

CHAPTER 6
ATTEST AND COMPILATION SERVICES

193A—6.1(542) Who may perform attest services.

6.1(1) Only a CPA may perform audit, review, or other attest services, as defined in Iowa Code section 542.3(1).

6.1(2) CPAs who perform attest services in Iowa or for a client with a home office in Iowa must hold an active Iowa CPA certificate or exercise a practice privilege under Iowa Code section 542.20. CPAs are cautioned, however, that the auditor of state, the department of agriculture and land stewardship, another governmental official or body, or a client may require that an individual be licensed in Iowa as a condition of performing attest services in Iowa or for a client with a home office in Iowa, whether or not the individual may otherwise satisfy the conditions for a practice privilege. Iowa licensure as a certified public accountant is required, for example, to perform certain audit services described in Iowa Code chapter 11.

6.1(3) CPAs performing attest services, whether certified in Iowa or exercising a practice privilege, must do so in a CPA firm that holds a permit to practice pursuant to Iowa Code section 542.7.

6.1(4) CPAs who are responsible for supervising attest services for a CPA firm or who sign or authorize someone to sign the accountant's report on the financial statements on behalf of a CPA firm shall satisfy the experience or competency requirements established by nationally recognized professional standards that are applicable to the attest services performed and shall, at a minimum, satisfy the experience requirements of rule 193A—6.2(542).

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193A—6.2(542) Attest experience required.

6.2(1) A CPA who is responsible for supervising attest services or who signs or authorizes someone to sign the accountant's report on financial statements on behalf of a firm shall have two years of full-time or part-time equivalent experience that extends over a period of no less than two years and includes no fewer than 4,000 hours, at least 2,000 of which shall be in providing attest services under the supervision of one or more CPAs responsible for supervising attest services on behalf of a CPA firm that holds a permit to practice in Iowa or an equivalent form of CPA firm licensure in another jurisdiction.

6.2(2) Experience shall include all of the following:

a. Experience in applying a variety of auditing procedures and techniques to the usual and customary financial transactions recorded in accounting records.

b. Experience in the preparation of audit working papers covering the examination of the accounts usually found in accounting records.

c. Experience in the planning of the program of audit work including the selection of the procedures to be followed.

d. Experience in the preparation of written explanations and comments on the findings of the examinations and on the content of the accounting records.

e. Experience in the preparation and analysis of financial statements together with explanations and notes thereon.

6.2(3) Verification of attest experience shall be provided by the applicant and by a CPA who supervised the applicant or, if a supervising CPA is unavailable, by a CPA or CPA firm with sufficient factual documentation to verify the applicant's attest qualification.

6.2(4) Any applicant or CPA who has been requested to submit to the board evidence of an applicant's attest experience and has refused to do so shall, upon request by the board, explain in writing or in person the basis for the refusal. The board may require any applicant or CPA who furnished the evidence of an applicant's experience to substantiate the information provided. An applicant may be required to appear before the board to supplement or verify evidence of experience. The board may inspect documentation relating to an applicant's claimed experience.

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193A—6.3(542) Attest qualification.

6.3(1) Attest qualification is required before a CPA may perform attest services in Iowa or for a client with a home office in Iowa. “Attest qualification” or “attest qualified” means that the CPA has satisfied the experience requirements of rule 193A—6.2(542).

6.3(2) All CPAs who held an individual permit to practice in Iowa at any point prior to July 1, 2002, are deemed to be attest qualified. Under Iowa law prior to July 1, 2002, CPAs were only issued an individual permit to practice if they verified qualification to perform attest services. Individual permits to practice were discontinued under Iowa law effective July 1, 2002.

6.3(3) From July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2009, applicants and Iowa CPAs have attained attest qualification from the board by verifying the required experience when applying for an initial CPA certificate or reciprocal certification, or by separately applying for attest qualification.

6.3(4) Beginning July 1, 2009, when the practice privilege provisions of Iowa Code chapter 542 become effective, attest qualification may be attained or established as follows:

a. Applicants may apply for attest qualification when initially applying for a certificate as an Iowa CPA under Iowa Code section 542.6, or when applying for reciprocal Iowa certification under Iowa Code section 542.19.

b. Iowa CPA certificate holders may apply for attest qualification at any time at which they are qualified to do so.

c. Out-of-state CPAs performing attest services while exercising a practice privilege under Iowa Code section 542.20 are not required to individually apply to the board for attest qualification, but the Iowa CPA firm in which such attest services are performed shall affirm when applying for an initial or renewal firm permit to practice that the CPAs who supervise attest services for the firm or who sign or authorize someone to sign the accountant’s report on the financial statements on behalf of the firm, as such attest services are or will in the following year be performed in Iowa or for a client with a home office in Iowa, have been qualified to perform attest services in Iowa or another jurisdiction.

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193A—6.4(542) Compilation services.

6.4(1) Only a CPA licensed under Iowa Code section 542.6 or 542.19, an LPA licensed under Iowa Code section 542.8, or a person exercising a practice privilege under Iowa Code section 542.20 shall issue a report in standard form upon a compilation of financial information or otherwise provide compilation services in Iowa or for a client with a home office in Iowa.

6.4(2) An individual described in subrule 6.4(1) may perform compilation services through a CPA firm which holds a permit to practice under Iowa Code section 542.7, an LPA firm which holds a permit to practice under Iowa Code section 542.8, a CPA firm exercising a practice privilege under Iowa Code section 542.20, or, if both the individual and business comply with the requirements of Iowa Code section 542.13(13), through any other form of business.

6.4(3) All individuals described in subrule 6.4(1) who are responsible for supervising compilation services or who will sign or authorize someone to sign the accountant’s compilation report on financial statements, as such compilation services will be performed in Iowa or for a client with a home office in Iowa, shall comply with the nationally recognized professional standards that are applicable to compilation services, including SSARS.

6.4(4) All individuals described in subrule 6.4(1) shall satisfy peer review requirements, individually or through the peer review of a CPA or LPA firm holding a permit to practice pursuant to Iowa Code section 542.7 or 542.8 or a CPA firm exercising a practice privilege under Iowa Code section 542.20.

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