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Accountants Pass ACAT Exams and Earn New Professional Credentials

ALEXANDRIA, VA, July 29, 2010 — More than two dozen accountants passed the ABA Accredited Business Accountant[®] (ABA) and Accredited Tax Preparer[®] (ATP) examinations offered during the May-June 2010 testing window by the Accreditation Council on Accountancy and Taxation (ACAT).

Fifteen people earned the ABA designation by passing the Comprehensive Examination for Accreditation in Accountancy, a full-day, 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. The people earning the ABA include:

Tina Bongiovani, ABA
Jacob Paul Cooper, ABA
Richard L. Engle, Jr., ABA
James Fogel, ABA
Melanie Knap, ABA, ATP
Rebecca Kyllonen, ABA
Elly Jean Leveille, ABA
Ying Li, ABA
Gregory A. Reed, ABA
Brenna Schreifels, ABA
Kimberly Sobiech, ABA
Debra Steffes, ABA
Angelique Thomas, ABA
Alison Van Cott-Goodwin, EA, ABA

Edward J. Vorwald, ABA

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[®].

An additional seven people passed the ABA exam and will qualify for the ABA designation once their three-year experience requirement is met. They include:

Tracy Berryhill
Julie Josephson
Tracey Klinker
Ethel Krieg
Sandra Nelson
Ryan Staples
Jacob Tou

Individuals who pass the exam but who have not met the experience requirement may market themselves as having “passed the ACAT Comprehensive Examination for Accreditation in Accountancy,” but are not entitled to use the ABA designation.

The two highest scores on the ABA exam were registered by Julie Josephson of Wilton, Wisconsin (for Practice 1), and Jacob Tou of Princeton, Minnesota (for Practice 2).

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.

Thirteen people earned 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. The people earning the ATP include:

Dannie Carroll, ATP
Jacey Dean, ATP
Mark Dagostino, ATP
Darlene Gray, ATP
Leon Hutchinson, ATP
Nichole Johnson, ATP
Camerin Malcolm Kirk, ABA, ATP

Melanie Knap, ABA, ATP
Michael D. Napier, ATP
Oscar A. Paredes, PA, ATP
Susan Reiss, ATP
Eric A. Smith, ATP, CFP, ChFC, CLU, CRPC
John Matthew Spatola, ATP

The highest score on the ATP exam was registered by Eric A. Smith of Miramar, Florida.

The next testing window for the ABA and ATP exams is November 19 – December 11, 2010. For more information and to register, visit www.acatcredentials.org or call 800-966-6679.

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