



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT (CPA) - USA

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What is CPA?

CPA (Certified Public Accountant) is a leading accountancy qualification in the USA, which has gained international recognition over the years. This qualification provides members with a strong accounting and auditing background that will enable them to discharge high quality services for their employers. Hence, this qualification is sought out by many leading firms in the Middle East today.



Entry Requirements

- BSc. holders in Accounting or Banking & Finance
- GPA 2.5 out of 4
- Banking, Financial Sector employees only are sponsored
- 1 year of experience

Subjects and Examination Format

The revised CPA examination consists of four parts.

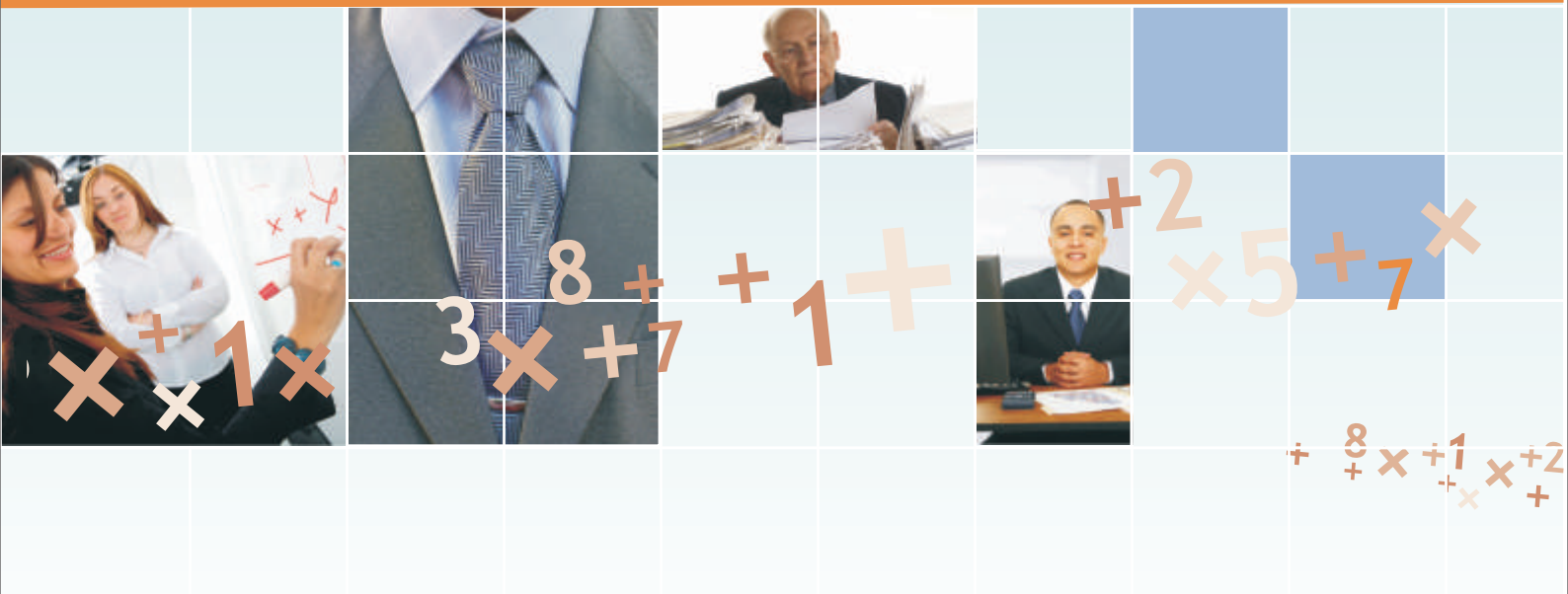
Part	Exam Duration
Financial Accounting and Reporting	4.0 Hours
Auditing & Attestation	4.5 Hours
Regulation	3.0 Hours
Business Environment & Concepts	2.5 Hours

The new format of the CPA exam has been changed from old paper based to a computer-based test (CBT) from April 2004. These exams will be conducted at Prometric test centers across the United States.

Each exam part will contain five units called "Testlets". A Testlet comprises of either a group of approximately 25 multiple-choice questions (MCQs), or one complete case study known as a "Simulation".

Simulations will provide a set of facts and require candidates to complete related tasks.

In most jurisdictions, candidates can take each exam part individually, and in any order, or all at once. However, candidates must pass all parts within 18 months to retain credit (formally known as "conditioning").



Pass Marks

All candidates must obtain a grade of 75% or more in each part in order to pass the examination. Those who obtain a grade of 75% or more in at least two parts and not less than 50% in others may, in some states, get credit for parts cleared.

Certification

After passing all four parts of the examination, the candidates are required to fulfill certain requirements in order to become members of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). These requirements also vary from one jurisdiction to another and may include an examination of ethics and related work experience requirements.

Examination Dates

The examination is administered ONLY within the boundaries of the fifty-four United States jurisdictions at present. The exam can be taken five days a week (some test centers are open six or seven days a week), during two out of every three months as follows. These quarterly periods are commonly known as the "Test Windows". These test windows are Jan-Feb, Apr-May, Jul-Aug and Oct - Nov, every year.

Ernst & Young's CPA Exam Preparatory Course

Ernst & Young Bahrain has developed a comprehensive course with Yaeger CPA Review of Washington DC to prepare candidates in the Middle East for this prestigious qualification. The CPA Review course is a teaching course (not an exam review course). This course is designed to teach candidates all concepts required to successfully face the exam. Exam questions / simulations are practiced in the class room to reinforce all concepts taught. This course is based on DVD and live lectures. DVD lectures are conducted by leading US instructors, Complimented by locally-based CPA instructors.

Course Commencement Dates and Venue

The CPA Review course will commence in October 2008 and will last for 8 months. Classes are held twice a week from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at Ernst & Young Training Center situated on 18 floor of Al Moayyed Tower, Seef District, Manama.

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CPA Preparation Course – 2008

Date	Day	Part Covered
09 Oct 08	Thursday	Business Environment & Concepts
11 Oct 08	Saturday	Regulation
16 Oct 08	Thursday	Business Environment & Concepts
18 Oct 08	Saturday	Regulation
23 Oct 08	Thursday	Business Environment & Concepts
25 Oct 08	Saturday	Regulation
30 Oct 08	Thursday	Business Environment & Concepts
01 Nov 08	Saturday	Regulation
06 Nov 08	Thursday	Business Environment & Concepts
08 Nov 08	Saturday	Regulation
13 Nov 08	Thursday	Business Environment & Concepts
15 Nov 08	Saturday	Regulation
20 Nov 08	Thursday	Business Environment & Concepts
22 Nov 08	Saturday	Regulation
27 Nov 08	Thursday	Business Environment & Concepts
29 Nov 08	Saturday	Regulation
04 Dec 08	Thursday	Business Environment & Concepts
06 Dec 08	Saturday	Regulation
11 Dec 08	Thursday	Business Environment & Concepts
13 Dec 08	Saturday	Regulation
18 Dec 08	Thursday	Regulation
20 Dec 08	Saturday	Regulation
25 Dec 08	Thursday	Regulation
27 Dec 08	Saturday	Regulation
29 Dec 08	Monday	Revision – Business Environment & Concepts
30 Dec 08	Tuesday	Revision - Regulation
05 Mar 09	Thursday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
07 Mar 09	Saturday	Auditing & Attestation
12 Mar 09	Thursday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
14 Mar 09	Saturday	Auditing & Attestation
19 Mar 09	Thursday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
21 Mar 09	Saturday	Auditing & Attestation
26 Mar 09	Thursday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
28 Mar 09	Saturday	Auditing & Attestation
02 Apr 09	Thursday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
04 Apr 09	Saturday	Auditing & Attestation
09 Apr 09	Thursday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
11 Apr 09	Saturday	Auditing & Attestation
16 Apr 09	Thursday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
18 Apr 09	Saturday	Auditing & Attestation
23 Apr 09	Thursday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
25 Apr 09	Saturday	Auditing & Attestation
30 Apr 09	Thursday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
02 May 09	Saturday	Auditing & Attestation
07 May 09	Thursday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
09 May 09	Saturday	Auditing & Attestation
14 May 09	Thursday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
16 May 09	Saturday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
21 May 09	Thursday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
23 May 09	Saturday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
04 June 09	Thursday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
06 June 09	Saturday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
11 June 09	Thursday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
13 June 09	Saturday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
18 June 09	Thursday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
20 June 09	Saturday	Financial Accounting & Reporting
23 June 09	Tuesday	Revision – Auditing & Attestation
24 June 09	Wednesday	Revision – Financial Accounting & Reporting
25 June 09	Thursday	Revision – Financial Accounting & Reporting

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Note: - Each session is held for three hours (18:00 to 21:00)
- Due to time constraints, the respective lecturer may revise this schedule