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Accounting and Tax Professionals Earn ACAT Credentials

ALEXANDRIA, VA, October 4, 2013 — More than a dozen accountants and tax professionals passed the Accredited Business Accountant/Advisor (ABA), Accredited Tax Advisor (ATA) and Accredited Tax Preparer (ATP) examinations offered during the Spring/Summer 2013 testing window by the Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation (ACAT).

New ACAT credential holders earning accounting and tax credentials are:

Thomas Allen, ABA, Drexel Hill, PA

Rebecca Jean Arvila, EA, ABA, New London, MN

Pamela L. Bales, EA, ATA, RTRP, Lees Summit, MO

Jonathan Shane Duboise, EA, ATA, ATP, RTRP, Commerce, OK

Ashley Barbara Gerads, ABA, Avon, MN

Robert I. Glover, ABA, Beaverton, OR

Jeffrey A. Jones, EA, ABA, Fairless Hills, PA

Theodore Jones, III, ABA, Bridgeport, CT

Amanda Kroeger, ABA, Smithton, OH

Jaclyn M. Molitor, ABA, Sauk Rapids, MN

Daniel Mygrant, ABA, Marion, OH

Lisa Ann O'Dell, ABA, New Auburn, MN

Jason Matthew Ohm, ABA, Pelican Rapids, MN

Punam Parekh, ABA, Edison, NJ

Ray Privett, ABA, Duluth, MN

Michael David Vaughn, EA, ABA, Lakewood, WA

The ABA is a professional accounting credential that demonstrates that the credential holder has a thorough knowledge and proficiency in financial accounting, financial reporting, financial statement preparation, taxation, managerial accounting, business law, and ethics for small- to medium-sized businesses. Accredited Business Accountant is the designation for Accreditation in Accountancy. In states where use of this designation is not permitted, individuals use Accredited Business Advisor.

The ABA is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), an independent resource recognized as the authority on accreditation standards for professional certification organizations and programs.

The ATA is a leading national credential for tax practitioners who demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the existing tax code and the preparation of tax returns with an expertise in comprehensive 1040 issues including supporting schedules, self-employed returns, and ethics. The exam tests for sophisticated tax planning issues, including planning for owners of closely held businesses, planning for the highly compensated, choosing qualified retirement plans and performing estate tax planning.

The ATP is also a leading national credential for tax practitioners who have a thorough knowledge of the existing tax code and the preparation of individual tax returns with an expertise in comprehensive 1040 issues including supporting schedules, self-employed returns, and ethics.

The next testing window for the ACAT exams, including the ABA, ATA, ATP, and the Accredited Retirement Advisor (ARA) credentials, is November 23 – December 16, 2013.

The ARA credential recognizes professionals who have a thorough knowledge of topics relevant to retirement planning and special issues of senior citizens.

The exams are offered at testing sites across the country. For more information about ACAT credentials and to register for an ACAT exam, visit www.acatcredentials.org or call 888-289-7763.

To find an accredited ACAT accounting and tax professional, go to <http://www.acatcredentials.org/findanacatprofessional>.

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