

Don't just be an accountant – be a CPA.

Certified Public Accountants have greater career flexibility than non-CPA accountants, with work that can go from auditing and management consulting to international financial reporting and tax advising. CPAs can work in almost any industry in private companies, nonprofit and the government. To become a licensed CPA, you must pass the CPA Exam, and prepping for that exam is crucial to passing.

Steps to becoming a CPA



1. Apply early

Start by applying **several months before** your ideal exam date. You'll pay a fee to either your state board of accountancy or the **National Association of State Boards of Accountancy** (NASBA).

For more details, visit [becker.com/state](https://www.becker.com/state).



2. Get your Notice to Schedule (NTS)

Once eligible, you'll receive your NTS – which you'll need before you can schedule an exam date.



3. Check your jurisdiction

Depending on where you applied, you have a 3-month, 6-month, 9-month or 12-month window to schedule your first exam. You may also be eligible to sit for the exam before completing all the education requirements (provided they're met within a certain time frame).

Check your jurisdiction's requirements at [nasba.org/cpaexam](https://www.nasba.org/cpaexam).



4. Take the exam anywhere

The CPA Exam is a unified exam, one that's the same nationwide, so you can sit for the exam at any Prometric location, regardless of the state where you applied. In order to become a licensed CPA, you'll have to meet your licensing state's requirements regardless of where you take the exam.



FAQ

For more information, visit [becker.com/faq](https://www.becker.com/faq).

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Michigan CPA requirements

You also need to meet your state's specific requirements, which may include additional course hours and experience benchmarks. For the state of Michigan, here are the requirements to sit for the CPA Exam:

- Bachelor's degree with at least 120 semester (225 quarter) hours with a concentration in accounting from a regionally accredited U.S. educational institution, including:
 - 3 semester hours (4.5 quarter) hours in auditing
 - 21 semester (31.5 quarter) hours in accounting including study in each of the following:
 - governmental/fund accounting
 - financial accounting and accounting theory
 - managerial accounting, including cost accounting
 - accounting systems and controls
 - US federal taxation
 - 24 semester (36 quarter) hours in general business subjects

For Michigan state licensure you will need 150 semester hours.

Recommended courses

Wayne State University has courses that can help you prepare for the CPA Exam and meet the Michigan CPA requirements, including:

 Auditing ACC 5996 or ACC 7180	 Financial Accounting ACC 5100 and ACC 5110 and ACC 5115 or ACC 7040 and ACC 7050	 Managerial Accounting ACC 5160 or BA 7000	 Accounting Systems and Controls ACC 5130 or ACC 7145	 Governmental /fund accounting ACC 5180 or ACC 7188	 U.S. Taxation Introduction ACC 5170 or ACC 7120
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