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NASBA Releases 2015 Uniform CPA Examination Stats

Jurisdiction and University Editions of NASBA's Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination
Publication Now Available for Purchase

NASHVILLE, Tenn., February 22, 2016 – The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), today announces the release of two redesigned candidate performance publications, *Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination – Jurisdiction Edition* and *Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination – University Edition*. Both publications feature comprehensive, statistical data from all (4) testing windows of the 2015 Uniform CPA Examination, are available in paperback and eBook formats, and can be purchased online at: *nashareport.com*.

Features of the redesigned editions include comprehensive cohort tracking, candidate pipeline reporting and a breakdown of performance on the 23 content areas and four skills areas. Also, in an effort to make the data easily understood and utilized, new Section Descriptions are included to better explain each view of the performance metrics.

Designed specifically with the State Boards of Accountancy in mind, the *Jurisdiction Edition* provides a broad view of Uniform CPA Examination trends from around the world. According to the publication's findings, the jurisdictions with the highest pass rate during 2015 were: Utah (65.4%), Wisconsin (60.5%) and Missouri (58.5%). Performance metrics also indicate 93,724 candidates took the Uniform CPA Examination in 2015 (of which 42,439 were new candidates) with 26,110 candidates passing their fourth section of the Uniform CPA Examination.

The *University Edition* highlights school performance on many levels, including: international, national, regional, state and accreditation. University rankings are also a prominent feature of this edition.

The *University Edition* reports that during 2015, the universities with the most candidates were: Baruch College CUNY (805), University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign (657) and the University of Southern California (478).

Background data for these publications was obtained directly from the State Boards of Accountancy's submission of eligible candidate information into NASBA's Gateway System, and then analyzed and assembled by Editor, Matthew Wilkins, and Contributing Editors, Greg Gaynor and Mark M. Ulrich.

Paperback copies are priced at \$100 each for the 2015 Jurisdiction Edition and \$200 each for the 2015 University Edition. A bundle of the two publications is available for \$250. The publications are also available in eBook format. All orders can be placed through <u>pashareport.com</u>.

NASBA began gathering data on CPA Examination candidates in 1982, and has published reports on performance and selected characteristics since 1985. These improvement efforts represent a continuation of NASBA's ongoing role as a reliable and trusted resource to the accounting profession and academic community.

Questions regarding NASBA's Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination – Jurisdiction & University Editions, and other candidate performance products, should be directed to mwilkins@nasba.org or (615) 312-3806.

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 Boards of Accountancy, which administer the Uniform CPA Examination, license more than 700,000 certified public accountants and regulate the practice of public accountancy in the United States.

NASBA's mission is to enhance the effectiveness and advance the common interests of the 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.

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