

# QUALIFYING FOR A CALIFORNIA CPA LICENSE

## HOW TO QUALIFY FOR A CPA LICENSE



### Exam

Pass the CPA Exam



### Education

Complete the  
Required Education



### Experience

Obtain Accounting  
Experience



### Ethics

Pass the  
California Professional  
Ethics Exam

### ADDITIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the CPA Exam requirements of a bachelor's degree and 24 units in each accounting and business-related subjects, you will need:

10

Ethics  
Study



7

Semester  
Units

+

3

Semester  
Units  
*(4 quarter units)*

In accounting ethics or accountants' professional responsibilities

20

Accounting  
Study



6

Semester Units  
of accounting  
subjects

+

14

Semester Units of  
business-related  
subjects

150

Total  
Semester Units

### EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

12

Months of experience obtained through employment in public or non-public accounting

- ✓ Obtained under the supervision of an individual holding an active CPA license
- ✓ Completed in accordance with the applicable professional standards

#### Attest Engagements:

To be issued a license with the ability to sign reports on attest engagements, you must also demonstrate completion of a minimum of 500 hours in attest experience.

Experience in academia can be considered qualifying toward general accounting experience if specific requirements are met and the course(s) are in an accounting subject listed in CBA Regulations.

