

State of Washington

Washington State Board of Accountancy

(name of governing body)

(agency name, if applicable)

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Administrative Order No. PL-320

(1) Be it resolved by the Washington State Board of Accountancy

acting at Seattle, Washington

(place)

that it does promulgate and adopted the annexed rules relating to:

educational requirements; license requirement for public accounting partnerships or professional service corporations, and equivalent examination.

(2) ALTERNATIVE A. Use only for Adoption of Permanent Rules.

This action is taken pursuant to Notice No. 79-09-083 filed with the code reviser on 8-31-79. Such rules shall take effect:

pursuant to RCW 34.04.040(2) at a later date, such date being \_\_\_\_\_

(2) ALTERNATIVE B. Use only for Adoption of Emergency Rules.

We, \_\_\_\_\_ find that an emergency exists and that the foregoing order is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare and that observance of the requirements of notice and opportunity to present views on the proposed action would be contrary to public interest. A statement of the facts constituting such emergency is:

Such rules are therefore adopted as emergency rules to take effect upon filing with the code reviser.

(3) Pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.04.\_\_\_\_ (1977 c 19 § 2)<sup>1</sup> that "every agency shall incorporate the most specific, but in no case omit all, of the following language alternatives when adopting or amending rules" (fill in statement (a), (b), or (c) as appropriate):

(a) This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW 18.04.070 and is intended to administratively implement that statute.

(b) This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW \_\_\_\_\_ which directs that the

(agency)

has authority to implement the provisions of

(name of act or RCW citation)

(c) This rule is promulgated under the general rule making authority of the

(agency)

as authorized in RCW \_\_\_\_\_

(4) The undersigned hereby declares that he has complied with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (chapter 42.30 RCW), the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.04 RCW) or the Higher Education Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 28B.19 RCW), as appropriate, and the State Register Act (chapter 34.08 RCW).

(5) This order after being first recorded in the order register of this governing body is herewith transmitted to the code reviser for filing pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW and chapter 1.12 WAC.

STATE OF WASHINGTON

APPROVED AND ADOPTED October 24, 19 79

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By Henry V. Benson, Jr.

Henry V. Benson, Jr., C.P.A.

Chairman, State Accountancy Board

Title

CODE REVISER'S OFFICE

WSR 80-02-140

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF

ACCOUNTANCY

Administrative Order PL-320

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND IMPLEMENTATION

I. NAME OF AGENCY: Washington State Board of Accountancy

DESCRIPTION OF RULES: Amending rules with respect to educational requirements; license requirement for public accounting partnerships or professional service corporations, and equivalent examination.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: RCW 18.04.070

II. SUMMARY OF RULES:

WAC 4-04-300 The purpose for the passage of this rule is to set the educational requirements which, pursuant to RCW 18.04.120, the Board has the authority to determine.

WAC 4-04-310 The purpose for the passage of this rule is to clear up a potential loophole which became apparent to the Board after it passed previous rules setting up the status of public and nonpublic CPA licenses. This rule prevents two or more holders of nonpublic CPA licenses from setting up a partnership or corporation which would seek registration in the state as a CPA partnership or corporation. The rule provides that in order for the State Board of Accountancy to issue a certificate of registration to a CPA firm, the responsible people in charge of the firm shall hold a permit to practice public accounting issued by the Board.

WAC 4-12-110 The purpose for the passage of this section is to permit those people who wish to take the CPA exam who do not have a college degree to take an equivalency examination, the purpose of which would be to show that the applicant possesses knowledge equivalent to that of a graduate of a college or university with a bachelor's degree.

III. The State Board of Accountancy and its Chief Executive Officer have sole responsibility for drafting, implementing and enforcing these rules.


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- IV. These rules were proposed by the Washington State Board of Accountancy and no one spoke against implementation of these amendments.
- V. These rules were promulgated pursuant to RCW 18.04.070.

SUBMITTED in accordance with Chapter 84, Laws of 1977,  
1st Ex. Sess., this           day of   , 1980.

  
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Boothe W. Havisham, C.P.A.  
Chief Executive Officer

NEW SECTION

WAC 4-04-300 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. The educational requirements for chapter 114, section 1, laws of 1969, RCW 18.04.120, shall be: A graduate of a college or university recognized by the board who has been awarded a bachelor's degree therefrom or one who has an education that the board determines to be equivalent thereto.

NEW SECTION

WAC 4-04-310 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC ACCOUNTING PARTNERSHIPS OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS. No application for registration for a public accounting partnership or professional service corporation will be approved by the board unless the following conditions exist:

(1) At least one partner or shareholder holds a current or otherwise valid permit to practice public accounting within this state as a certified public accountant, licensed public accountant or public accountant.

(2) Each partner or shareholder personally engaged within this state in the practice of public accounting holds a current and otherwise valid permit to practice public accounting in this state as a certified public accountant, licensed public accountant or public accountant.

(3) Each resident manager in charge of an office of the partnership or corporation in this state must hold a current and otherwise valid permit to practice public accounting in this state as a certified public accountant, licensed public accountant or public accountant.

Application for such registration shall be in writing, sworn to by a partner or shareholder who holds a current and otherwise valid permit to practice public accounting in this state as a certified public accountant, licensed public accountant or public accountant.

NEW SECTION

WAC 4-12-110 EQUIVALENT EXAMINATION. An applicant for the CPA examination, who is not a college graduate and who desires to qualify under the provisions of RCW 18.04.120(5), will be permitted to substitute a passing score on an equivalency examination, said examination to be held at least twice yearly by the board or its designee.