

Maintaining Your CPA License in Massachusetts



Now that you've—at long last!—earned your CPA license, you need to maintain it.

Whether your career path takes you through public accounting, corporate finance, government, nonprofit or even your own startup—maintaining your CPA license indicates your expertise and lifelong commitment to professional learning no matter where you go.

Continuing Professional Education (CPE)

There's no more CPA Exam, ever!

Instead, there will now be ongoing professional development. The Massachusetts Board of Public Accountancy (MA BOPA) requires you to complete 80 hours every 2-year reporting cycle. Of those 80 hours, 4 ethics hours are required, but the rest can be a mix of the technical knowledge or non-technical skills you think you need most at any given point. **Be sure to check with the MA BOPA for the most up-to-date license requirements.**

Does the MA BOPA prorate CPE credits for the first renewal cycle when a license is issued?

Yes. The month your license was issued determines the number of CPE credits you must complete after you receive your license, **for the first renewal only**, according to the following table:

Month license was issued	July/Aug/Sept	Oct/Nov/Dec	Jan/Feb/Mar	Apr/May/June
CPE credits required for first renewal cycle	80 hours	70 hours	60 hours	50 hours

Pro Tip

If you receive your license in July through December, your renewal cycle is based on that year. If you receive your license in January through June, your renewal cycle is based on the previous calendar year.

For example, if you receive your license in August 2025 or January 2026, your renewal cycle is based on receiving your license in 2025 and you will renew every 2 years in odd years (2027, 2029, etc.).



CPA License Renewal

The MA BOPA has moved to online renewals! The online renewal rollout will commence through the Division of Professional Licensure e-Place Portal.

Renewal notices will continue to be mailed to the address of record with the MA BOPA. The notice will include an assigned 10-digit authorization code. This code will allow you to link your license to your e-Place account once that has been created. The notice will also include separate instructions on uploading required CPE hours.

Pro Tip: When you set up your account with the MA BOPA, it's helpful to use your personal email and postal addresses that will follow you everywhere instead of work contact info that may change over time.

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