

Licensing, Continuing Professional Education and Enforcement

Inquiries regarding the license to practice as a public accountant, registration of your CPA certificate and the requirements for continuing professional education must be directed to:

*Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation
Public Accountancy Section
320 W. Washington St., 3rd Floor
Springfield, IL 62786.*

There are two types of CPA licenses in Illinois. In order to practice Public Accounting in Illinois (audit/attest function), you must be licensed. In order to hold out as a CPA (but not practicing public accounting) you must hold a Registration License. The following information is provided as a service. The Board of Examiners does not have authority over any type of licensing. We recommend that you first utilize their web page for information. If you cannot find an answer, then call the Springfield offices.

- To verify a License - use Website <http://www.idfpr.com/dpr/default.asp>
- To contact them by email: http://www.idfpr.com/dpr/e_mail/prfgrp03.asp
- If you wish to obtain a Registration License for your Illinois CPA certificate, go to http://www.idfpr.com/FAQ/DPR/toggledpr_RCPA.asp for a list of Frequently Asked Questions and how to obtain an application.
- General Inquiries (no application on file): 217-782-8556
- If you already have an Illinois license: 217-782-0458
- Enforcement Division (to make a complaint about a Licensed or Registered CPA): 312-814-6910

Continuing professional education (CPE) is required only for persons that hold a CPA License that authorizes you to practice public accounting. CPE is not required to maintain a valid CPA certificate in Illinois or to maintain a Registered License.

You can find details about CPE requirements in Section 16 of the Illinois Public Accounting Act, <http://www.illinois-cpa-exam.com/files/pubact.pdf>