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Accountants and Tax Preparers Pass ACAT Exams; Eligible for Professional Credentials

ALEXANDRIA, VA, July 19, 2011 — More than two dozen accountants and tax preparers passed the ABA Accredited Business Accountant[®] (ABA) and Accredited Tax Preparer[®] (ATP) examinations offered during the May-June 2011 testing window by the Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation (ACAT). One person also passed by Accredited Tax Advisor[®] exam, which is also offered by ACAT.

Twenty-three accountants are now eligible to receive the ABA designation by passing the Comprehensive Examination for Accreditation in Accountancy, a two-part 200-question exam that tests the technical proficiency of candidates in financial accounting, financial reporting, financial statement preparation, taxation, business consulting services, business law, and ethics. Candidates must also complete a three-year experience requirement and pay the credentialing fee. Those passing the ABA exam include:

Lise Abazs, Finland, MN
Jennifer Anderson, Emmons, MN
Suzanne Cantlay, Port Orange, FL
Miranda Evans, Blaine, MN
Scott Foster, New York, NY
William Frohliny, Owatonna, MN
Mary Huerd, Rush City, MN
Thomas Jernigan, Lumberton, NC
Ilia Suzanne Jungwirth, St. Cloud, MN
Gayle Kammerer, Duncan, OK
Dennis Kilfeather, Bensalem, PA
Jamie Marien, Rice, MN

Wilfredo Moran, Woodhaven, NY
Austin Moyer, Clear Lake, MN
Deborah Richardson, Maricopa, AZ
Chris Ricker, Minnetonka, MN
Caleb Rosenberger, St. Cloud, MN
Eric Schwartz, Lake Worth, FL
Michael Smith, Fort Myers, FL
Bonita Sommers, Waseca, MN
James Lee St. Aoro, Zimmerman, MN
Michelle Wade, Monticello, MN
Patricia Weitemier, Wadena, MN

Accredited Business Accountant[®] is the ACAT trademarked designation for Accreditation in Accountancy. In states where use of this designation is not permitted, individuals use Accredited Business Advisor[®].

The ABA is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), an independent resource recognized as the authority on accreditation standards for professional certification organizations and programs.

Four practitioners are now eligible to receive the ATP designation by passing the ATP exam, which is a 100-question exam testing knowledge of the tax code and the preparation of individual tax returns with an expertise in comprehensive 1040 issues including supporting schedules, self-employed returns, and ethics. Candidates must also complete a three-year experience requirement and pay the credentialing fee. Those passing the ATP exam include:

Kristina May Hornaday-Alberts, Kalamazoo, MI
Jason Kollasch, Algona, IA
Alexander Smith, Solana Beach, CA
Beverly Williams Henderson, Shelby, NC

Dale Machalleck of Montecito, CA is now eligible to receive the ATA designation by passing the ATA exam, which is a 100-question multiple-choice exam that tests sophisticated tax planning issues, including planning for owners of closely held businesses, planning for the highly compensated, choosing qualified retirement plans and performing estate tax planning.

Five years of experience and payment of the credentialing fee is also required.

The next testing window for the ACAT exams including the ABA, ATP, ATA, and Accredited Retirement Advisor (ARA) is November 28 – December 19, 2011. For more information and to register, visit www.acatcredentials.org or call 888.289.7763.

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