

# CPA Exam Scoring & Notification Timeline



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 currently three months (for the first year). The AICPA and NASBA hope there will be less of a waiting period to receive scores after the first year of testing (starting mid 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 Florida's CPA licensure requirements (we have a guide for that — see Tip Sheet: Education Requirements about getting licensed in Florida). If you meet the requirements, you can apply for your CPA license — we also have a tip sheet for that! See Tip Sheet: Applying for the CPA

## 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.

