

# Georgia

## STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY



### CPA Individual License Renewal

It's time to renew your Georgia Certified Public Accountant license. Your license expires December 31, 2017, so visit <https://gaboa.mylicense.com/egov/Login.aspx> before then to renew. Instructions can be found below.

If this is your first time renewing your license, you will need to register as a new user and create a new login. After logging in, click on the License Renewal link to begin the renewal process, and follow the step-by-step guide through the online renewal. The process takes only a few minutes. After updating your home and email addresses, phone number(s), and answering the renewal questions, you may pay your renewal fee using your MasterCard or Visa card via our secure server. Your license renewal will not be complete until you have completed the online renewal and submitted the renewal fee. Additional documentation is required by non U.S. Citizens.



#### Online Renewal Instructions

1. Visit the Georgia Online Licensing site at <https://gaboa.mylicense.com/egov/Login.aspx> (Free internet access is available at Georgia public libraries.)
2. If this is your first time renewing your license, you will need to register as a new user and create a new login.
3. Click on the License Renewal link to begin the renewal process.
4. Update your mailing address, phone number, e-mail address and answer the renewal questions.
5. Pay your renewal fee(s) using your MasterCard or Visa on our secure server.
6. Print your receipt of payment.
7. Verify your renewal online the next day at [www.cpaverify.org](http://www.cpaverify.org) (add an additional day if the renewal was completed after 3PM).
8. You will receive a plastic wallet license card from NASBA within six (6) weeks after the renewal is complete.

#### Renewal by Paper Application

If you choose not to renew online and would like a paper renewal application, please send an email request to the Board office at [gsba@sao.ga.gov](mailto:gsba@sao.ga.gov). Make sure to include your CPA license number on all correspondence to the Board office. Paper renewal applications must be received in the GSBA office before 12/31/17.

Please note that renewing by mail may take up to four (4) weeks to process after the completed renewal application is received. A \$100 late fee will be imposed if you renew after the expiration date of your license.

## Board of Accountancy

In 2012, the Georgia State Board of Accountancy (GSBA) along with the Georgia Society of CPAs (GSCPA) and the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) undertook the mission to move the Board due to the lack of effective oversight. To effectively protect the Public in Georgia, the GSBA needed to be put in a position where they could regulate and enforce the State Rules and Regulations that were currently in place. To prevent the erosion of the CPA license in the state, the GSBA needed greater oversight. This was accomplished on April 15, 2014. We are honored by the kind words of Ken Bishop, President and CEO of NASBA that "The Georgia State Board of Accountancy is now among the strongest in the country and the relationship between the Board and society is stronger than ever."

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#### Board Members

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## Board Highlights

### Board Member, Ashley Addison, CPA



Ashley was raised in Evans, Georgia before attending Georgia Southern University, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Business of Administration and a Master of Accountancy. In 2009, she started her career with Bennett Thrasher, LLP in the audit department where she is currently a Senior Manager. Ashley was appointed to the Georgia State Board of Accountancy in 2014 and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Georgia Society of CPAs, where she serves on the Leadership Council. She also serves on Georgia Southern University Construction Management Advisory Board.

Ashley and her husband, Trip, moved to Savannah, Georgia in late 2015 when he took an administrative position with Georgia Southern University. They have one daughter, who is 18 months old, and keeps them both very busy. When Ashley is not working, she enjoys spending time with her family, painting and is attempting to learn golf. Wings up Eagles!

### Staff Member, Swan LeGrand-Fleming, Licensing Coordinator



Swan was born in Brooklyn, New York and raised in South Carolina. She relocated to Georgia in 1998. She has 20 plus years' experience as an administrative professional in County and State Government as well as the private sector. Swan has been with the GSBA since 2011 and was very instrumental in the Board's transition in 2014. She is married to Jerome and they have three daughters, one son, and four grandkids. In her spare time, Swan enjoys roller skating, line dancing, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends. She also stays busy with her 10-year-old daughter Jeila with dance competitions and her candle business on the weekends. Swan loves to eat shrimp and crab legs.



CPA lookup tool populated by official state regulatory data sent from Boards of Accountancy to a central database. The website represents a single-source national database of licensed CPAs and CPA firms.

Visit [CPAverify.org](http://CPAverify.org) for more information.

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### Firm Licenses Issued

July 19, 2017 - September 19, 2017

David A Lopez and Company  
 Atchley & Associates, LLP  
 Sherrie H McCranie, CPA, PC  
 Jerome Davies, CPA, P.C.  
 Meditology Assurance  
 D.A. Ervin & Company, CPAs, P.A.  
 Love, Bailey & Associates, LLC  
 Horsey, Buckner & Heffler, LLP  
 Shelly Bevillard CPA, LLC  
 D. Tate Morris, CPA, LLC  
 CLBCPA Consulting, LLC  
 Edge CPA, LLC  
 Summit CPA Group LLC  
 Mizoguchi & Nishikawa LLP  
 Graham & Kapp, LLC  
 Atlanta Tax, LLC  
 WBH Consulting, LLC  
 James M. Moyna, CPA, PC  
 Sensiba San Filippo LLP

### New CPA Licenses

Amanda Blackburn	Matthew Forman	Michael Cocca
Richard Clark	Anjali Gokarn	Molly Davis
Kitrina Daughenbaugh	Laurie Grabow	Tara Davis
Alexander Moore	Emily Hall	Deborah Eason
Michael Petkash	Sean Hamlin	William Garcia
Andrii Petruk	Molly Jenny	Elizabeth Hartman
Robert Blythe	Ashley Keeler	Soo Kim
Melanie Carr	Susan Meyer	Yong Taek Lee
Rachel Ennis	James Monahan	Paul Marmol
Keaton Hong	Cheryl Moon	Taylor Martin
Sara Macferran	Allison Moore	Nanak Mehta
Anusha Mohan	Susan Murray	Bryan Miller
Rebecca Pettit	Brittany Pye	James Motley
Kaitlin Postle	Christopher Shields	Sarah Patterson
Matthew Wagener	Andrew Trimble	Sean Rykwald
Diana Ampomah	Ruoxuan Yuan	Jonathan Sawyer
Alexus Beckford	Justin Arnette	Chapman Scarborough
Dario Campelo	Olivia Arnold	Anne Simpson
Khrystal CheeWah	Danielle Chapman	McKenna Smith
Anthony Clarke	Brenda Crowe	Lauren Whitten
Aziza Credell	James Dail	Thomas Brooks
Kelsey Curcuru	Layla Franke	Samuel Choi
Prabhav Dixit	Swati Prasad	Alexandria Corbett
Philip Fasoro	Samantha Sick	Michael Fromke
Adam Felts	Lauren Wood	Latonya Gist
Jenna Fleming	Jeff Carlson	Derek Hammock



## Georgia CPA Exam Performance

2017 Q-2

Overall Performance		Section Performance		
Unique Candidates	1,080	<u>Sections</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>% Pass</u>
New Candidates	249	First-Time	676	72.7
Total Sections	1,266	Re-Exam	590	71.3
Passing 4th Section	159			
Sections/Candidate	1.17	AUD	379	72.6
Percentage Pass Rate	51.5%	BEC	235	75.4
Average Score	72.0	FAR	319	67.9
		REG	333	73.1



## LEAD WITH INTEGRITY

### A Challenge to Do the Right Thing



In July of 2016, I found myself in the middle of an ethical dilemma. I was traveling across the country speaking to audiences about ethical leadership, and encouraging them to make decisions based on what they believed were doing the right things. I was also trying to be an example for those audiences, which ranged from

college students to c-suite individuals. However, I realized in one area of my life, I was not being a good example at all. I was not doing the right thing.

The area was my personal health and fitness. You may be thinking, "What does that have to do with being an ethical leader?" Well, I was depriving myself, my family, coworkers and business stakeholders from getting the best me. I was not doing the right thing when it came to making decisions about what I ate and my level of exercise. I often spoke of performance, image and exposure to audiences, but my image did not support the message I was sharing. Talking about health as a leader, but not being about it, got old to me. I decided being a true ethical leader included being an

example in every way.

I am amazed at how beneficial this holistic, ethical leadership mindset is for me. I have seen a dramatic increase in my energy level, perhaps because I lost 34 pounds. I can get more done in the amount of time that I am working, but most importantly, I have been able to be an example and encourage others around me. My wife, several of my friends and some of my coworkers have joined me in the worthwhile quest to do the right things with our health. Others following along equates to leadership, right?

Ethical leadership is a holistic job. We must improve as a total person, including our health, to be the best leader we can be. I hope this note encourages you to look at every aspect of your leadership, and challenge yourself to do the right thing.

Remember, lead with integrity.

Alfonzo D. Alexander  
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Chief Relationship Officer, NASBA

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### Don't Forget!

The next Board meeting will be held on November 15, 2017. All meetings are held at 10:00 AM at 200 Piedmont Avenue SE, Suite 1604, West Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9010, unless otherwise noted.



The NASBA Center for the Public Trust (CPT) exists to provide a platform for corporate America and the accounting profession to explore, promote and advance ethical practices in organizations.

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