

21 NCAC 08F .0502 APPLICATION FOR CPA CERTIFICATE

(a) A person applying for a certificate of qualification shall file with the Board an application and an experience affidavit on forms provided by the Board and supporting documentation to determine that the applicant has met the statutory and rule requirements. CPA certificate applications and fee information are on the Board's website as set forth in 21 NCAC 08A .0102 or may be requested from the Board.

(b) The application for a CPA certificate shall include three certificates of good moral character on forms as identified per Rule .0505 of this Section and provided by the Board which shall be completed by CPAs. The certificate of good moral character will require CPAs to describe their familiarity with the applicant and to state whether they believe the applicant will conscientiously observe the professional responsibilities of a CPA. They will also disclose whether they are aware of any events that need to be disclosed pursuant to Paragraph (c) of this Rule. The Board shall conduct a background check of the applicant including a check of criminal records.

(c) An applicant shall include as part of any application for a CPA certificate a statement of explanation and a certified copy of final disposition if the applicant has been arrested, charged, convicted or found guilty of, received a prayer for judgment continued, or pleaded nolo contendere to any criminal offense. An applicant shall not be required to disclose any arrest, charge, or conviction that has been expunged by the court.

(d) If an applicant has been denied any license by any state or federal agency, the applicant shall also include as part of the application for the CPA certificate a statement explaining such denial. An applicant shall include a statement of explanation and a certified copy of applicable license records if the applicant has been registered with or licensed by a state or federal agency and has been disciplined by that agency.

(e) No application for a certificate shall be considered while the applicant is serving a sentence for any criminal offense. Serving a sentence includes incarceration, probation (supervised or unsupervised), parole, or conditionally suspended sentence, any of which are imposed as a result of having been convicted or having pled to a criminal charge.

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