

HOUSE BILL NO. 4502

May 15, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Carra, Fox, DeSana, Woolford, Kelly, Maddock and Schriver
and referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled
"Occupational code,"
by amending sections 725 and 727a (MCL 339.725 and 339.727a),
section 725 as amended by 2010 PA 215 and section 727a as amended
by 2018 PA 81.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 725. (1) The department shall issue a certificate as a
- 2 certified public accountant to an individual who meets all of the
- 3 following requirements:

1 (a) Is of good moral character.

2 (b) Has complied with the education requirements of subsection
3 (2).

4 (c) Has passed an examination meeting the requirements of
5 subsection (3).

6 (d) Has complied with the experience requirements of
7 subsection (4).

8 (e) Has completed ~~at least 150~~ **not less than 60** semester hours
9 of college education, including ~~a baccalaureate~~ **an associate** degree
10 or higher degree with a concentration in accounting, at an
11 educational institution approved by the board.

12 (2) An individual who has completed a curriculum required for
13 ~~a baccalaureate~~ **an associate** degree with a concentration in
14 accounting at an educational institution approved by the board may
15 sit for the examination required under subsection (3).

16 (3) An applicant for a certificate as a certified public
17 accountant shall pass an examination in accounting, auditing, and
18 other related subjects, acceptable to the department and the board,
19 that is given reciprocal status in the plurality of states as
20 compared to other examinations.

21 (4) For an application for a certificate as a certified public
22 accountant received on or after ~~the effective date of the~~
23 ~~amendatory act that added this subsection,~~ **November 23, 2010**, or an
24 application received before ~~that date~~ **November 23, 2010** if a
25 certificate of certified public accountant has not been issued, the
26 applicant ~~shall~~ **must** have 1 year of qualifying experience, all of
27 which is verified by a certified public accountant of this state,
28 ~~any other~~ **another** state, or any jurisdiction of the United States,
29 submitted on a form prescribed by the department. Qualified

1 experience is experience gained through employment in government,
2 industry, academia, or public practice in 1 or more of the
3 following areas:

4 (a) Audits of financial statements in accordance with the
5 applicable standards at the time of engagement.

6 (b) Reviews of financial statements in accordance with the
7 applicable standards at the time of engagement.

8 (c) Compilations of financial statements with complete
9 disclosure in accordance with the applicable standards at the time
10 of engagement.

11 (d) Attestation engagements in accordance with the applicable
12 standards at the time of engagement.

13 (e) Other auditing in accordance with applicable standards at
14 the time of engagement that leads to an expression of a written
15 opinion including any of the following:

16 (i) Reviews regarding internal control.

17 (ii) Operational audits.

18 (iii) Compliance audits.

19 (iv) Expressions of an opinion on financial forecasts and
20 projections.

21 (f) Performance of an independent internal audit function.

22 (g) Compliance audits of government contracts performed on
23 behalf of a government agency that result in the issuance of an
24 opinion or report.

25 (h) Audits performed on behalf of a government audit agency
26 that result in the issuance of an opinion or report.

27 (i) Preparation of income and nonprofit tax returns for any
28 taxing jurisdiction.

29 (j) Properly documented tax research.

1 (k) Representation of a client before a government agency on a
2 tax matter.

3 (l) Financial forecasts, analyses, and projections.

4 (m) Management advisory services including, but not limited
5 to, business valuation, forensic accounting, and fraud examination
6 services that meet applicable standards.

7 (n) Management and supervision of accounting functions and
8 preparing financial statements for profit or nonprofit entities.

9 (o) Professional accounting-related work in a public
10 accounting firm.

11 (p) Other work generally associated with the profession of
12 public accounting.

13 (5) An applicant for certification under this section shall
14 not receive credit as qualifying experience for **either of** the
15 following:

16 (a) Experience consisting of nonprofessional work, including
17 recruiting, industrial engineering, administration, bookkeeping,
18 and appraisals.

19 (b) Paraprofessional work that does not comply with subsection
20 (4) (o).

21 Sec. 727a. (1) An individual whose principal place of business
22 is not in this state is considered to have qualifications
23 substantially equivalent to this state's requirements, has all the
24 privileges of licensees of this state, and may practice public
25 accountancy without the need to obtain a certificate, license, or
26 temporary practice permit under this article, if the individual
27 meets either or both of the following:

28 (a) Holds a valid license as a certified public accountant
29 from another licensing jurisdiction that requires, as a condition

1 of licensure, that the individual meets all of the following:

2 (i) Has ~~at least 150~~ **not less than 60** semester hours of college
3 education including a ~~baccalaureate~~ **an associate degree** or higher
4 degree conferred by a college or university.

5 (ii) Achieves a passing grade on the uniform CPA exam.

6 (iii) Possesses ~~at least~~ **not less than** 1 year of experience
7 including providing any type of service or advice involving the use
8 of accounting, attest, compilation, management advisory, financial
9 advisory, tax, or consulting skills, all of which may be obtained
10 through government, industry, academic, or public practice as
11 verified by a licensee.

12 (b) Holds a valid license as a certified public accountant
13 from another licensing jurisdiction that does not meet the
14 requirements of subdivision (a), but has certified public
15 accountant qualifications that are substantially equivalent to
16 those requirements. Any individual who passed the uniform CPA exam
17 and holds a valid license issued by another licensing jurisdiction
18 before January 1, 2012 is exempt from the education requirement in
19 subdivision (a) (i) for purposes of this subdivision.

20 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual
21 who offers or renders professional services, whether in person or
22 by mail, telephone, or electronic means under this section, ~~shall~~
23 ~~be~~ **is** granted practice privileges in this state, and no notice,
24 fee, or other submission is required of that individual. An
25 individual described in this subsection is subject to the
26 requirements of section 734a.