

You've passed the Uniform CPA Exam! Congratulations!

The most arduous part of the road to certification is complete. Below are the next steps in the process of getting certified in Illinois.

1. At the close of score processing, the Illinois Board of Examiners staff pulls the files of those candidates who have just completed the final section of the exam. We pull files twice during each testing window. Once at the close of the first score release and again at the close of all score processing. The date YOU receive your final pass score or the date your tested doesn't necessarily mean your file will be pulled immediately. The schedule is approximately as follows:

<u>Testing window</u>	<u>First batch pulled</u>	<u>Second batch pulled</u>
January-February	4 th week of February	4 th week of March
April-May	4 th week of May	4 th week of June
July-August	4 th week of August	4 th week of September
October-November	4 th week of November	1 st week of January

2. Each batch is checked for verification of completion of the required ethics course and exam received directly from the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA). The board accepts only "Professional Ethics: The AICPA's Comprehensive Course". See our web page www.ilboa.org for more detailed information about the requirement, how to obtain the course, etc.
3. Once your file is complete, the Board approves your certification. We notify you by letter of your Illinois CPA certificate number and date of issue.
4. A list of names is sent to our print shop for production of your wall certificate approximately 2-3 weeks after your certificate number and date of issue are assigned. There is no charge for the wall certificate and it will be mailed separately. Please be sure to keep your address up-to-date in our office. Here is the link to the address change form <http://www.illinois-cpa-exam.com/files/addchgfm.pdf> or you can update your mailing address online at www.ilboa.org. Click on the online link. If you have not used the online database before, please contact us for your user ID and password to make sure you have access to your personal application and testing information in our database. Please do NOT create a new user ID and password.
5. As of October 1, 2006, you may not hold out as a CPA in Illinois unless you obtain a registration license or license to practice public accounting from the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Information about licensure can be found at the following link <http://www.idfpr.com/dpr/WHO/pa.asp>

Every two weeks we transmit the names of newly certified CPAs to the Department to facilitate your licensing application.

6. Once certified, you will be able to look up your name on our online certification lookup in the Public Services area of the online database. Again, congratulations!