Agency 74

Board of Accountancy

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Article 1.—EXAMINATIONS

74-1-4. Transfer of examination credit. An applicant for the certificate of certified public accountant who has passed two or more sections of the uniform certified public accountant examination under the jurisdiction of another state shall be given conditional credit by the board for passing those subjects if the applicant meets the following requirements:

(a) Has established residence in Kansas;

(b) has passed two or more sections of the uniform certified public accountant examination in accordance with K.A.R. 74-1-3, with the grades determined by the advisory grading service of the board of examiners of the American institute of certified public accountants;

(c) meets the education requirement prescribed by K.S.A. 1-302a, and amendments thereto; and

(d) at the time of applying to transfer the credit earned in another state, is still eligible to be reexamined in that state except for reason of change of residence. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1-202; implementing K.S.A. 1-302; effective Jan. 1, 1966; amended, E-82-27, Dec. 22, 1981; amended May 1, 1982; amended May 25, 2012.)

Article 2.—CPA EXAM APPLICATION AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

74-2-1. Applications for examination. (a) Each application to take the certified public accountant examination shall be submitted on a form provided by the board or its designee and shall be filed by a date specified in the application.

(b) An application shall not be considered filed until the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) All information requested on the form is provided.

(2) All fees are included with the application.

(3) Official transcripts and any documents that establish that the applicant has satisfied the education requirements in K.A.R. 74-2-7 and K.S.A. 1-302a, and amendments thereto, are provided with the application.

(4) All supporting documents identified in the application form are received, including proof of identity as specified in the application form.

(c) Each testing candidate shall notify the board or its designee of any change of home or business address within 30 days of the change. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1-202 and K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 1-304; implementing K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 1-304; effective Jan. 1, 1966; amended May 1, 1978; amended, E-82-27, Dec. 22, 1981; amended May 1, 1982; amended July 18, 1997; amended Nov. 17, 2000; amended Nov. 14, 2003; amended March 21, 2014.)

74-2-7. Concentration in accounting. (a) The "concentration in accounting" courses required to qualify for admission to the certified public accountant examination shall be as follows:

(1) At least 42 semester credit hours in business

and general education courses, including the following:

(A) A macroeconomics course, a microeconomics course, and one upper-division economics course;

(B) at least two courses in the legal aspects of business or business law;

(C) college algebra or higher-level math course;

(D) statistics and probability theory course;

(E) computer systems and applications course;

(F) finance course;

(G) management and administration course;

(H) marketing course; and

(I) production, operations research, or applications of quantitative techniques to business problems course;

(2) at least 11 semester credit hours in courses in written and oral communications; and

(3) at least 30 semester credit hours in courses in accounting theory and practice, including the following:

(A) Financial accounting and reporting for business organizations course, which may include any of the following:

(i) Intermediate accounting course;

(ii) advanced accounting course; or

(iii) accounting theory course;

(B) managerial accounting beyond an introductory course;

(C) auditing course concentrating on auditing standards generally accepted in the United States as issued by the AICPA auditing standards board or the PCAOB, or both;

(D) income tax course; and

(E) accounting systems beyond an introductory computer course.

(b) The following types of credits awarded by a college or university approved by the board shall be accepted by the board for purposes of determining compliance with subsection (a), if the credits are related to those areas specified in subsection (a):

(1) Credit for advanced placement;

(2) credit by examination;

(3) credit for military education; and

(4) credit for competency gained through experience.

Credits recognized by the board pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed a total of six semester hours.

(c) Credit shall not be allowed for any course that is only audited.

(d) Credit shall not be allowed for any course for which credit has already been received.

(e) Any credits earned for an accounting internship may count toward the overall 150-hour education requirement, but these credits shall not be acceptable in satisfaction of the required concentration in accounting courses.

(f) Credits earned for CPA exam review courses shall not be acceptable in satisfaction of the required 30 hours of accounting theory and practice. However, these credits may be used toward the overall 150-hour education requirement.

(g) Not to exceed a total of six hours, up to three hours of course requirements specified in paragraph (a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3) may be waived by the board, upon the applicant's demonstration of compelling circumstances and upon receipt of satisfactory verification that the applicant has otherwise met the requirements. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1-202 and K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 1-302a; implementing K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 1-302a; effective Jan. 1, 1973; amended Feb. 15, 1977; amended May 1, 1978; amended May 1, 1979; amended July 22, 1991; amended Sept. 25, 1998; amended Jan. 11, 2008; amended May 25, 2012; amended March 21, 2014.)

Article 4.—PERMITS TO PRACTICE AND CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

74-4-3a. Permit renewal. (a) Each application for renewal of a permit shall be submitted on a form provided by the board.

(b) A renewal application that is insufficient shall not be processed and shall be returned to the applicant.

(1) An application shall be deemed insufficient if it meets any of the following conditions:

(A) Is not completely filled out;

(B) lacks the required number of continuing professional education hours;

(C) lacks the required documentation; or

(D) does not include the renewal fee.

(2) If the renewal fee is paid by credit card, the application shall be deemed insufficient if it meets either of the following conditions:

(A) The information necessary to process the credit card payment is deficient.

(B) The credit card company rejects payment. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1-202; implementing K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 1-310 and K.S.A. 2010 Supp.

75-30,100; effective Nov. 17, 2000; amended Nov. 2, 2001; amended May 25, 2012.)

74-4-7. Continuing professional education requirements. (a)(1) Each applicant for renewal of a permit to practice as a certified public accountant in Kansas shall have completed 80 hours of acceptable continuing professional education (CPE) during each biennial period for renewal and shall be in possession of proof of attendance or completion of the CPE hours claimed before the applicant submits an application for renewal. Each applicant for renewal or reinstatement of a permit shall have completed two hours in professional ethics relating to the practice of certified public accountancy as part of the continuing professional education requirement.

(2) Ethics courses, which shall be defined as courses dealing with regulatory and behavioral ethics, shall be limited to courses on the following:

(A) Professional standards;

(B) licenses and renewals;

(C) SEC oversight;

(D) competence;

(E) acts discreditable;

(F) advertising and other forms of solicitation;

(G) independence;

(H) integrity and objectivity;

(I) confidential client information;

(J) contingent fees;

(K) commissions;

(L) conflicts of interest;

(M) full disclosure;

(N) malpractice;

(O) record retention;

(P) professional conduct;

(Q) ethical practice in business;

(R) personal ethics;

(S) ethical decision making; and

(T) corporate ethics and risk management as these topics relate to malpractice and relate solely to the practice of certified public accountancy.

(3) The subject of circular no. 230 issued by the federal department of the treasury shall not qualify for ethics CPE credit but shall qualify for non-ethics CPE credit.

(b) Each applicant for renewal of a permit to practice as a licensed municipal public accountant in Kansas shall have completed a 16-hour program of acceptable continuing professional education during each year within the biennial period. At least eight of the 16 hours shall be in the area of municipal accounting or auditing.

(c) The standards used to determine acceptable continuing professional education shall include the following:

(1) One hour of credit shall be granted for each 50 minutes of participation in a group, independent study, or self-study program. One-half hour of credit shall be granted for each 25-minute period after the first hour of credit has been earned.

(2) Hours devoted to actual preparation time by an instructor, discussion leader, or speaker for formal programs shall be computed at a maximum of up to twice the number of continuing professional education credits that a participant would be entitled to receive, in addition to the time for presentation. No CPE credit shall be granted for time devoted to preparation by a participant.

(3) Hours served as an instructor, discussion leader, or speaker shall be included to the extent that they contribute to the professional competence of the applicant in the practice of certified public accountancy. Repeated presentations of the same course shall not be counted unless it is demonstrated that the program content involved was substantially changed and the change required significant additional study or research.

(4) Hours devoted to actual preparation as specified in paragraph (c)(2) and hours served as an instructor, discussion leader, or speaker as specified in paragraph (c)(3) shall not exceed, alone or in combination, 50 percent of the total number of continuing education hours required for permit renewal.

(d) The requirements of subsection (a) may be waived by the board for reasons of health, military service, foreign residence, or retirement, or for other good cause determined by the board.

(e) Any applicant for renewal of a permit to practice as a certified public accountant may carry over a maximum of 20 hours of continuing professional education earned in the previous renewal period. Any professional ethics hours that exceed the two-hour requirement may be included in the 20-hour carryover, but these hours shall not be used to meet the professional ethics requirement for any subsequent renewal period.

(f) If an applicant for renewal fails to obtain the continuing professional education required by this regulation, the applicant may be required by the board to obtain an additional eight hours of continuing professional education within a period of time specified by the board before the applicant's permit to practice is renewed. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1-202, K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 1-

310, and K.S.A. 75-1119; effective, E-82-27, Dec. 22, 1981; effective May 1, 1982; amended May 1, 1985; amended July 13, 1992; amended Sept. 25, 1998; amended Nov. 17, 2000; amended Nov. 15, 2002; amended Nov. 14, 2003; amended May 19, 2006; amended May 23, 2008; amended May 29, 2009; amended May 25, 2012.)

74-4-8. Continuing professional education programs; requirements. (a) A program designed to allow a participant to learn a given subject through interaction with an instructor and other participants in a classroom or conference setting, or intrafirm program using the internet, may be approved for continuing professional education credit under K.A.R. 74-4-7 if the program meets the following conditions:

(1) It is a formal program of learning that maintains or improves the professional competence of a certified public accountant and requires attendance.

(2) Participants are informed in advance of the learning objectives, prerequisites, program level, program content, any requirements for advance preparation, instructional delivery methods, recommended CPE credit, and course registration requirements.

(3) The program is at least 50 minutes in length.

(4) The program is conducted by a person qualified in the subject area.

(5) The program sponsor issues to each participant a certificate of attendance that reflects the name of the program sponsor, title and description of content, date and location of the program, and number of CPE contact hours.

(6) A record of registration and attendance is retained for five years by the program sponsor.

(b) The following types of programs addressing the subjects of accounting, auditing, consulting services, specialized knowledge and applications, taxation, management of a practice, ethics, or personal development may qualify as acceptable continuing professional education if the programs meet the requirements of subsection (a):

(1) Programs of the American institute of certified public accountants, state societies and local chapters of certified public accountants, and providers of continuing education courses;

(2) technical sessions at meetings of the American institute of certified public accountants, and of state societies and local chapters of certified public accountants;

(3) university or college credit courses. Each semester hour of credit shall equal 15 hours of continuing education credit. Each quarter hour of credit shall equal 10 hours of continuing education credit;

(4) university or college non-credit courses. These courses shall qualify for continuing professional education credit that equals the number of actual, full 50-minute class hours attended; and

(5) formal, organized, in-firm or interfirm educational programs.

(c) Hours from personal development courses shall not exceed 30 percent of the total number of continuing education hours required for permit renewal. Personal development courses, which shall be defined as courses dealing with self-management and self-improvement both inside and outside of the business environment, shall be limited to courses on communication, leadership, character development, dealing effectively with others, interviewing, counseling, career planning, emotional growth and learning, and social interactions and relationships.

(d) Any author of a published article or book and any writer of a continuing professional education program may receive continuing professional education credit for the actual research and writing time if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The board determines that the research and writing maintain or improve the professional competence of the author or writer.

(2) The number of credit hours claimed is consistent with the quality and scope of the article, book, or program.

(3) The article or book has been published or the program was created during the biennial period for which credit is claimed.

(e) (1) Group internet-based programs and individual self-study programs that allow a participant to learn a particular subject without the major involvement of an instructor may be eligible for continuing education credit if all of the following requirements are met:

(A) The program sponsor shall meet one of the following requirements:

(i) Has been approved by NASBA's national registry of continuing professional education sponsors or NASBA's quality assurance service;

(ii) is sponsored through the American institute of certified public accountants; or

(iii) is sponsored through a state society of certified public accountants.

(B) The program shall require registration.

(C) The sponsor shall provide a certificate of satisfactory completion.

(2) In addition to meeting the requirements specified in paragraph (e)(1), each individual self-study program shall meet the following requirements:

(A) The program shall include a final examination.

(B) Each participant shall be required to score at least 70 percent on the final examination.

(f) The amount of credit for group internet-based programs and self-study programs shall be determined by the board, as follows:

(1) Programs may be approved for one hour of continuing professional education credit for each 50 minutes of participation and one-half credit for each 25-minute period of participation after the first hour of credit has been earned.

(2) The amount of credit shall not exceed the number of recommended hours assigned by the program sponsor.

(g) Independent study programs that are designed to allow a participant to learn a given subject under the guidance of a continuing professional education program sponsor may be eligible for continuing professional education credit if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The program meets one of the following requirements:

(A) Has been approved by NASBA's national registry of continuing professional education sponsors or NASBA's quality assurance service;

(B) is sponsored through the American institute of certified public accountants; or

(C) is sponsored through a state society of certified public accountants.

(2) The participant has a written learning contract with a program sponsor that contains a recommendation of the number of credit hours to be awarded upon successful completion of the program.

(3) The program sponsor reviews and signs a report indicating that all of the requirements of the independent study program, as outlined in the learning contract, are satisfied.

(4) The program is completed in 15 weeks or less.

(h) A participant in an independent study program may receive up to one hour of credit for each 50 minutes of participation and one-half hour of credit for each 25-minute period of participation after the first hour of credit has been earned. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1-202 and K.S.A. 75-1119; implementing K.S.A. 1-202, K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 1-310, and K.S.A. 75-1119; effective, E-82-27, Dec. 22, 1981; effective May 1, 1982; amended May 1, 1985; amended Feb. 14, 1994; amended Sept. 25, 1998; amended Nov. 2, 2001; amended Nov. 15, 2002; amended Nov. 14, 2003; amended May 27, 2005; amended May 19, 2006; amended May 23, 2008; amended May 29, 2009; amended Nov. 29, 2010; amended May 25, 2012.)

74-4-9. Continuing professional education controls and reporting. (a) At the time of applying for renewal of the permit to practice, each applicant shall sign a statement indicating the applicant's compliance with the requirements in K.A.R. 74-4-7 and 74-4-8, unless the applicant qualifies for the exemption outlined in K.S.A. 1-310 and amendments thereto.

(b)(1) Any applicant may be required by the board to verify the number of CPE hours claimed in subsection (a), on a form provided by the board, which shall include the following information:

(A) The name of the organization, school, firm, or other sponsor conducting the program or course;

(B) the location of the program or course attended;

(C) the title of the program or course, or a brief description;

(D) the dates attended or the date the program or course was completed; and

(E) the number of continuing professional education credits that the applicant received for participating in a program or course.

(2) Each applicant specified in paragraph (b)(1) shall provide the board with a certificate of completion or attendance for all attended, group, independent, and self-study program CPE hours claimed. Each certificate of completion or attendance shall include the name of the sponsor, title and description of content, date and location of the program or course attended, and number of CPE contact hours.

(3) For instruction credit, each applicant shall provide the board with a certificate or other verification supplied by the CPE program sponsor.

(4) For a university or college course that is successfully completed for credit, each applicant shall provide the board with an official transcript of the grade that the participant received.

(5) For a university or college non-credit course, each applicant shall provide the board

with a certificate of attendance issued by a representative of the university or college.

(c) Each applicant shall retain documentation of completion or attendance for any continuing professional education program or course for five years from the end of the year in which the program or course was completed.

(d) Each applicant required to verify the number of CPE hours claimed shall respond to the board's request for verification within 30 days. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1-202 and K.S.A. 75-1119; implementing K.S.A. 1-202, K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 1-310, and K.S.A. 75-1119; effective, E-82-27, Dec. 22, 1981; effective May 1, 1982; amended May 1, 1985; amended Sept. 25, 1998; amended Nov. 22, 2002; amended Nov. 14, 2003; amended May 23, 2008; amended Nov. 29, 2010; amended March 21, 2014.)

74-4-10. Continuing education requirements for renewal of initial or reinstated permits. (a) To renew an initial or reinstated permit to practice as a certified public accountant in Kansas, each applicant shall complete the number of continuing professional education (CPE) hours proportionate to the number of hours required for the renewal period, given the number of full months from the date of the issuance of the permit to the June 30 renewal date. This requirement shall include two hours of ethics.

(b) CPE hours used to reinstate a permit shall not be used toward a subsequent renewal of a permit.

(c) Continuing education credit obtained by the applicant on and after July 1 of the issuance year of the permit may be used to satisfy the continuing education requirement in subsection (a) if the credit meets the requirements specified in K.A.R. 74-4-7 and 74-4-8 and was not used to reinstate a permit. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1-202; implementing K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 1-310; effective, E-82-27, Dec. 22, 1981; effective May 1, 1982; amended Sept. 25, 1998; amended Sept. 10, 1999; amended Nov. 17, 2000; amended May 23, 2008; amended May 25, 2012.)

Article 5.—CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

74-5-2. Definitions. Each of the following terms, wherever used in this article, shall have the meaning specified in this regulation:

(a) "AICPA" means American institute of certified public accountants.

(b) "AICPA professional standards" means the standards, including definitions and interpretations, in "AICPA professional standards," volumes 1, 2, and 3, published by the AICPA, as in effect on June 1, 2013, which are hereby adopted by reference, except for the following portions:

(1) In volume 1, pages iii-xxiii, preface material;

(2) in volume 2, the following:

(A) Pages 1567-1592, preface material; and

(B) pages 2497-2574, appendixes and topical index; and

(3) in volume 3, the following:

(A) Pages 2575-2593, table of contents;

(B) pages 3003-3010, appendixes;

(C) pages 3033 through 3195, bylaws of the AICPA;

(D) pages 3569 through 3592, continuing professional education;

(E) pages 2913 through 2932, section 191 under rules 101 and 102;

(F) pages 2987 through 3002, section 591 under rules 501, 502, and 503;

(G) pages 3009 through 3010, council resolution concerning rule 505;

(H) pages 2953 through 2960, section 391 under rules 301 and 302;

(I) page 2937, section 202; and

(J) pages 2943 through 2945, section 291 under rules 201, 202, and 203.

All definitions included in the standards adopted in this subsection shall apply only to the documents adopted by reference.

(c) "Audit" means an independent examination of financial information or assertions of any entity, regardless of profit orientation, size, and legal form, if the examination is conducted to express an opinion thereon.

(d) "Board" means Kansas state board of accountancy.

(e) "Certified public accountant" and "CPA" mean any of the following:

(1) A holder of a Kansas certificate;

(2) a person practicing certified public accountancy under the authorization to practice by notification as provided in K.S.A. 1-322 and amendments thereto; or

(3) a firm.

(f) "Compilation" shall have the meaning specified in K.S.A. 1-321 and amendments thereto.

(g) "Firm" shall have the meaning specified in K.S.A. 1-321 and amendments thereto.

(h) "Generally accepted accounting principles" and "GAAP" mean the following standards, as ap-

plicable, in effect as specified and hereby adopted by reference:

(1) "Federal accounting standards," issued by the federal accounting standards advisory board (FASAB) as follows:

(A) "FASAB handbook of federal accounting standards and other pronouncements, as amended," as in effect on June 30, 2012, except for the following portions: the forward, the preamble, appendixes A-E, all sections titled "basis of conclusions," and all sections titled "basis of the board's conclusions";

(B) statement of federal financial accounting standards 44, "accounting for impairment of general property, plant, and equipment remaining in use," dated January 3, 2013, except pages 4-7 and appendix A; and

(C) statement of federal financial accounting standards 45, "deferral of the transition to basic information for long-term projections," dated July 8, 2013, except appendix A;

(2) "FASB accounting standards codification," including accounting standards updates, as contained in volumes 1 through 4, published by the financial accounting standards board (FASB), as in effect on October 31, 2012, except pages 36-42 in volume 1 and the topical index in volume 4;

(3) "codification of governmental accounting and financial reporting standards," except for pages viii through xvii, appendices A, B, and C, and pages T-1 through T-127, issued by the governmental accounting standards board, as in effect on June 30, 2012; and

(4) "international financial reporting standards®" (IFRSs®), parts A and B, issued by the international accounting standards board, as in effect on January 1, 2013, except the following:

(A) In part A, pages A-3 through A-8 and the index;

(B) in part B, pages B-2071 through B-2121; and

(C) all sections titled "basis for conclusions."

(i) "Government auditing standards" means the "government auditing standards" issued by the United States government accountability office, 2011 revision, revised on January 20, 2012, which is hereby adopted by reference, except pages 1-3, appendixes 1 and 3, and the index.

(j) "Licensed municipal public accountant" and "LMPA" mean a holder of a permit issued under the laws of Kansas to practice as a municipal public accountant.

(k) "PCAOB" means the public company accounting oversight board created by the Sarbanes-Oxley act of 2002.

(l) "Practice of certified public accountancy" means performing or offering to perform attest or nonattest services for the public while using the designation "certified public accountant" or "CPA" in conjunction with these services. "Attest" and "nonattest" services shall have the meaning specified in K.S.A. 1-321 and amendments thereto.

(m) "Standards of the PCAOB" means the following, which are hereby adopted by reference:

(1) The following standards and related rules in "bylaws and rules of the public accounting oversight board" as in effect on August 25, 2011:

(A) Auditing standards numbers 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7;

(B) conforming amendments to PCAOB interim standards; and

(C) rules, section 3, "professional standards," part 1, "general requirements," and part 5, "ethics"; and

(2) auditing standards numbers 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, as in effect on June 30, 2013.

(n) "Staff accountant" means a certified public accountant who meets the following requirements:

(1) Holds both a Kansas certificate and a Kansas permit;

(2) is employed by a firm that is the certified public accountant's primary employer; and

(3) works at least 1,040 hours for the firm during a calendar year. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1-202; effective Jan. 1, 1974; amended May 1, 1978; amended May 1, 1979; amended May 1, 1985; amended July 22, 1991; amended July 13, 1992; amended April 5, 1993; amended Aug. 23, 1993; amended Jan. 12, 1996; amended Jan. 8, 1999; amended Nov. 17, 2000; amended Nov. 2, 2001; amended May 27, 2005; amended May 19, 2006; amended Feb. 16, 2007; amended Jan. 11, 2008; amended May 29, 2009; amended Nov. 29, 2010; amended May 25, 2012; amended March 21, 2014.)

74-5-2a. Definitions of terms in the AICPA professional standards. The definitions of the terms in section 92 of the "AICPA professional standards," as adopted by reference in K.A.R. 74-5-2, shall be applicable wherever these terms are used in this article, including any document adopted by reference in this article. (Au-

thorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1-202; effective May 29, 2009.)

74-5-101. Independence. (a) Each certified public accountant and each licensed municipal public accountant who performs professional services requiring independence shall comply with the following standards, as applicable:

(1) Rule 101 of the code of professional conduct, including the interpretations under rule 101, as contained in the "AICPA professional standards" adopted by reference in K.A.R. 74-5-2;

(2) chapter three of the government auditing standards adopted by reference in K.A.R. 74-5-2;

(3) regulation S-X codified at 17 C.F.R. Part 210, as in effect on September 3, 2013, which is hereby adopted by reference; and

(4) PCAOB rules, section 3, "professional standards," part 5, "ethics," as adopted by reference in K.A.R. 74-5-2.

(b) In determining whether a certified public accountant's or a licensed municipal public accountant's independence is impaired, any other circumstances, relationship, or activity that the board determines could impair independence may be considered by the board. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1-202; effective Jan. 1, 1966; amended Jan. 1, 1972; amended Jan. 1, 1974; amended May 1, 1978; amended May 1, 1985; amended Nov. 15, 2002; amended May 27, 2005; amended May 19, 2006; amended Feb. 16, 2007; amended Jan. 11, 2008; amended May 29, 2009; amended Nov. 29, 2010; amended May 25, 2012; amended March 21, 2014.)

74-5-102. Integrity and objectivity. (a) In the performance of professional services, each certified public accountant and each licensed municipal public accountant shall maintain objectivity and integrity, shall be free of conflicts of interest, and shall not knowingly misrepresent facts to others or subordinate the accountant's or firm's judgment to another's judgment. In tax practice, any certified public accountant or licensed municipal public accountant may resolve doubt in favor of the client if there is reasonable support for that position.

(b) Each certified public accountant and each licensed municipal public accountant shall comply with the following applicable standards:

(1) Rule 102 of the code of professional conduct, including the interpretations under rule 102, as contained in the "AICPA professional standards" adopted by reference in K.A.R. 74-5-2, which shall be used in determining whether integrity and objectivity have been maintained;

(2) chapter three of the government auditing standards adopted by reference in K.A.R. 74-5-2; and

(3) PCAOB rules, section 3, "professional standards," part 5, "ethics," as adopted by reference in K.A.R. 74-5-2. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1-202 and K.S.A. 75-1119; effective Jan. 1, 1966; amended Jan. 1, 1974; amended May 1, 1978; amended May 1, 1985; amended Nov. 15, 2002; amended May 27, 2005; amended May 19, 2006; amended May 29, 2009.)

74-5-103. Commissions and referral fees. Each certified public accountant shall comply with rule 503 of the code of professional conduct regarding commissions and referral fees, including the interpretations under rule 503, as contained in the "AICPA professional standards" adopted by reference in K.A.R. 74-5-2. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1-202; effective May 1, 1978; amended July 13, 1992; amended Jan. 12, 1996; amended Jan. 8, 1999; amended Sept. 10, 1999; amended May 27, 2005; amended May 29, 2009.)

74-5-201. General standards. Each certified public accountant or licensed municipal public accountant shall comply with rule 201 of the code of professional conduct regarding general standards, including the interpretations under rule 201, as contained in the "AICPA professional standards" adopted by reference in K.A.R. 74-5-2. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1-202; effective Jan. 1, 1966; amended Jan. 1, 1972; amended Jan. 1, 1974; amended May 1, 1978; amended May 1, 1985; amended May 27, 2005; amended Jan. 11, 2008; amended May 29, 2009.)

74-5-202. Compliance with standards. (a) Each certified public accountant who performs auditing, attestation, review, compilation, management consulting, tax, or other professional services shall comply with the applicable professional standards promulgated by the following entities, which are adopted by reference in K.A.R. 74-5-2 and this regulation:

(1) The federal accounting standards advisory board;

(2) the financial accounting standards board;

(3) the governmental accounting standards board;

(4) the PCAOB;

(5) the international accounting standards board;

(6) the municipal services team of the office of the chief financial officer, Kansas department of administration;

(7) the AICPA accounting and review services committee;

(8) the AICPA auditing standards board;

(9) the AICPA management consulting services executive committee;

(10) the AICPA tax executive committee;

(11) the AICPA forensic and valuation services executive committee;

(12) the AICPA professional ethics executive committee; and

(13) the AICPA personal financial planning executive committee.

(b) Each licensed municipal public accountant shall comply with applicable, generally accepted auditing standards in the 2013 revised "Kansas municipal audit and accounting guide," including appendices A through N, prescribed by the division of accounts and reports, department of administration, and hereby adopted by reference. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1-202 and K.S.A. 75-1119; effective Jan. 1, 1966; amended Jan. 1, 1972; amended Jan. 1, 1974; amended May 1, 1978; amended, E-82-27, Dec. 22, 1981; amended May 1, 1982; amended May 1, 1985; amended May 1, 1986; amended May 1, 1987; amended May 1, 1988; amended May 22, 1989; amended Jan. 7, 1991; amended July 13, 1992; amended Aug. 23, 1993; amended Sept. 26, 1994; amended Jan. 12, 1996; amended Sept. 25, 1998; amended Sept. 10, 1999; amended Nov. 17, 2000; amended Nov. 2, 2001; amended Nov. 15, 2002; amended Nov. 14, 2003; amended May 27, 2005; amended May 19, 2006; amended Feb. 16, 2007; amended Jan. 11, 2008; amended May 29, 2009; amended Nov. 29, 2010; amended May 25, 2012; amended March 21, 2014.)

74-5-203. Accounting principles. Each certified public accountant or licensed municipal public accountant shall comply with rule 203 of the code of professional conduct regarding accounting principles, including the interpretations under rule 203, as contained in the "AICPA professional standards" adopted by reference in K.A.R. 74-5-2. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1-202 and K.S.A. 75-1119; effective Jan. 1, 1966; amended Jan. 1, 1974; amended May 1, 1978; amended, E-82-27, Dec. 22, 1981; amended May 1, 1982; amended May 1, 1985; amended May 1, 1986; amended May 1, 1987; amended May 1, 1988; amended May 22, 1989; amended Jan. 7, 1991; amended July 13, 1992; amended Aug. 23, 1993; amended Sept. 26, 1994; amended Jan. 12, 1996; amended Sept. 25, 1998; amended Sept. 10, 1999; amended Nov. 17, 2000; amended May 27, 2005; amended May 19, 2006; amended Nov. 29, 2010.)

74-5-301. Confidential client information. (a) A certified public accountant shall not disclose any confidential client information without the consent of the client.

(b) Rule 301 of the code of professional conduct, including the interpretations under rule 301 of the "AICPA professional standards" adopted by reference in K.A.R. 74-5-2, shall be used by the board in determining compliance with subsection (a). (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1-202; effective Jan. 1, 1966; amended Jan. 1, 1974; amended May 1, 1978; amended Sept. 25, 1998; amended May 27, 2005; amended May 29, 2009.)

74-5-302. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1-202; effective Jan. 1, 1966; amended Jan. 1, 1974; amended May 1, 1978; amended Nov. 2, 2001; amended Nov. 15, 2002; amended May 29, 2009; revoked May 25, 2012.)

74-5-401. Acts discreditable. (a) A certified public accountant shall not commit any act discreditable to the profession.

(b) Rule 501 of the code of professional conduct, including the terminology and interpretations under rule 501 of the "AICPA professional standards" adopted by reference in K.A.R. 74-5-2. Rule 501, including the interpretations, shall be used by the board in determining whether a certified public accountant has committed an act discreditable to the profession. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1-202; effective Jan. 1, 1966; amended Jan. 1, 1972; amended Jan. 1, 1974; amended May 1, 1978; amended Nov. 15, 2002; amended May 27, 2005; amended May 29, 2009.)

74-5-403. Advertising. (a) A certified public accountant shall not advertise in a manner that is false, misleading, or deceptive.

(b) The use of any non-CPA's name or the name of any entity not registered with the board as a CPA firm in any advertisement or publication or under any heading used for certified public accountants shall be prohibited.

(c) Rule 502 of the code of professional con-

duct, including the interpretations under rule 502 as contained in the "AICPA professional standards" adopted by reference in K.A.R. 74-5-2, shall be used by the board in determining whether a certified public accountant has violated subsection (a). (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1-202; effective May 1, 1978; amended May 1, 1985; amended July 22, 1991; amended May 27, 2005; amended Feb. 16, 2007; amended May 29, 2009.)

74-5-405a. Certified public accountants who own a separate business. Each certified public accountant in the practice of certified public accountancy who owns an interest in a separate business shall comply with interpretation 505-2 of the code of professional conduct, as contained in the "AICPA professional standards" adopted by reference in K.A.R. 74-5-2. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1-202; implementing K.S.A. 1-202 and K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 1-311; effective Jan. 11, 2008; amended May 29, 2009.)

74-5-406. Firm or professional names. (a) A certified public accountant or firm shall not practice certified public accountancy under a firm or professional name or advertise a firm or professional name that includes descriptive words relating to the quality of services offered or that is misleading concerning the legal form or the persons who are owners, partners, officers, members, managers, or shareholders of the firm.

(b) A firm or professional name shall not be considered to be misleading solely because it contains words describing the geographical area in which the services are offered or words describing the type of services actually being performed by the certified public accountants who are owners, partners, officers, members, managers, or shareholders of the firm.

(c) A firm or professional name or designation shall be considered to be misleading in any of the following instances:

(1) The name contains a misrepresentation of facts.

(2) The name is intended or is likely to create false or unjustified expectations of favorable results.

(3) The name implies education, professional attainment, or licensing recognition of its owners, partners, officers, members, managers, or shareholders that is not supported by facts.

(4) The name of a Kansas professional corporation or association, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or general corporation does not include its full legal name each time the firm or professional name is used.

(5) The terms "& Company," "& Associate," or "Group" are used, but the entity does not include, in addition to the named partner, shareholder, owner, or member, at least one other unnamed partner, shareholder, owner, member, or staff accountant holding both a Kansas certificate and a Kansas permit to practice.

(6) The plural term "& Associates" is used, but the entity does not include, in addition to the named partner, shareholder, owner, or member, at least two other unnamed partners, shareholders, owners, members, or staff accountants holding both a Kansas certificate and a Kansas permit to practice.

(7) The name contains the name or names of one or more former partners, shareholders, or owners without their written consent.

(d) A fictitious firm or professional name shall be defined as a name that does not contain the name or names of one or more present or former owners, partners, members, or shareholders. A fictitious firm or professional name may be used if the name is registered with the board and is not false or misleading as determined by the board. Each firm shall utilize its full name as registered with the board each time the name is used.

(e) A fictitious firm or professional name that includes the terms "& Company," "& Associate," or "Group" shall be considered misleading if the firm has only one partner, shareholder, owner, or member and no other partner, shareholder, owner, member, or staff accountant holding both a Kansas certificate and a Kansas permit to practice.

(f) A fictitious firm or professional name that includes the term "& Associates" shall be considered misleading if the firm or professional name has only one partner, shareholder, owner, or member and only one or no other partner, shareholder, owner, member, or staff accountant holding both a Kansas certificate and a Kansas permit to practice.

(g) Each certified public accountant or firm that falls out of compliance with this regulation due to any change in ownership or personnel shall notify the board within 30 days after the change. A reasonable period of time may be granted by the board for a firm or certified public accountant to take corrective action.

(h) If a firm does not have an office in Kansas

but is required to register with the board pursuant to K.S.A. 1-308 and amendments thereto, the name shall not be considered misleading even if the name meets the criteria for being "misleading" as specified in paragraph (c)(5) or (6) or subsection (e) or (f) of this regulation. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1-202; implementing K.S.A. 1-202 and K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 1-308; effective May 1, 1978; amended Oct. 8, 1990; amended Aug. 23, 1993; amended Jan. 12, 1996; amended Sept. 25, 1998; amended Sept. 10, 1999; amended Nov. 15, 2002; amended Jan. 11, 2008; amended May 29, 2009; amended March 21, 2014.)

74-5-407. Cooperation with the board. Each certified public accountant or licensed municipal public accountant shall cooperate in a timely manner with the board in its investigation of complaints or possible violations of the accounting statutes or the regulations of the board. Cooperation shall include responding to written communications from the board sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, within a reasonable time frame specified by the board or appearing before the board, or one or more of its members, upon request. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1-202 and K.S.A. 75-1119(a); effective May 1, 1978; amended May 1, 1979; amended, E-82-27, Dec. 22, 1981; amended May 1, 1982; amended May 1, 1985; amended Sept. 25, 1998; amended March 21, 2014.)

Article 6.—ADDITIONAL OFFICES

74-6-2. Management of an office. (a) Each firm or sole proprietorship with an office, as defined by K.A.R. 74-6-1, that is located in this state shall have one resident manager in charge of the office who is the holder of a current permit to practice as a certified public accountant issued by this state and who devotes more than half of the resident manager's working time to the affairs of that office.

(b) Any firm or sole proprietorship specified in subsection (a) may, however, have additional offices if the additional office or offices meet the following requirements:

(1) A certified public accountant who holds a current Kansas permit to practice shall supervise directly each additional office as the resident manager and shall oversee the planning, administration, direction, and review of the services being performed in that office.

(2) The resident manager shall be present at least two-thirds of the hours each office is listed as being open.

(3) The firm or sole proprietorship shall register each additional office by providing a written statement to the board, listing the name of the resident manager and the days and hours the additional office will be advertised as being open. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1-202; implementing K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 1-308; effective Jan. 1, 1972; amended May 1, 1980; amended May 1, 1982; amended Aug. 21, 1989; amended Aug. 23, 1993; amended Jan. 12, 1996; amended Sept. 25, 1998; amended Nov. 17, 2000; amended Nov. 29, 2010; amended March 21, 2014.)

Article 7.—FIRM REGISTRATION

74-7-4. Notification; firm registration; sole proprietors. Each certified public accountant who is an unincorporated sole proprietor shall perform the following, upon the issuance of the first report subject to peer review:

(a) Notify the board, on a form provided by the board;

(b) register as a firm with the board in compliance with K.S.A. 1-308 and amendments thereto; and

(c) provide a peer review letter of completion to the board within 18 months after the date on which the report subject to peer review was issued. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1-202; implementing K.S.A. 1-202 and K.S.A. 1-308; effective Nov. 15, 2002; amended May 29, 2009.)

Article 11.—PEER REVIEW PROGRAM

74-11-6. Definitions. Each of the following terms, wherever used in this article, shall have the meaning specified in this regulation:

(a) "AICPA" means American institute of certified public accountants.

(b) "AICPA professional standards" means the "AICPA professional standards," volumes 1, 2, and 3, published by the AICPA, as in effect on June 1, 2013, which are adopted by reference in K.A.R. 74-5-2.

(c) "Firm" shall have the meaning specified in K.S.A. 1-321 and amendments thereto.

(d) "Peer review" means a review of a firm's accounting and auditing practice in accordance with the standards for performing and reporting on peer reviews.

(e) "Peer review team" means persons or or-

ganizations participating in the peer review program required by this article. This term shall specifically include the team captain, team members, review captain, the report acceptance committee, and the oversight body, but shall not include the board.

(f) "Standards for performing and reporting on peer reviews" means the AICPA "standards for performing and reporting on peer reviews" contained in volume three of the AICPA professional standards, as adopted by reference in K.A.R. 74-5-2.

(g)(1) "Substantially similar program" means a peer review program that meets the following requirements:

(A) The peer review team shall be approved by a nationally recognized accounting organization as having the qualifications, training, and experience to perform the peer review function required by this regulation.

(B)(i) The peer review shall be conducted pursuant to peer review standards as issued by a nationally recognized peer review program that has received prior approval by the board; or

(ii) the peer review shall be conducted pursuant to a written submission detailing the qualifications of the peer review team to conduct the peer review and providing a written plan for the peer review illustrating the means of compliance with this regulation with the prior specific approval of the board.

(2) Each inspection performed by the PCAOB of areas of a firm's practice related to audits of issuers, as defined by the public company accounting oversight board, shall be deemed to satisfy the peer review requirements related to this element of the firm's practice.

(h) For peer reviews commencing on and after January 1, 2009, "modified peer review report" shall mean a peer review report with a peer review rating of "pass with deficiencies," as defined in the AICPA standards for performing and reporting on peer reviews.

(i) For peer reviews commencing on and after January 1, 2009, "adverse peer review report" shall mean a peer review report with a peer review rating of "fail," as defined in the AICPA standards for performing and reporting on peer reviews. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1-202, K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 1-312, and K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 1-501; effective Feb. 14, 1994; amended Sept. 25, 1998; amended Sept. 10, 1999; amended Nov. 17, 2000; amended Nov. 2, 2001; amended Nov. 15, 2002; amended Nov. 14, 2003; amended May 27, 2005; amended May 19, 2006; amended Feb. 16, 2007; amended May 29, 2009; amended May 25, 2012; amended March 21, 2014.)

74-11-7. Renewal of a firm's registration. (a) Each application for renewal of a firm's registration shall include one of the following:

(1) A letter issued by the administering entity stating that a peer review has been completed and including a due date for the next peer review;

(2) a letter issued by the administering entity stating that the peer review is in process; or

(3) a completed form titled "peer review form," which shall be provided by the board and completed by the firm.

(b) For the purpose of this regulation, for a peer review to be "in process" shall mean that the peer review report has been issued to the firm and the report and, if applicable, the letter of response have been submitted to the administering entity. However, the letter stating that the peer review has been completed and signifying a due date for the next peer review has not been issued.

(c) If a firm has received a waiver pursuant to K.S.A. 1-501 and amendments thereto, before commencement of any attestation engagement, the firm shall have in place a system of internal quality control and shall notify the board. The firm shall provide a letter of completion to the board within 18 months after the date on which the report subject to peer review was issued.

(d) The letter of completion shall be valid until the due date for the next peer review specified in the letter of completion. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1-202; implementing K.S.A. 1-202 and K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 1-501; effective Feb. 14, 1994; amended Sept. 25, 1998; amended Nov. 2, 2001; amended Nov. 15, 2002; amended Nov. 14, 2003; amended May 19, 2006; amended Nov. 29, 2010; amended March 21, 2014.)

74-11-15. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1-202 and K.S.A. 1-501; effective Nov. 2, 2001; amended May 27, 2005; revoked March 21, 2014.)

Article 12.—FEES

74-12-1. Fees. Each applicant shall submit the appropriate application form and fee as shown in the following schedule.

(a)	Issuance of Kansas certificate (initial or duplicate)	$25.00

(b) Issuance of reciprocal certificate $250.00
(c) Initial permit to practice as a certified public accountant:
(1) For more than one year of a biennial period $150.00
(2) For one year or less of a biennial period ... $75.00
(d) Renewal of biennial permit to practice as a certified public accountant:
(1) If received on or before July 1 of the renewal year in which the permit expires $150.00
(2) If received after July 1 of the renewal year in which the permit expires $225.00
(e) Reinstatement of permit to practice as a certified public accountant whose permit has expired:
(1) For more than one year of a biennial period $225.00
(2) For one year or less of a biennial period ... $112.50
(f) Issuance of a duplicate permit $25.00
(g) Renewal of a biennial permit to practice as a licensed municipal public accountant:
(1) If received on or before July 1 of the odd-numbered renewal years $50.00
(2) If received after July 1, or for reinstatement of a permit to practice that has been expired for one or more years $75.00
(h) To proctor another state's candidate at a CPA examination in Kansas $100.00
(i) Firm registration fee:
(1) Initial registration $40.00
(2) Annual renewal $40.00
(3) Late renewal $60.00

(Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 1-301 and K.S.A. 75-1119; effective May 1, 1988; amended May 22, 1989; amended Dec. 18, 1989; amended Sept. 26, 1994; amended Aug. 23, 1996; amended July 18, 1997; amended May 28, 1999; amended November 29, 1999; amended Nov. 17, 2000; amended Nov. 2, 2001; amended Nov. 14, 2003; amended Nov. 29, 2010.)

Article 15.—UNIFORM ACCOUNTANCY ACT

74-15-2. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1999 Supp. 1-202, as amended by L. 2000, Ch. 81, § 4, and L. 2000, Ch. 81, § 2; implementing L. 2000, Ch. 81, § 2; effective Nov. 17, 2000; revoked Nov. 29, 2010.)