
Instructions

Form 2587 (Rev. June 2004)

Application for Special Enrollment Examination

General Information

The 2004 Special Enrollment Examination will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 22 and 23, 2004 as follows:

Part	Date	Time
Part 1	September 22, 2004	9:00 a.m.
Part 2	September 22, 2004	1:30 p.m.
Part 3	September 23, 2004	9:00 a.m.
Part 4	September 23, 2004	1:30 p.m.

The examination fee is \$55 if taking all four parts of the examination or \$45 if you are taking less than four parts. The fee is not refundable.

You will receive an examination credential letter which will give you access to the test site, the location of the examination and time to appear for registration. If you have not received it 20 days before the examination, notify the Enrolled Practitioner Section at 313-234-1280 or e-mail us at EPP@irs.gov

If you wish to challenge the answers to any of the questions, you must do so no later than October 22, 2004. Challenges must be in the format described on the website www.irs.gov/taxpros/agents/index.html

This is a five part form. Type or print your information with a ball point pen. If your information is incomplete or not legible, your application will be returned to you, which could cause you to miss the examination.

Do not bring any books, papers or equipment (including calculators) to the examination room. All necessary materials will be furnished by the Internal Revenue Service.

YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT A PICTURE ID TO ENTER THE EXAMINATION ROOM. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO DISPLAY YOUR ID DURING THE EXAMINATION.

Upon passing the Special Enrollment Examination, you may file Form 23, Application for Enrollment to Practice before the Internal Revenue Service. The Office of Professional Responsibility will review any tax compliance issues in evaluating your application for enrollment to practice before the Internal Revenue Service. Examples of tax compliance issues are: failure to timely file and pay, penalties, etc.

Specific Item Instructions

Candidate Number. The IRS will assign you a candidate number. Do not complete this box.

Items 1 and 2- Name and Address

- The address you enter will be the mailing address where we will send the examination credential letter and the examination results.
- If your mailing address changes please advise us by letter or e-mail. Your change of address must include: Your name; your old address; your new address; your social security number. Send your change of address to: IRS Detroit Computing Center, P.O. Box 33968, Detroit, MI 48232, Attn: EPS Section or e-mail us at EPP@irs.gov

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Your Application Will Not Be Accepted Unless You:

- Enter parts to be taken in item 6;
- Sign and date item 8;
- Include a check or money order for your examination fee payable to the Internal Revenue Service (\$55 for all four parts or \$45 if less than four parts).
- Your application must be postmarked no later than July 31, 2004, by the U.S. Postal Service, or similarly evidenced if a private mailing service is used.

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Item 5a, 5b and 5c - Preferred Examination Site Location Code. Enter location code for your first, second and third choice of the city and state or country where you prefer to take the examination. We will try to accommodate you on a space available basis.

The list on this page is in alphabetic order by state and provides you with the cities where the examination is given. The location code to be entered is listed opposite the city. This code is necessary because the information in the application is computerized and it allows us to send your application to the appropriate IRS office. You may select a city in a state other than the state in which you reside.

Item 6 - Parts to be taken. You must check the appropriate box(es).

Examination Sites	Location Codes	Examination Sites	Location Codes	Examination Sites	Location Codes	Examination Sites	Location Codes
Alabama		Hawaii		Nebraska		South Dakota	
Birmingham	AL1	Honolulu	HI1	Omaha	NE1	Sioux Falls	SD1
Alaska		Idaho		Nevada		Tennessee	
Anchorage	AK1	Boise	ID1	Las Vegas	NV1	Knoxville	TN1
Arizona		Illinois		New Hampshire		Memphis	TN2
Phoenix	AZ1	Chicago	IL1	Portsmouth	NH1	Nashville	TN3
Arkansas		Springfield	IL2	New Jersey		Texas	
Little Rock	AR1	Indiana		Springfield	NJ1	Austin	TX1
California		Indianapolis	IN1	New Mexico		Dallas	TX2
Buena Park	CA1	Iowa		Albuquerque	NM1	Houston	TX3
Burbank	CA2	Des Moines	IA1	New York		Lubbock	TX4
Fresno	CA3	Kansas		Albany	NY1	Utah	
Oakland	CA4	Wichita	KS1	Brooklyn	NY2	Salt Lake City	UT1
Sacramento	CA5	Kentucky		Buffalo	NY3	Vermont	
San Bernardino	CA6	Lexington	KY1	Manhattan	NY4	Burlington	VT1
San Diego	CA7	Louisville	KY2	Syracuse	NY5	Virginia	
San Jose	CA8	Louisiana		North Carolina		Bailey's Crossroads	VA1
Ventura	CA9	New Orleans	LA1	Charlotte	NC1	Richmond	VA2
Colorado		Maine		Greensboro	NC2	Washington	
Denver	CO1	Augusta	ME1	Raleigh	NC3	Seattle	WA1
Connecticut		Maryland		North Dakota		Spokane	WA2
Hartford	CT1	Baltimore	MD1	Fargo	ND1	Tacoma	WA3
Delaware		New Carrollton	MD2	Ohio		West Virginia	
Wilmington	DE1	Massachusetts		Canton	OH1	Charleston	WV1
Florida		Boston	MA1	Cincinnati	OH2	Wisconsin	
Ft. Lauderdale	FL1	Michigan		Cleveland	OH3	Milwaukee	WI1
Ft. Pierce	FL2	Detroit	MI1	Columbus	OH4	Wyoming	
Jacksonville	FL3	Lansing	MI2	Toledo	OH5	Casper	WY1
Miami	FL4	Minnesota		Oklahoma		International	
Niceville	FL5	St. Paul	MN1	Oklahoma City	OK1	Berlin, Germany	IT1
Orlando	FL6	Mississippi		Tulsa	OK2	London, England	IT2
Tampa	FL7	Jackson	MS1	Oregon		Paris, France	IT3
Venice	FL8	Missouri		Ashland	OR1	Tokyo, Japan	IT4
Georgia		Kansas City	MO1	Portland	OR2		
Atlanta	GA1	St. Louis	MO2	Pennsylvania			
		Montana		Philadelphia	PA1		
		Helena	MT1	Pittsburgh	PA2		
				Rhode Island			
				Providence	RI1		
				South Carolina			
				Columbia	SC1		

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Proposed Changes to the Examination

The 2004 Special Enrollment Examination will be in the same four-part format as in prior years. However, we are planning to make changes to the format and administration of the Special Enrollment Examination beginning in 2005. We will provide information on our website regarding these changes in 2005. Additional information is available on the IRS website www.irs.gov (home page). Select Tax Professionals and then select Enrolled Agents.

As a result of proposed changes in the format of the examination, individuals who have passed parts of the examination under the current format will **not** be able to carry over their scores beyond 2004.

Rules for those who passed one or two parts of the 2003 Examination

Candidates may carry over their passing score for the parts of the examination that they passed, provided they meet a minimum retention score of 90% for the part(s) they failed. As noted above, these individuals will not be able to carry over their passing scores beyond 2004.

Rules for those who passed three parts of the 2003 Examination

Candidates passing three parts of the examination in one sitting do not have to meet the minimum retention score for the part failed. As noted above, these individuals will not be able to carry over their passing scores beyond 2004.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What is the reason for making changes to the format and administration of the examination?

Answer: Our goal is to make improvements to both the design and administration of the examination. For example, improvements can be made to the quality of the test questions as well the time it takes to generate examination results.

Question: What is the rationale for not allowing a carryover of parts passed under the current examination format, when we shift to a new examination format?

Answer: The reason is that we expect significant changes to the four-part format of the examination.

Question: I passed three parts of the 2002 examination. In 2003, I failed the fourth part, but scored 90% of the passing score for that part (minimum retention). If the 2005 examination will be administered in a new format, will I be able to carry over my score?

Answer: You will be able to carry over your score from the 2002 examination and only take the part you failed for the 2004 examination. You may not carry over scores beyond 2004.

Further questions may be directed to Internal Revenue Service, Office of Practitioner Enrollment, P.O. Box 33968, Detroit, MI 48232. The telephone number is (313) 234-1280 and the e-mail address is EPP@irs.gov

Preparation for Examination

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All questions in the 2004 examination will refer to the Internal Revenue Code as amended through December 31, 2003. Questions for the most part will relate to tax year 2003. It will be so stated if the question refers to a tax year other than 2003.

Request for 2003 Examination Questions and Official Answers

The 2003 Special Enrollment Examination (SEE) questions and answers in paper form are not available at any IRS location. However, you may download prior years SEE questions and answers from www.irs.gov Click on "Tax Professionals" and then click on "Enrolled Agents".

If you would like to have a paper copy of the 2003 Special Enrollment Examination questions and official answers, you may obtain one, free of charge, by contacting one of the following organizations:

National Association of Enrolled Agents
1120 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 460
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 822 - 6232
(202) 822 - 6270 (fax)

National Association of Tax Practitioners
720 Association Drive
Appleton, WI 54914-1483
1-800-558-3402 (U.S)
1-800-242-3430 (WI)
1-800-747-0001 (fax)

National Society of Tax Professionals
10818 N.E. Coxley Dr. Suite A
Vancouver, WA 98662
(360) 695-8309
(360) 695-7115 (fax)
Attn: EA Exam Department

National Society of Accountants
1010 North Fairfax Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 549-6400
(703) 549-2984 (fax)

SEE Study Material

"The Federal Tax Products" CD-ROM (Pub. 1796) includes Internal Revenue Service publications and forms to assist you in preparing for the examination. You will receive the CD-ROM automatically by mail. There will be no paper SEE kit published this year.

In addition to the CD-Rom, individuals may obtain study materials from our website at www.irs.gov Click on "Tax Professionals" and then click on "Enrolled Agents".

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MAIL BY DUE DATE — NO EXTENSIONS GRANTED

In accordance with section 10.4(a), Treasury Department Circular No. 230, I apply to take the 2004 Special Enrollment Examination.

Candidate No.
(IRS use only)

- Please type or print legibly. Mail Part 4 with your fee to the Internal Revenue Service, P.O. Box 845854, Dallas, TX 75284-5854. NOTE: Send mail by courier to: Remittance Processing Dept, 5th Floor, LBX 845854, 1401 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75202.
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1. Name (Last, First, M.I.)

3. Social Security No.

2. Mailing Address

4. Contact Numbers

Work: _____

Home: _____

E-mail _____

Fax No: _____

Optional Consent for IRS to Disclose Enrollment Information

Your mailing address is confidential. By checking the following box, you are authorizing the Office of Professional Responsibility to disclose your mailing address and name to the general public, professional organizations and continuing education providers.

Optional Consent Check Box.

5. Preferred Examination Site

Fill in Location Code below (See instructions)

First Choice _____

Second Choice _____

Third Choice _____

6. Please check parts to be taken.

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Part 2 Part 4

7. If you have a disability or a special need, please explain the nature of assistant requested.

8. Your Signature

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Paperwork Reduction Act Notice:

We ask for the information on this application to carry out the requirements of Title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A, Part 10, Section 10.4(a). We need the information to identify applicants for the Special Enrollment Examination.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number.

The time needed to complete this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is 6 minutes.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of this time estimate or other suggestions, please write to the Tax Products coordinating Committee, Western Area Distribution Center, Rancho Cordova, CA 95743-0001. **DO NOT** send the application to this address. Instead, mail the form with your fee to P.O. Box 845854, Dallas, TX 75284-5854. NOTE: Send mail by courier to: Remittance Processing Dept, 5th Floor, LBX 845854, 1401 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75202.

Privacy Act Statement

Collection of this information is authorized by Section 330 of Title 31, United States Code, and Part 10 of the Title 31, Code of Federal Regulations. The primary use of this information is for the Office of Professional Responsibility to administer a written examination testing for special competence in tax matters. Disclosures of information may be made to Federal, state or foreign agencies if relevant for their investigations of violations of laws or regulations, for hiring and retaining an individual, or granting a security clearance, license, contract, grant or other benefit. Furnishing the information on this form is voluntary but failure to do so may result in failure to grant you enrollment.

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OMB No. 1545-0949

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