

CPA Exam Scoring & Notification Timeline

TIP SHEET #4



Waiting for your Exam scores can be brutal. You want to know if you passed or failed (but hopefully passed!). And you'll have to wait to find out because the lag time between taking a section and receiving your score is currently about 1 month.

Score Release Timeline

CPA Exam scores are released on a rolling basis throughout the year. See chart below for anticipated score release dates for the coming months.

Score Release: Exam Sections Taken in 2025

In 2025 only, the analysis of completed Exams will take longer than usual and affect timing of when you take the next section or re-take a section you didn't pass. This could impact your testing strategy so be sure to review the dates closely. Please note that these dates are subject to change.

Core section

The Core sections are available with continuous testing in 2025.

If the AICPA receives your Exam data file by*	Your target score release date is
January 23	February 7
February 14	February 25
March 9	March 18
March 31	April 9
April 23	May 8
May 16	May 28
June 8	June 17
June 30	July 10
July 23	August 7
August 15	August 26
September 7	September 16
September 30	October 9
October 23	November 7
November 15	November 25
December 8	December 16
December 31	January 13

*Please note: Exam data files received after this date will be included in the next scheduled score release.

Discipline section

The Discipline sections will be administered in the first month of each quarter in 2025*.

Testing dates	Your target score release date is
January 1-31	March 14
April 1-30	May 16
June 1-30	July 17
July 1-31	September 11
October 1-31	December 16

*For the second quarter of 2025 only, we were able to adjust the testing dates and score release dates to accommodate the credit extensions through June 30, 2025.



So what takes so long?

After you sit for an Exam section:

- Prometric Testing Center sends your Exam responses to the AICPA.
- The AICPA scores your Exam.
- The AICPA sends the results to NASBA to match your score with your candidate profile.
- NASBA forwards the scores to the Board of Accountancy for approval.
- Finally, scores are released.

You will receive an email from NASBA once your score has been finalized and the score notice is available—this can be accessed through your NASBA CPA Candidate account.

Pro Tip: No scores will be given over the phone. Believe us, people have tried without success.

What if I passed a section and still have more Exams to go?

Hooray! It's a phenomenal feeling to pass an Exam section. If you have not passed all four Exam sections yet, your next step is to schedule your next Exam. You may already have an NTS with an Exam section ID and launch code. If that's the case, you can go ahead and schedule your next Exam (IF you are ready). If you do not have an Exam section ID and launch code, you'll need to go back to your CPA Central account and request/pay for your next section(s). This process is called "Reapply."

What if I passed my final Exam Section?

Congrats! Next, you'll need to determine if you meet Massachusetts' CPA licensure requirements (we have a tip sheet for that). If you meet the requirements, you can apply for your CPA license—we also have a tip sheet for that!

Ugh, what if I didn't pass?

You will receive a Candidate Performance Report that provides information about your Exam performance as it compares with the performance of candidates who scored between 75 and 80.

But this helps, not hurts!

This report will show you how your performance differed by content and question type from the people who passed—particularly helpful when focusing in on key areas to study before retaking an Exam section.

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