



License Renewal Update 2027-1

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2027 CPA LICENSE RENEWAL UPDATE

Summary: There are two significant changes to individual CPA license renewals and CPA firm renewals that will be in effect for the 2027 CPA license renewal. The following is preliminary information we wanted to provide to facilitate communications and preparation in your firm.

Background: CPA licenses expire September 30, 2027, with the renewal window opening on or about July 1, 2027. CPA firm licenses expire on November 30, 2027.

CPAs and CPA firms will renew their licenses using the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's (IDFPR's) Comprehensive Online Regulatory Environment (CORE) licensure system. As in the past, CPAs and designated firm license contacts will receive notice of renewals electronically. It is important that IDFPR has **current** email addresses to receive these notices. CPAs and designated firm contacts can log into their account on the [online portal](#).

A. Individual CPA License Renewals—CPE Documentation Submission

As a part of the 2027 CPA license renewal process, individual CPAs will be required to submit documentation for continuing professional education.

Substantiating documentation can include individual certificates and/or transcripts from licensed CPE providers such as ICPAS or NASBA recognized CPE providers.

ICPAS continues to work with IDFPR to determine acceptable documentation for non-verifiable hours as outlined in Sect. 1420 70(4).

As CPA license renewal is over a year away, we wanted to provide this advance information so that your firm or organization can begin preparation to assist your CPAs to satisfy this new requirement by getting their CPE documentation in order.

B. CPA Firm Licenses—Designated Partners

New to the firm license renewal process is a certification requirement by the office managing partner (OMP) or a senior CPA partner if the OMP is not a CPA. This [certification](#) replaces the legacy practice that all partners' licenses had to be renewed and in good standing before the firm license could be renewed.

ICPAS worked with IDFPR to update this requirement to avoid delays in firm license requirements.

ICPAS will continue to keep you updated on additional developments with licensure renewals, and we hope to once again host a firm license contact call with IDFPR leadership in the coming months.

Key dates:

Licensed CPA Expiration	September 30, 2027
Registered CPA Expiration	September 30, 2027
CPA Firm Expiration	November 30, 2027

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The aforementioned information is preliminary and informational for planning purposes. This Regulatory Update is based on the best information we have at this time and is subject to change.