



Texas State Board of Public Accountancy

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Exam/Qualifications – Requirements for Examination

You must meet the following qualifications to take the CPA exam.

- Complete the electronic fingerprint process for a background check of the criminal history files of the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
- Hold a baccalaureate or higher [degree](#) from a board-recognized United States college or university, or an equivalent degree as determined by board rule from an institution of higher education in another country.
- Complete [150 semester hours](#) or quarter-hour equivalents of college credit.
- Complete 30 semester hours or quarter-hour equivalents of upper level [accounting courses](#) from a board-recognized college or university. Within the coursework [two-semester hours of accounting or tax research and analysis are required](#).
- Complete 24 semester hours or quarter-hour equivalents of upper level related [business courses](#). Within the coursework [two-semester hours of accounting or business communications are required](#).
- Complete a 3-semester-hour [Board-approved ethics course](#).

The first step to determine your eligibility to take the CPA exam is to submit an [Application of Intent](#).

The website contains detailed information about these and other requirements to take the CPA exam and become a Texas CPA.