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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE 2014-2015 REGISTRATION FORM AND CPE REPORTING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

Applicable changes in Board laws and rules have been incorporated into these instructions; You are encouraged to read all instructions since there are several changes.

ANNUAL REGISTRATION: All Alabama CPAs and PAs are required by the Alabama Accountancy Law (Title 34, Chapter 1, Code of Alabama 1975) to register annually with the Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy ("the Board"). The only exception is for licensees who have elected retired status previously. The link to the on-line registration form can be found on the Board's website at http://www.asbpa.alabama.gov/registration.aspx. Instructions for on-line registration are provided at every step. **American Express, MasterCard and Visa are the only credit cards that can be used for on-line payment!** If registration is done through the internet-based procedure, the paper form should **NOT** be mailed to the Board. ***Do not register on-line if this is your initial registration.*** *Please print the registration form and mail it with the appropriate registration fee.* If you choose to register manually, you may download the 2014-2015 Registration Form, complete it, and return with a check payable to the Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy in the amount of $75.00 for active status or $50.00 for inactive status.

Active Status. CPAs and PAs practicing public accounting in Alabama must obtain an annual permit to practice (active status). The experience required **to qualify initially** for a permit to practice is one year of public accounting or two years in a qualifying accounting position in industry, business, government or college teaching. Your experience must be verified in writing and sent to the Board office by your employer(s). Upon completion and verification of the required experience, you may apply for your initial permit to practice. A **$75.00** fee for an annual permit to practice, whether initial or renewal must be submitted to the Board along with the 2014-2015 Registration Form. Continuing Professional Education (CPE) is required for active status and must be reported on the 2014-2015 Registration Form in the section entitled "Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Reporting for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014." Further details on reporting CPE are on the reverse side of these instructions.

Inactive Status. CPAs and PAs who do not desire an annual permit to practice public accounting (those electing inactive status) or those who are otherwise ineligible for an annual permit must also register with the Board annually. A **$50.00** fee is required along with the 2014-2015 Annual Registration Form for inactive status. *CPAs and PAs who are on inactive status must place the word "inactive" adjacent to their CPA or PA title on any business card, letterhead, or any other document or device, except for their CPA or PA certificate, on which their CPA or PA title appears.* If a CPA or PA on inactive status desires to return to active status, he or she must apply for an annual permit to practice with proof that 40 hours of CPE were obtained for each fiscal year of inactive status, not to exceed 120 hours of CPE. Fifty percent of the hours must be in accounting and auditing courses; 25 percent of the hours must be in tax courses; and all of the hours must be obtained during the three-year period preceding the date of the request for an annual permit to practice. No more than one-half of the hours can be in self-study courses. A CPE catch-up form can be found at www.asbpa.alabama.gov/registration.aspx.

Retired Status. CPAs and PAs who are eligible may elect retired status on the 2014-2015 Registration Form with no fee requirement. Retired status is defined as a licensee who has reached age 55 and is no longer performing any of the duties of public accounting.

The 2014-2015 registration and appropriate fee are due in the Board office on October 1, 2014; however, the rules do provide a grace period for filing timely through December 31, 2014. This grace period applies only to submission of the completed registrations. CPE must be earned during the fiscal year and completed by September 30, 2014. Please note that only the last four digits of your Social Security number are required. All manually completed registration forms and fees should be mailed to the Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy, PO Box 300375, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0375.

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DELINQUENT STATUS: Registrations submitted online or postmarked after December 31, 2014 are considered delinquent. A $100.00 penalty is due for registrations submitted from January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015. The penalty increases to $500.00 for registrations submitted April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015. After that date, disciplinary actions ensue for unpaid fees and penalties; therefore, you are encouraged to file as near the October 1, 2014 due date as possible.

CPE REPORTING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014: Alabama CPAs and PAs who hold an annual permit to practice (active status) must complete 40 hours of acceptable CPE during the fiscal year that began on October 1, 2013 and ended on September 30, 2014. At least eight hours must be in accounting and auditing, and no more than eight hours in behavioral courses will be accepted. Other maximum limits include 20 hours a year for self-study, 10 hours for publications authored, and eight hours for technical sessions at professional meetings. CPE hours may not be carried over. CPE completion records should be retained for a minimum of five fiscal years. No CPE hours are required this reporting period for CPAs certified and/or licensed after October 1, 2013. If you cannot meet the CPE requirements by September 30, 2014, due to reasonable cause, please contact the Board office to formalize a CPE completion schedule.

There are three categories for detailing the CPE that you completed for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014: Professional Development Programs, Seminars, and Educational Classes Attended; Correspondence or Individual Study Programs; and Speaker, Discussion Leader or Instructor. Each category has been annotated with applicable information from the rules to assist you in completion of the categories. Summary totals from these three categories should be entered on the front side of the form in the subsection entitled *CPE earned by Alabama standards*.

The section entitled *CPE claimed by reciprocity* has been included to implement the CPE Reciprocity agreements between the Alabama, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee Boards of Public Accountancy. This portion of the form is applicable only to Alabama CPAs who hold valid CPA certificates issued by those states and are domiciled in or whose principal office is located in the issuing state. If applicable to you, fill in your Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina, or Tennessee CPA Certificate number on the blank provided and check the box next to the appropriate state. If you are eligible to claim CPE by reciprocity, you are not required to complete the subsection entitled *CPE earned by Alabama standards* or detail your CPE courses on the reverse side of the form.

Board rules related to earning and reporting CPE can be found at
www.asbpa.alabama.gov/rules.aspx

SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS: Sole proprietorships are defined as a firm in Section 34-1-2 or the Code of Alabama 1975. If you are practicing as a sole proprietorship, you must register annually as an individual CPA or PA **and** as a firm. If you are practicing as a sole proprietorship or have created a new firm of another type and such firm is not currently registered with the Board, it is your responsibility to contact the Board office, register the firm, and obtain a firm permit to practice for 2014-2015.

ADDRESS CHANGES: Board rules require that you notify us in writing within 30 days of any change of address and/or change in your business affiliation. Such changes can be either mailed or faxed (334-242-2711) to the Board office. There is also an on-line change of information form at http://www.asbpa.alabama.gov/infochangeCPA.aspx.

OTHER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: In addition to registering with the Board, Section 40-12-71 of the Code of Alabama 1975 requires Certified Public Accountants engaged in the practice of public accounting to obtain an annual license ($25.00 fee) at the office of the county probate judge or other county licensing agency. Details of this law may be found at www.asbpa.alabama.gov/laws.aspx.

2014–2015 REGISTRATION FORM

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DUE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Registration Fees: ❑ Active - $75 ❑ Inactive - $50 ❑ Retired (must be age 55) – No Fee

Submit the completed form along with your annual registration fee to the address above. Please submit a copy of legal documentation with all name changes. You must notify the Board of any changes in address and employment information within 30 days of change. To register on-line using a credit card, go to http://www.asbpa.alabama.gov/registration.aspx.

CPA or PA: _____
Certificate #: _____ Date Certified: _____
SSN: xxx – xx – _____ Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____
Name: _____
Preferred Address: _____
_____
Preferred Phone: _____
The information shown above for the **Preferred Address** is my ◯ **Home** ◯ **Work** address
Alternate Address: _____
_____
Alternate Phone: _____
The information shown above for the **Alternate Address** is my ◯ **Home** ◯ **Work** address
Email Address: _____
Fax Number: _____
Employer: _____
Job Capacity: _____

To avoid paying a late penalty, registration forms must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2014. *Registration renewals received with a postmark after this date is subject to a late renewal penalty. The penalty is $100 for renewals postmarked from January 1, 2015, through March 31, 2015. The penalty is $500 for renewals postmarked on or after April 1, 2015. After September 30, 2015, disciplinary hearings will be held.*

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CPE COURSES

Directions: Complete the details for the programs or courses in which you participated as an attendee or student; took self-study programs; or were a speaker, discussion leader or instructor. A minimum of 8 hours in Accounting and Auditing is required. A maximum of 8 hours in Behavioral courses will be applied toward the 40-hour requirement. The month, day(s), and year must be shown in the Date columns. Courses must fall within the time period shown on the front of this form. Courses listed on attachments must show clearly the category and a total per category. Forms that have incorrect or incomplete information may be returned for correction, thus delaying your registration.

CPE Credit: One university/college semester credit hour equals 15 CPE hours
One university/college quarter credit hour equals 10 CPE hours
CPE is based on a 50-minute hour; round down to the nearest half-hour
A 6-hour program in one day equals 8 CPE hours

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, SEMINARS, AND EDUCATIONAL CLASSES ATTENDED:

School, Firm or Organization Conducting Program	Location of Program	Title of Program or Description of Content	Principal Instructor	Dates Attended **Mo/Day(s)/Year**	Hours Claimed	A&A Hours

TOTAL _____ _____

CORRESPONDENCE OR INDIVIDUAL STUDY PROGRAMS:

Credit may be claimed on the equivalency of the program to a comparable seminar or a comparable course for credit at an accredited education institution. **A maximum of 20 hours** may be claimed for courses completed within the CPE reporting period.

School or Organization Providing or Sponsoring the Program	Program Title or Description of Content	Date Completed **Mo/Day/Year**	Hours Claimed	A&A Hours

TOTAL _____ _____

SPEAKER, DISCUSSION LEADER OR INSTRUCTOR:

Use this section only to report CPE when **you** were the speaker, discussion leader, or instructor. Credit may be claimed equal to twice the number of actual hours of the session to allow for preparation and presentation time.

Sponsor of Program	Location of Program	Program Title or Description of Content	Dates of Program **Mo/Day(s)/Year**	Hours Claimed	A&A Hours

TOTAL _____ _____