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NEW RULES APPROVED FOR COMPUTER BASED EXAMINATION FOR PROSPECTIVE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.

Lincoln, Nebraska, June 3, 2004— The Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy received approval for proposed rule changes within Title 288, Chapter 6- Certified Public Accountant Examination and Chapter 9- Education. Approvals were recently received from the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, the Nebraska Secretary of State, and the Governor's Policy Research Office. The rules became effective on June 4, 2004.

Noted changes include:

- ✍ ***The Chapter 6 rule changes include allowance for a computer-based test-examination for the U.S. Uniform CPA examination. It allows for a rolling 18th month period, which begins on the date that the first Test Section(s) is passed and continues until all four sections are passed. In the event all four Test Sections of the Uniform CPA exam are not passed within the rolling 18 month period, credit for any Test Section(s) passed outside the 18 month period will expire and that Test Section(s) must be retaken.***
- ✍ ***The Candidate will have more flexibility to take the exam and the number of sections within a testing period.***
- ✍ ***Candidates having earned conditional credits on the paper and pencil exam, as of the launch date of the computer based Uniform CPA exam, will retain conditional credits for corresponding Test Sections of the computer based CPA examination.***

- ✍ ***The Chapter 9 rule changes include allowance for the Board or its designee to review the educational requirements to determine a candidate's eligibility to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination.***

Michelle R. Thornburg, CPA, Board Secretary and current Chair of the Board's Examination and Education Committee, is recognized for her active participation and assistance in the creation of the new rules. Board Members of the Examination & Education Committee who also assisted include William C. Nuckolls, Public Member, Douglas W. Skiles, CPA, and Jim Titus, Public Member.

If you have any questions concerning these new rule changes or would like to view the new rules, do not hesitate to contact the Board Office at #471-3595 or 1-800-564-6111 or go to the Board's website at www.nol.org/home/BPA.