an application for certification in Wyoming has been granted or denied, whichever first occurs.

(bc) Foreign Reciprocity. An applicant meeting requirements pursuant to W. S. 33-3-109(a)(i) and (ii) and who holds a credential from a foreign country comparable to the CPA certificate is required to meet the qualifications for certificates provided in W.S. 33-3-109(k).

(i) The board shall waive the examination and issue a certificate to an applicant who has completed an examination comparable to the Uniform CPA Examination administered by a foreign authority evaluated by NASBA's International Qualifications Appraisal Board (~~IQAB~~) with requirements determined to be substantially equivalent to the requirements for a CPA whose certificate was issued by a U.S. State Board of Accountancy.

(A) An applicant shall pass the AICPA International Uniform Certified Public Accountant Qualification Examination (~~IQEX~~) with a minimum score of seventy-five (75).

(B) An applicant shall ~~evidence~~ satisfactorily completion of the comparable examination administered by the foreign authority.

(C) An applicant shall provide certification from an appropriate foreign authority that no designation awarded has expired, been revoked, suspended, or is under investigation and is otherwise in good standing.

(D) An applicant shall provide certification from the foreign authority that the authority provides similar provisions to Wyoming CPAs to obtain a comparable designation.

(E) Fees for the application shall be submitted in U.S. funds by money order or a properly encoded draft drawn on a United States bank in U.S. funds.

(F) An applicant located in the United States shall document lawful presence in the United States on forms required by the Board.

(d) Applications for reciprocal certificates from applicants who have a history of disciplinary action related to certificate(s) issued in other jurisdictions, shall be referred to an Application Review Committee set forth in chapter 7, section 4 of these rules.

(e) After issuance of a reciprocal certificate, the holder shall practice under the name registered with the Board.

Section 4. Inactive Status.

(a) Persons holding a certificate issued under W.S. 33-3-109 or W.S. 33-3-116 but who do not practice public accounting in Wyoming and have not lost the right to active status ~~shall~~ may place the certificate on an inactive status.

(b) A certificate holder who is no longer actively engaged in the practice of accounting in Wyoming ~~shall~~ may place the certificate on inactive status by submitting a written application to the ~~B~~Board. The request may be submitted when the holder no longer provides services or with the annual renewal application. The written request shall certify the holder is not actively engaged in the practice of accounting in Wyoming and provide the following information:

- (i) Place of employment;
- (ii) Name of supervisor or manager, if applicable;
- (iii) Occupational information regarding services provided in Wyoming or job duties; and
- (iv) Reason for the request to place the certificate on inactive status.

(c) A certificate holder who maintains the certificate on inactive status may assume or use the title "Certified Public Accountant, Inactive" or "CPA, Inactive" if:

- (i) The assumption or use of the designation is not incident to the practice of public accounting as defined in W.S. 33-3-109(c);
- (ii) The certificate has not been revoked or suspended by any jurisdiction for any reason except non-payment of fees; and
- (iii) The certificate holder pays an annual fee as set forth in chapter 1, section ~~4213~~ of these rules.

(d) A holder who maintains the certificate on an inactive status shall not be subject to CPE requirements.

(e) An inactive certificate holder may activate the certificate by providing:

- (i) An application in a form provided by the ~~h~~Board;
 - (ii) Documentation of compliance with the CPE requirements set forth in chapter 5 of these rules; and
 - (iii) Payment of additional fees equal to the difference between the fee paid for the inactive status and the fee required to maintain active status; and
 - (iv) Documentation of lawful presence in the United States if the holder is located in the United States.
- (f) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an inactive CPA from offering uncompensated accounting services that could be performed by a non-CPA.
- (g) A holder who maintains the certificate on inactive status and wishes to provide services as defined in W.S. 33-3-109(c) in Wyoming for compensation shall submit a complete application to activate the certificate as set forth in subsection (e) above ~~prior to~~before providing accounting services in Wyoming. The holder may begin to provide services upon notification that his certificate has been reactivated.

Section 5. Retired Status.

- (a) The Board may waive the requirement that holders maintain active or inactive status and allow a holder to retire the certificate and continue to assume or use the title “Certified Public Accountant, Retired” or “CPA, Retired” if:
- (i) The holder is not ~~actively~~ engaged in the practice of public accounting in Wyoming as defined in W.S. 33-3-109(c);
 - (ii) The assumption or use of the designation is not incident to the practice of public accounting as defined in W.S. 33-3-109(c);
 - (iii) The certificate has not been revoked or suspended by any jurisdiction for any reason except non-payment of fees; and
 - (iv) The certificate holder has reached age 65 or is disabled.
- (b) A retired certificate holder who has previously held active or inactive status may activate the certificate by providing:
- (i) An application in a form provided by the ~~h~~Board;
 - (ii) Documentation of compliance with CPE requirements set forth in chapter 5 of these rules;
 - (iii) Payment of active status fees; and

(iv) Documentation of lawful presence in the United States if the holder is located in the United States.

(c) A holder who maintains the certificate on retired status and begins to provide services as defined in W.S. 33-3-109(c) in Wyoming shall submit a complete application to activate the certificate as set forth in subsection (b) above prior to providing accounting services in Wyoming. The holder may begin to provide services upon notification that his certificate has been reactivated.

(d) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a retired CPA from offering uncompensated accounting services that could be performed by a non-CPA.

Section 6. Renewal.

(a) All active and inactive certificates expire December 31st each year. Renewal notifications shall be provided to all certificate holders by ~~mail or~~ e-mail only no later than October 1st each year. Renewal applicants shall provide all information required by the ~~Board.~~ Board. Incomplete paper renewal applications may be returned to the applicant. All certificate renewal applications shall be processed using the online licensing management system provided by the Board.

(b) Active Status: Certificate holders shall Renewal applications shall be postmarked or received by the board's office no later than November 1 process certificate renewal applications online by no later than December 31st of each year and shall include the following:

(i) Resident certificate holders shall comply with Wyoming's CPE requirements by providing a list of courses completed or proposed to be completed during the current calendar year and upload copies of certificates of completion with the certificate renewal application.

(ii) Designated certificate holders as defined in chapter 1, section 2(h) of these rules who provide services in a Wyoming office must submit the application to renew the CPA firm permit in conjunction with the individual certificate renewal application.

(iii) Applicable fees set forth in chapter 1, section ~~4~~213 of these rules shall be included with the certificate renewal application.

(c) Inactive Status: Certificate holders who maintain an inactive certificate shall annually renew the certificate by complying with the provisions of this section ~~4 of this chapter~~ no later than December 31st each year.

(i) Inactive certificate holders who ~~submit renewal applications postmarked after~~ fail to renew certificates by no later than December 31st or who attempt to renew an expired inactive certificate shall pay the annual inactive fee plus the late and notice fees set forth in

chapter 1, section ~~4213~~ of these rules in order to restore the certificate to inactive status from expired status.

(d) Individual certificate holders shall be responsible for the truth and accuracy of all renewal information submitted ~~regardless of the application method.~~

(e) Expired or Surrendered Certificates.

(i) Expired or surrendered certificates may be restored upon application, payment of fees set forth in chapter 1, section ~~4213~~ of these rules, and compliance with other requirements imposed on ~~such~~ certificate holders including ~~but not limited to~~ CPE requirements.

(f) On-line Renewal: Certificate holders ~~may~~ shall renew active or inactive status certificates electronically by certifying compliance with all applicable requirements.

Section 7. — Reporting Convictions, Judgments, and Disciplinary Actions.

~~— (a) — Each certificate holder and each CPA firm’s designated certificate holder, on a form and in the manner prescribed by the board, shall disclose information specified in subsections (d), (e), and (f) of this section. Disclosure shall be required upon initial application for an individual certificate or CPA firm permit. Once licensed, disclosure shall be required within thirty (30) days of the imposition of discipline or judgment or with the renewal of the certificate or permit. Actions previously reported do not need to be re-reported upon renewal.~~

~~— (b) — All information or documents disclosed or provided pursuant to the requirements of this section shall be maintained in an investigative file pursuant to chapter 7, section 21(e)(ii).~~

~~— (c) — Disclosure shall include but is not limited to the following:~~

~~— (i) — The name of the court or regulatory/administrative entity involved;~~

~~— (ii) — The case number;~~

~~— (iii) — The names of the parties involved;~~

~~— (iv) — The type of reportable event; and~~

~~— (v) — A summary of the reportable events.~~

~~— (d) — Any conviction or finding of guilt, or plea of nolo contendere to:~~

~~— (i) — A felony;~~

~~— (ii) — Any crime an element of which is dishonesty or fraud; or~~

~~_____ (iii) The denial, cancellation, revocation, suspension or refusal to renew the authority to practice as a certified public accountant by any state, federal agency, or foreign authority, for any cause other than failure to pay a fee.~~

~~_____ (e) Imposition of a censure, reprimand, sanction, probation, civil penalty, fine, consent decree or order, by any state board of accountancy, the Securities Exchange Commission, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, Internal Revenue Service, or foreign regulatory body that regulates the practice of accountancy.~~

~~_____ (f) Any fully adjudicated judgment or settlement in a civil suit or arbitration proceeding entered after July 1, 2005, totaling more than \$150,000, and based upon an allegation of dishonesty, fraud, or gross negligence in the practice of accounting, or any action that would constitute a violation of the rules of professional conduct promulgated by the board. Notification under this section shall apply only to actions directly involving a certificate or permit holder's practice of accounting in Wyoming.~~

Section 87. Exemptions. A certificate holder may request, on forms provided by the ~~the~~ Board, that the Board waive the requirement to maintain the certificate on active status for cases of individual hardship, for the following reasons:

- (a) Deployment ~~in association with~~ for military service;
- (b) Health of the certificate holder; or
- (c) Other good cause shown.

Section 98. Transition to Practice Privileges. Certificate holders whose principal place of business is not in Wyoming and who qualify for practice privileges or otherwise are not required to maintain the Wyoming certificate may choose between the following:

- (a) Surrender the certificate and wall document for mobility (if issued), submit an affidavit of lost certificate, or allow the certificate to expire at the end of the calendar year; or
- (b) Continue to maintain the certificate on active status as required by the rules.

Section 9. Refunds. Refunds of certificate fees paid may be processed at the discretion of the Board. All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to the Board office within thirty (30) days of payment of the fee. All refunds are subject to requirements in chapter 1, section 13(d) of these rules.

~~CHAPTER 4~~**Chapter 4**
~~PERMITS~~**Permits**

Section 1. Authority. These rules are promulgated pursuant to Wyoming Statutes 33-3-118, W.S. 33-3-119, and W.S. 33-3-120.

Section 12. Registration of Firms.

(a) ~~Partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies, or sole proprietorships shall register the entity and obtain a permit prior to rendering professional services when:~~

~~(i) an office as defined in Chapter 1, Section 2(w) exists and attest services as defined in W. S. 33-3-102(a)(vi) and in subsection (b) of this section are provided;~~

~~(ii) an office as defined in Chapter 1, Section 2(w) exists and the entity or individuals associated with it hold out as CPA(s) in any manner;~~

~~(iii) an office as defined in Chapter 1, Section 2(w) exists, a majority interest in the entity is owned by CPAs, and services as defined in W. S. 33-3-109(c) and Chapter 1, Section 2(dd) and Section 2(e) are provided;~~

~~(iv) the firm does not have an office as defined in Chapter 1, Section 2(w) but performs any audit in accordance with the Statements on Auditing Standards, any examination of prospective financial information in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements, or any engagement in accordance with the PCAOB auditing standards when these services are performed for a client whose home office is in Wyoming; or~~

~~(v) the firm does not have an office as defined in Chapter 1, Section 2(w), performs any attest services as defined in W. S. 33-3-102 (a)(vi)(B) for a client whose home office is in Wyoming and is not required to comply with the AICPA peer review requirements or some state's peer review requirements.~~

(ba) All certificate holders who perform compilation or attest services outside of a permitted firm from a Wyoming office shall register and obtain permits. ~~(i) A~~ A firm that does not have an office as defined in ~~Chapter 1, Section 2(r) of these rules,~~ but performs compilations or attest services for a client whose home office is in Wyoming and is not required to comply with the AICPA peer review requirements or some state's peer review requirements must register with the Board and obtain a permit.

(eb) CPA firms required to register shall meet the application requirements as follows:

(i) A corporation must file a copy of the filed articles of incorporation at the time of initial application and any subsequent amendments thereto in accordance with ~~Chapter 1 of these Rules and Regulations.~~

~~(A) — The practice of public accounting in Wyoming is permitted in the professional corporation form in compliance with the additional requirements of W.S. 17-3-101 through 104 specifically but not limited to the requirement of W.S. 17-3-101 that all owners of capital stock be licensed or permitted under Wyoming law and the requirements of W.S. 17-3-103 with respect to corporate name.~~

(ii) A limited liability company must file a ~~filed~~ copy of the articles of organization with the secretary of state or other appropriate authority of the state at the time of initial application and any subsequent amendments thereto in accordance with Chapter 1 of these Rules and Regulations.

~~(dc)~~ An application to register a firm shall be made on forms provided by the Board and upon the affidavit sworn statement of a designated certificate holder who holds an active Wyoming certificate or qualifies for practice privileges and is responsible for the CPA firm in the State of Wyoming. All notifications required under this act and ~~these Rules and Regulations~~ shall be the responsibility of this designated certificate holder.

~~(ed)~~ Designated certificate holders shall register ~~all~~ Wyoming office locations with the CPA firm registration and provide the following information:

- (i) Office address, both physical and mailing, if different;
- (ii) Phone number;
- (iii) Name of certificate holder providing attest or compilation services at each location; and
- (iv) A list of all office locations within Wyoming.

(e) After issuance of a CPA firm permit, the firm shall practice under the name registered with the Board.

Section 23. Renewal/Activation.

(a) All CPA firm permits expire December 31st of each calendar year. Renewal notifications shall ~~be mailed or~~ e-mailed to designated certificate holders no later than October 1st of each calendar year.

(b) The designated certificate holder shall submit an application for renewal which shall be ~~postmarked or received~~ processed in the Board's electronic licensing system ~~office~~ no later than ~~November 1~~ December 31st of each calendar year and be accompanied by the following:

(i) ~~his~~ A complete individual certificate renewal unless authorized to use practice privileges;

(ii) Copies of applicable amended articles of incorporation or articles of organization; ~~and~~

(iii) Applicable fees, to include ~~late and~~ outstanding certified notice fees as outlined in ~~C~~chapter 1, ~~S~~section ~~12~~13(c)(ii) of these rules;

(iv) A list of all firm ownership, including certificate status and percentage ownership; and

(v) A list of all certificate holders associated with the firm.

(c) Firms eligible for practice privileges may activate an expired firm permit at any time and are subject to activation fees as set forth in ~~C~~chapter 1, ~~S~~section ~~12~~13(c)(iii) of these rules.

Section 34. Non-certificate Holders. CPA firms whose ownership includes non-certificate holders shall provide a ~~listing~~ of the names of all certificate and non-certificate holder owners at initial registration and at the time of annual permit renewal. This ~~listing~~ shall document compliance with subsection (ii) of this section.

(i) ~~s~~Subsequent changes must be reported within sixty (60) days;

(ii) ~~i~~f the withdrawal of a certificate holder results in the CPA firm's ownership being controlled by more than 49% of non-certificate holders, the CPA firm shall take corrective action within sixty (60) days to ensure the CPA firm complies with W.S. 33-3-118(b)(xvi)and (xvii).

Section 45. Non-Resident Firms. CPA firms that qualify for practice privileges but elect to obtain/maintain a permit in Wyoming shall comply with all provisions and requirements set forth in W.S. 33-3-118(b)(xiv) and (xv), W.S. 33-3-120, W.S. 33-3-132, and ~~these R~~ules ~~and Regulations~~.

Section 6. Refunds. Refunds of firm permit fees paid may be processed at the discretion of the Board. All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to the Board office within thirty (30) days of payment of the fee. All refunds are subject to requirements in chapter 1, section 13(d) of these rules.

CHAPTER 5
CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Section 1. General Requirements Authority. These rules are promulgated pursuant to Wyoming Statute 33-3-108(a)(iii) and W.S. 33-3-109(e).

(a) — ~~A program qualifies as acceptable continuing education if it is a formal program of learning which contributes directly to the professional competence of a certificate holder in the practice of accounting or is directly related to the holder's field of business and verification of attendance or completion can be provided by a third party.~~

(b) — ~~A program contributes to professional competence if it maintains or improves the certificate holder's current professional knowledge. Selection of the appropriate courses will be at the discretion of the certificate holder and may be selected from any of the following fields of study:~~

Section 2. Definitions.

(a) — “Renewal Year” means the calendar year following any year in which a registrant holds an active certificate.

(b) — “Third Party” means a person associated with or duly authorized by a CPE vendor or sponsor to represent that vendor or sponsor.

Section 23. General Requirements.

(a) — A Continuing Professional Education (CPE) program qualifies as acceptable continuing education if it is a formal program of learning that contributes directly to the professional competence of a certificate holder in the practice of accounting as a CPA regardless of whether the holder practices in a public firm, in industry, in government, or in academia and verification of attendance or completion can be provided by a third party. Selection of the appropriate courses will be at the discretion of the certificate holder and may be selected from any of the Fields of Study issued by NASBA's Registry of CPE Sponsors. Holders may not report credits earned through completion of multiple identical courses completed within the same calendar year, whether the courses are offered by the same vendor or a closely related vendor. Holders shall be required to provide evidence that courses are different if the Board requires it.

(i) — At least sixty-six (66%) (80 of the 120 credit requirement or 40 of the 60 credit requirement found in subsection (c) of this section) of the credits shall be earned in fields of study that directly relate to a holder's field of business as a CPA in the technical learning categories found in the Fields of Study That Qualify For Continuing Professional Education document incorporated by reference; following Code A areas:

- (A) — ~~Accounting & Auditing;~~
- (B) — ~~Business Law;~~
- (C) — ~~Administrative Practice;~~
- (D) — ~~Regulatory Ethics;~~
- (E) — ~~Business Management & Organization;~~

- ~~(F) — Finance (Financial Planning);~~
- ~~(G) — Management Advisory Services;~~
- ~~(H) — Marketing;~~
- ~~(I) — Economics;~~
- ~~(J) — Specialized knowledge and application;~~
- ~~(K) — Statistics;~~
- ~~(L) — Taxes; or~~
- ~~(M) — Computer Science or software applications.~~

- (A) Accounting;
- (B) Accounting (Governmental);
- (C) Auditing;
- (D) Business Law;
- (E) Economics;
- (F) Finance;
- (G) Information Technology;
- (H) Management Services;
- (I) Regulatory Ethics;
- (J) Specialized Knowledge;
- (K) Statistics; or
- (L) Taxes.

(ii) The balance of credits may be earned in non-technical learning activities that contribute to the professional competence of a CPA in fields of study that indirectly relate to the CPA's field of business in categories found in the Fields of Study That Qualify For Continuing Professional Education document incorporated by reference~~the following Code B~~ fields of study:

- ~~(A) — Behavioral Ethics;~~
- ~~(B) — Communications;~~
- ~~(C) — Personal Development;~~

~~(D) Personnel/Human Resources; or~~

~~(E) Other fields of study may be acceptable if the licensee can demonstrate the course does not qualify under an identified field but does contribute to professional competence.~~

(A) Behavioral Ethics;

(B) Business Management & Organization;

(C) Communications and Marketing;

(D) Computer Software & Applications;

(E) Personal Development;

(F) Personnel/Human Resources; or

(G) Production.

~~(eb) Programs must be developed and conducted in compliance with the Program Requirements and Program Standards as outlined in Section 3 of this Chapter the Statement on Standards for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Programs incorporated by reference. If called upon to do so by the Board, certificate holders must be prepared to demonstrate that providers/sponsors have complied with the Program Standards Chapter the Statement on Standards for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Programs.~~

~~(dc) Certificate holders are required to comply with the CPE requirements in the three (3) full calendar years immediately preceding the renewal year as set forth below:~~

Rolling CPE Reporting Requirements			
Renewal Year	First Calendar Year	Second Calendar Year	Third Calendar Year
First Renewal Reporting Requirement	<u>0 credits to be reported for this first certificate year</u>		
Second Renewal Reporting Requirement	<u>60 credits completed during in this two calendar year period</u>		
Thereafter	<u>120 credits in this rolling three year period</u>		

(i) With the exception of the requirement stipulated in sub-section (iv)(A) below, certificate holders ~~renewing the initial~~ an active certificate for the first time are excepted from the continuing professional education reporting requirements;

(ii) To renew an active certificate for the second time, ~~one a holder must~~ shall complete 60 credits in the two calendar years immediately preceding the renewal year as reported and evidenced by the holder using the Board's online CPE reporting tool;

(iii) To renew an active certificate thereafter, ~~one must~~ holder shall complete 120 credits in the three calendar years immediately preceding the renewal year as reported and evidenced by the holder using the Board's online CPE reporting tool.

(iv) All certificate holders who maintain their principal place of business in Wyoming are required to complete, as scheduled by the Board, and at least once every three-year continuing education period, four credits of continuing education in regulatory/professional ethics as approved by the Board. Credits may be earned at separate courses but all four credits must be completed in the same calendar year. To qualify for credit, the course must include a Wyoming statutes and rules element and other topics such as ethical reasoning or standards of professional conduct including those of other applicable regulatory bodies with a passing score of 80% unless satisfaction of the requirement is through participation in a group program. ~~(A)~~ Holders who obtain initial certificates shall complete an approved regulatory/professional ethics course as set forth in ~~§~~ section 43(d)(iv) of this chapter within six (6) months (month-end of date of initial certificate) of obtaining the initial certificate and every three year renewal period thereafter.

(v) If a reported/planned course as of the date of processing an online certificate renewal application is not completed by December 31st, an amended program attendance record must be submitted ~~to in~~ the Board's office online licensing renewal/CPE reporting system reflecting the change. If reported/planned courses are not completed by December 31st and are required to meet minimum CPE requirements, holders may request an extension of the CPE deadline in accordance with section 8 of this chapter and shall pay required fees at the time of the request.

(~~ed~~) The continuing professional education requirement of a non-resident certificate holder not using practice privileges is ~~considered to be~~ met if the individual meets the continuing education requirement for renewal of a certificate, permit, or license in the state in which the individual's principal office is located. These individuals must, during the applicable renewal period imposed by the state where the principal office is located, complete four credits of continuing education in regulatory/professional ethics covering state specific statutes and rules and such topics as ethical reasoning or standards of professional conduct including those of other applicable regulatory bodies. The non-resident must certify that the continuing professional education requirement has been met in another state. If there is no continuing education requirement in the non-resident's principal place of business or the individual is not licensed in his principal place of business, the individual must comply with the requirements as though he was a resident of Wyoming. Non-residents certificate holders are subject to the audit provisions

of this Chapter. ~~The Board may~~ to verify the continuing professional education status of a non-resident.

~~(fc) Certificate holders should obtain an appropriate mix of group and individual courses that meet their individual needs. Courses offered by a single course sponsor or multiple course sponsors repeated during a renewal year are ineligible to be counted towards meeting minimum requirements. Holders are responsible for providing evidence that courses are different if the Board requires it.~~

~~(gf) Inactive and Retired certificate holders are excepted from the continuing education requirements until such a time as they enter or re-enter practice under the provisions of the Act and the Rules and Regulations.~~

~~(hg) The Board may suspend, relax, or grant exceptions to the continuing education requirements for instances of individual hardship or other good cause shown.~~

Section 2. — Definitions.

~~(a) — Program Sponsor/Provider: The organization or individual responsible for setting learning objectives, creating the program materials to achieve such objectives, offering a program to participants and maintaining the documentation which demonstrates compliance with the Program Standards.~~

~~(b) — Group Course: An educational program designed to permit a participant to learn a given subject through interaction with an instructor and other participants.~~

~~—— (c) — Individual Course: An educational program designed to permit an individual to learn a given subject without interaction with others.~~

~~—— (d) — Independent Study: An educational program designed to permit an individual to learn a given subject under a unique, one-time learning contract with a qualified provider/sponsor. The learning contract must set forth the anticipated inputs and outcomes as well as the number of credits to be recommended at the conclusion of the program.~~

~~(e) — Renewal Year: The calendar year following any year in which a registrant holds an active certificate.~~

~~(f) — “Third Party” means a person associated with or duly authorized by a CPE vendor or sponsor to represent that vendor or sponsor.~~

Section 3. — Program Requirements

~~—— (a) — Group Programs: Group programs qualify as acceptable continuing education if they meet the general requirements of this Chapter, if an outline of the program is prepared in advance, if evidence of satisfactory completion is retained, and the program is at least one full credit period in length.~~

~~(i) The following are acceptable group programs: professional development programs of recognized national, state, and local accounting organizations; technical sessions at meetings of recognized national, state, and local accounting organizations and their chapters; university or college courses; formal organized in-house, in-firm and inter-firm education programs; and programs given by other organizations devoted to accounting or professional improvement.~~

~~(b) Individual Programs: these programs qualify as acceptable continuing education if they meet the general requirements of this Chapter, if evidence of satisfactory completion is retained, if the program is at least one full credit period in length, and include the following:~~

~~(i) Individual self-study courses which require registration;~~

~~(ii) Service as an instructor, lecturer, or discussion leader;~~

~~(iii) Published articles or books authored by the certificate holder if they contribute to the professional competence of the individual; or~~

~~(iv) Independent study that is under the direction of a qualified sponsor/provider who has met the applicable program standards.~~

~~(c) Program Standards:~~

~~(i) Standard #1: Learning activities must be based on clearly defined, relevant learning objectives and outcomes that clearly articulate the knowledge, skills, and abilities that can be achieved by participants.~~

~~(ii) Standard #2: Learning activities must be developed in a manner consistent with the prerequisite education, experience, and/or advanced preparation of the participants.~~

~~(iii) Standard #3: Activities, materials and delivery systems must be current, technically accurate, and effectively designed. Providers, sponsors, or contractors must be competent in the subject matter. Competence may be demonstrated through practical experience or education.~~

~~(iv) Standard #4: Learning programs must be reviewed by qualified persons other than those who develop the program to assure the program is technically accurate, current, and addresses the stated learning objectives. This requirement is waived for single presentations such as lectures that are given once.~~

Section 4. Credit.

(a) Continuing Professional Education will be measured by program length with one fifty (50) minute period constituting one (1) credit unless the course is offered as a nano learning course. ~~One-half credits (25-minute periods) are permitted after the first credit has been earned.~~ Total credits will be determined based on the sum of segments with credits rounded down to the

nearest half credit when the total is not divisible by 50 (180 minutes = 3.5 credits). Credit is granted in the calendar year in which the course is attended or completed unless the Board determines otherwise. Credits reported in one certificate of completion or other evidence of completion may not be split between multiple calendar years. Credit granted through the extension process will be granted in one year only to satisfy minimum CPE requirements and cannot be carried forward to meet future requirements.

(b) A nano learning program is a formal tutorial program designed to permit a participant to learn a given subject in 10-minute increments through the use of electronic media (including technology applications and processes and computer-based or web-based technology) and without interaction with a real-time instructor. A holder shall not claim more than ten (10) full CPE credits (maximum of fifty (50) ten (10) minute nano learning programs) earned through nano learning programs within one (1) calendar year and all nano learning credits shall be offered through course sponsors listed on NASBA's Learning Registry. This subsection is effective January 1, 2020.

~~(bc)~~ Instructors, Lecturers, Discussion Leaders, ~~or~~ and Speakers will earn credit for the actual presentation period plus an additional two credits for each period for preparation (~~three~~ (3) credits for each presentation credit). The maximum credit allowed in this category will be 50% of the total renewal requirement (no more than 60 credits in any three-year period). Repetitious presentations will not qualify unless substantive changes ~~which require~~ significant additional research and study have been made to the course.

~~(ed)~~ Published ~~A~~articles, ~~B~~books, ~~E~~etc. ~~A~~authored by the ~~C~~certificate ~~H~~holder: Credit may be awarded for published articles or books for up to 25% of the renewal requirement (no more than 30 credits). Copies of articles or books must be provided at the holder's expense.

~~(de)~~ University or college courses: Each semester hour credit will equal fifteen (15) credits towards the requirement. A quarter hour will equal ten (10) credits. Credit earned for courses taken to obtain an initial baccalaureate degree that qualifies an individual to sit for the examination ~~will do~~ not qualify under this section.

~~(ef)~~ Independent Study: Credit in this area is limited to twelve (12) credits in any renewal period.

~~(fg)~~ Non-degree certificate programs: Accredited colleges and universities that offer certificate programs but do not post credit for the program on the official transcript must either provide a completion certificate to the participant or maintain an attendance log of participants, prepare and preserve an outline of the course, and ensure the course is led by a qualified instructor. One (1) CPE credit shall be awarded for every 50 minutes of class time.

~~(gh)~~ When credits are limited by section 4(b), (c), (d) or (e), no future adjustments may be made to ~~utilize~~ use credits previously limited.

Section 5. Evidence of Completion - Retention. Primary responsibility for documenting ~~the~~ that requirements have been met rests with the certificate holder. Evidence to

support fulfillment of those requirements ~~must~~ shall be retained for a period of four (4) years after the completion of the course. Certificate holders ~~must~~ shall retain an outline or program for each course and evidence of attendance. Holders shall report coursework and upload certificates of completion and other documentation as required into the online system provided by the Board. All documents uploaded to the online CPE reporting system shall be associated only with the course to which it pertains. Documentation shall include the holder's name; sponsor/provider name; course title, date and timeframe of the course; and the amount of credit granted as applicable calculated based upon a 50-minute hour. Satisfaction of completion of the requirements may be accomplished as follows:

(a) College or university courses: ~~official~~ transcripts verifying completion or other verified documentation from an institution.

(b) Individual or ~~I~~ndependent ~~S~~tudy: Certificates of completion, signed statements from vendors or sponsors, copies of the applicable ~~I~~ndependent ~~S~~tudy contracts, or other acceptable documentation as determined by the Board.

(c) Group ~~S~~tudy: Sign in sheets, certificates of attendance, firm rosters signed by participants ~~or~~ and attested to by the appropriate firm officials, other third party verification, or other acceptable documentation as determined by the Board.

(d) Instructor/~~L~~ecturer: a signed statement from the course provider or other appropriate official verifying the services were provided ~~must~~shall be obtained.

(e) Board ~~A~~pproved ~~R~~egulatory/~~P~~rofessional ~~E~~thics ~~C~~ourse: Upon request all certificate holders ~~must~~shall submit a certificate of completion or certificate of attendance to the Board office using the online CPE reporting system.

Section 6. Activation.

(a) ~~Prior to beginning to~~ Before providing accounting services, an individual who has been excepted from the requirements or has otherwise not provided evidence of compliance with the CPE requirements, ~~must~~shall make appropriate application and show compliance with the continuing education requirements.

(~~ii~~b) The Board may waive the requirement to complete requirements in a given calendar year period and consider a combination of 120 hours completed within a three (3) year period other than calendar years.

(~~iii~~c) The Board may allow a certificate holder to re-enter active practice without providing compliance with the continuing education requirements upon the condition that the applicant follow a particular future program or schedule of continuing education.

(~~iii~~d) The applicant shall document that an approved ethics course as set forth in ~~S~~ection 43 of this chapter has been completed within the three (3) years prior to re-entry.

Section 7. Controls & Reporting. ~~(a)~~ To renew an active certificate, on ~~form~~ the online licensing renewal system and CPE reporting tool provided by the Board, each holder ~~who does not renew on-line~~ or each non-resident who does not report CPE to another state shall provide the following by reporting course details and uploading certificates of completion to the Board's online licensing system:

~~(i)~~ (a) The number of CPE credits completed as requested; ~~and~~

~~(ii)~~ (b) A listing of the individual courses completed or to be completed prior to December 31st of the calendar year subject to renewal including the following information:

~~(A)~~ (i) Ssponsoring organization/provider/contractor;

~~(B)~~ (ii) Title of program or description of content;

~~(C)~~ (iii) Course type (individual, group, lecture, etc.);

~~(D)~~ (iv) Dates attended or completed; and

~~(E)~~ (v) Credit claimed; ~~and~~

~~(b)~~ — Holders ~~who renew on-line~~ shall provide the total number of credits completed and shall certify compliance with CPE requirements.

Section 8. Extensions. The Board may, upon written request, extend the time within which certificate holders must comply with the requirements of this ~~C~~chapter for ~~reasonable and just~~ good cause.

(a) An applicant may request ~~an automatic~~ a ninety (90) day extension at the time of renewal upon payment of the required \$150.00 CPE Extension Processing Fee in addition to the certificate renewal fee. All requests for 90-day extensions are subject to the \$150.00 CPE Extension Processing Fee regardless of whether the request was intended or not. There shall be no refunds of the CPE Extension Processing Fee.

(b) Any request for an additional extension in excess of ninety (90) days ~~must~~ shall be submitted to the Board in writing no later than March 1st and outline good cause for granting the extension.

(c) Any applicant who requests or is granted an extension of time under this section shall submit documentation of ~~completing~~ completion of the applicable course work no later two weeks after the expiration of the extension deadline and shall be audited under ~~S~~section 9 of this ~~C~~chapter.

(d) Any applicant who fails to complete the CPE requirement by the ~~extended~~ deadline shall be required to complete additional CPE credits equal to either the lesser of the shortage of credits or no more than sixteen (16) additional CPE credits. The additional credits

~~must~~shall be completed no later than thirty (30) days from the ~~extended~~deadline and shall not qualify for purposes of meeting any future CPE renewal requirement. Failure to submit documentation of completion of the additional credits by the deadline shall result in the initiation of an investigation and possible ~~of~~ disciplinary action in accordance with chapter 7 of the rules.

Section 9. Verification. The Board ~~will~~shall verify compliance with the CPE requirements on a test basis (to a maximum of 20% audit) or as otherwise necessary. Board staff or Board members shall determine whether CPE credits claimed meet the requirements set forth in this chapter. Upon a finding that CPE credits or the documentation provided to evidence CPE credits do not meet the requirements set forth in this chapter, the Board staff or Board members may disqualify course credits claimed and shall notify the holder of the findings.

(a) In the form requested by the Board, ~~Certificate~~ holders shall submit evidence of compliance with the CPE requirements.

(b) Non-resident certificate holders not using practice privileges shall comply by providing evidence and reporting of continuing professional education in a form required by the Board and either by submitting a copy of the applicable renewal application in the state of residence and evidence of completion of all courses required by the residency state, to include the completion of the ethics course required in §section 43(e) of this chapter for the applicable renewal period or through another Board approved CPE audit process. All CPE documentation required must be recorded in the Board's CPE reporting system. If no documents were submitted to the state of residence, the holder shall comply with subsection (a) above.

(c) A ~~certificate~~ holder ~~must~~ shall remedy any deficiency discovered within ninety (90) days of formal notification by the Board. Deficiency credits shall qualify for credit in the initial reporting period and cannot be duplicated for purposes of determining the applicable requirement in any other reporting period.

(d) Any certificate holder found deficient shall be required to complete additional CPE credits equal to the lesser of the shortage of credits but not more than sixteen (16) additional CPE credits. The additional credits ~~must~~shall be completed within thirty (30) days of the date advised of the deficiency. Deficiency credits shall not qualify for purposes of meeting any future CPE renewal requirement. Failure to submit documentation of completion by the deadline shall result in the initiation of disciplinary action.

(e) Programs found to be out of compliance with the general standards may be disqualified and result in the requirement that the holder remedy any deficiency caused pursuant to subsections (c) and (d) of this section.

(f) Certificate holders found deficient shall be included in the CPE audit for two renewal cycles following the deficiency.

Section 10. Incorporation by Reference.

(a) The Statement on Standards for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Programs adopted by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and last revised August 4, 2016, found at: https://www.nasbaregistry.org/_media/Documents/Others/Statement_on_Standards_for_CPE_Programs-2016.pdf.

(b) Fields of Study That Qualify For Continuing Professional Education adopted by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy and last revised July 1, 2016, found at: https://www.nasbaregistry.org/_media/Documents/RegistryPolicies/FieldsOfStudy2016.pdf.

(c) For these rules incorporated by reference:

(i) The Board has determined that incorporation of the full text in these rules would be cumbersome or inefficient given the length or nature of the rules:

(ii) The incorporation by reference does not include any later amendments editions of the incorporated matter beyond the applicable date identified in subsections (a)(i) and (ii) of this section; and

(iii) The incorporated rules are maintained at 325 West 18th Street, Ste. 4, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002 and are available for public inspection and copying at cost at the same location.

CHAPTER 8 Chapter 8

~~RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE APPLICABLE TO RULE-MAKING AND NON-CONTESTED CASES~~ Petitions for Rule Making

Section 1. ~~Non-contested Proceedings.~~ **Authority.** Except as otherwise directed by the Board, the provisions of the Rules contained in this Chapter shall govern all non-contested proceedings and rule-making hearings where requested. This Chapter is adopted pursuant to W.S. 16-3-103 through W.S. Wyoming Statute 16-3-106.

(a) — Any party may petition the Board to promulgate, amend, or repeal any rule or rules.

————— (i) — Except as otherwise provided by the Board, the filing of a petition under this section shall not stay the effectiveness of any rule or rules.

————— (ii) — After filing of the petition, the Board or presiding officer may hold a pre-hearing conference to review the petition and its persuasiveness.

————— (iii) — As soon as practicable, the Board shall deny the petition in writing (stating its reasons for the denial) or initiate rule-making procedures.

————— (iv) — Before the adoption, issuance, amendment, or repeal of any rule, or the commencement of any hearing on such proposed rule-making, the Board shall cause notice to be given in accordance with the provisions of W.S. 16-3-103.

————— (b) — Opportunity for oral hearing regarding substantive rule changes shall be granted by the Board if requested by twenty-five (25) or more persons, by a governmental subdivision, or by any association having not less than twenty-five (25) members.

————— (i) — Requests for hearing shall be submitted before the end of the public comment period set forth in the published notice of intent.

————— (ii) — The Board shall provide public notice setting forth the time, place, and manner in which persons may present their views.

————— (iii) — The hearing shall be recorded verbatim by a court reporter or by any other appropriate means determined by the Board or the officer presiding at the hearing.

————— (iv) — The public comment period shall close upon the completion of the hearing.

————— (b) — Except as otherwise determined by the Board, the provisions of W.S. 16-3-107, relating to the conduct of hearings for contested cases, do not apply to hearings held under this Chapter.

Section 2. Form of Petition.

(a) ~~The Board will~~ Written petitions may be considered by the board written requests that could reasonably be construed as requests to change rules when presented in clear concise language as follows:

(i) Requests must provide concise language regarding whether the recommended rule is identified as “a petition” to 1) to promulgate a new rule, 2) amend a current rule, or 3) repeal a rule or 4) present oral comments on proposed rules;

(ii) The specific rule must be identified by Chapter and Section;

(iii) Specific information outlining relevant data, views, and arguments must be provided included in the written request.

~~(b) — The Board may consider petitions which include sample rules which would not be inconsistent with the Certified Public Accountants' Act of 2005 or deemed to be necessary in consideration of public welfare.~~

~~Section 3. — Comments. All timely comments shall be considered by the Board before final action is taken on any proposal to promulgate, amend, or repeal any rule. Late filed comments may be considered so far as possible without incurring additional expenses or delay.~~

~~Section 4. — Decision.~~

~~(a) — As soon as practicable after receipt of the official transcript or as soon as practicable after the expiration of the time set for the submittal of written comments, the Board or administrator shall render a written decision on the issues presented at the hearing.~~

~~(b) — If the decision is to promulgate, amend, or repeal a rule, the Board or administrator shall file a certified copy of its decision with the Secretary of State in accordance with provisions of W.S. 16-3-101, et. seq.~~

~~(c) — The written decision shall be mailed to any party who submitted oral or written comments.~~

~~CHAPTER 10~~**Chapter 10**
~~PRACTICE PRIVILEGES (Effective —)~~**Practice Privileges**

Section 1. Authority. These rules are promulgated pursuant to W.S. 33-3-108(a)(v).

~~Section 1~~**Section 2. Qualification Determinations.** Qualifications may be established by NASBA's National Qualification Service. NASBA's qualification determinations can be accessed at http://www.nasbatools.com/display_page?id=105. Those qualified under ~~Sections~~ Sections 2 or 3 below may practice in Wyoming without obtaining a Wyoming certificate or paying a fee.

Section 23. State Qualifications. Persons who hold active certificates in their principal places of business in a state that has been deemed substantially equivalent by NASBA's National Qualification Service may practice accounting as a certified public accountant in Wyoming through practice privileges when their principal place of business is not in Wyoming.

Section 34. Individual Qualifications. Persons who have passed the Uniform CPA examination prior to January 1, 2012, hold active certificates in their principal places of business, and the certificates were awarded based on completing at least one year of experience within five years of the certificate date, may practice accounting as certified public accountants in Wyoming through practice privileges when their principal place of business is not in Wyoming.

Section 45. Certificates. Persons who currently hold Wyoming certificates and qualify for practice privileges may continue to maintain the certificate on active status in Wyoming in lieu of availing themselves of practice privileges.

(a) Persons who elect to avail themselves of practice privileges and allow the certificate to expire or surrender the certificate pursuant to ~~Chapter 3, Section 8~~ of these rules may activate the certificate by complying with the provisions set forth in ~~Chapter 3, Section 5(e)(ii)~~ of these rules.

(b) ~~Persons who intend to avail themselves of practice privileges practicing under this chapter~~ may not place the Wyoming certificate on inactive or retired status.

Section 56. Firms. Firms that are not required to register pursuant to ~~Chapter 4~~ of the regulations may practice in Wyoming without a permit if the services are performed by individuals certified in Wyoming or by individuals who qualify for practice privileges and the firm does not have an office located in Wyoming.

Section 67. Internet Practice. An individual or firm using practice privileges and advertising professional services via a website shall disclose the state of his principal place of business, his license or certificate number, a physical and mailing address, and a phone number where he may be contacted by the general public or regulators.

Section 78. Conditions of Practice Privileges. An individual registrant of another state exercising privileges afforded under W.S. 33-3-116(a)(i), and the firm that employs the registrant, simultaneously consent as a condition of the grant of this privilege:

- (a) ~~T~~To the personal and subject matter jurisdiction and disciplinary authority of the board;
- (b) ~~T~~To comply with the certified public accountants' Act and any board rules;
- (c) ~~T~~That in the event the license from the state of the individual's principal place of business is no longer valid, the individual will cease offering or rendering professional services in this state individually and on behalf of a firm; and
- (d) ~~T~~To the appointment of the state board which issued his license as his agent upon whom process may be served in any action or proceeding by the Wyoming board against the registrant.