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### **NASBA Announces Launch of International Evaluation Services**

National administrator of the Uniform CPA Exam offers high-quality, cost-effective educational services to CPA exam and licensure candidates.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn (July 9, 2012)** – The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy ([NASBA](http://www.nasba.org)) announced today the launch of its newest undertaking – International Evaluation Services. The service, specifically designed for CPA exam and licensure candidates, will provide academic evaluations of international coursework and credentials to applicants who have completed their education outside of the United States.

NASBA's International Evaluation Services ([NIES](http://www.nasba.org/nies)) is a one-stop shop for CPA exam candidates. Under the service, applicants can apply for an evaluation of international credentials and CPA examination in any state that accepts NIES as an approved foreign transcript evaluation service provider. The application process takes approximately 30-minutes to complete with the educational and examination evaluation processed in less than five business days. This means a typical candidate will receive his/her NTS within 1-2 weeks of completing the application and submitting transcripts to NIES. To help guide the candidates through the process, NIES has a dedicated and highly experienced staff, headed by Brentni Henderson-King, that will process applications, provide 18-hours of contact center support and respond to e-mails within one business day.

James Suh, NASBA's Director of Continuous Improvement & Analytics states that, "This combination of accounting expertise, customer focus, and highly efficient application processing will create a service that is unmatched in the industry." When asked why NASBA was entering the business now, he commented, "NASBA began the international evaluation service at the request of numerous state boards that were looking for a standards-based model that focused on their unique needs and emphasized strict adherence to board-established rules and policies. The complexity associated with accurately interpreting their ever changing rules, combined with the rapidly growing population of international examination candidates, makes now an ideal time for us to expand our focus into this area. Not doing so would have neglected one of the most critical stated needs of the individual State Boards of Accountancy, which would have been counter to NASBA's core mission."

Kansas and Washington are among the first jurisdictions to take advantage of the service. Currently, 12 other jurisdictions are in various stages of the approval and implementation process with many expected to be launched by the end of 2012.

Susan Somers, Executive Director of the Kansas Board of Accountancy, said she is excited about the consistency and accuracy that NASBA's services will provide to its CPA exam candidates.

"This service will ensure continuity in the evaluation of foreign transcripts for Kansas exam candidates so that all transcript evaluations will be on an even playing field," said Somers. "We are pleased that NASBA is offering this service and that they will be incorporated into the group of foreign evaluation services accepted by the board."

In addition to the standard international credential evaluation for CPA Examination and/or Licensing, International Evaluation Services will also offer Additional Education and Change in Jurisdiction evaluations upon request.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information regarding NASBA's International Evaluation Services.

### **About NASBA**

Celebrating more than 100 years of service, the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy ([NASBA](#)) serves as a forum for the nation's state boards of accountancy, which administer the Uniform CPA Examination, license over 650,000 certified public accountants and regulate the practice of public accountancy in the United States.

NASBA's mission is to enhance the effectiveness of state boards of accountancy in meeting their regulatory responsibilities. The Association promotes the exchange of information among accountancy boards, serving the needs of the 55 U.S. jurisdictions.

NASBA is headquartered in Nashville, TN, with a satellite office in New York City and an International Computer Testing and Call Center in Guam. To learn more about NASBA, visit [www.nasba.org](http://www.nasba.org).

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