§ 98. Disciplinary Guidelines

In reaching a decision on a disciplinary action under the Administrative Procedure Act (Government Code Section 11400 et seq.) the Board shall consider the disciplinary guidelines entitled “Disciplinary Guidelines and Model Orders” (9th edition, 2013; 10th edition, 2019), which are hereby incorporated by reference. Deviation from these guidelines and orders, including the standard terms of probation, is appropriate where the Board in its sole discretion determines that the facts of the particular case warrant such a deviation, for example: the presence of mitigating factors; the age of the case; evidentiary problems.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 5010, 5018 and 5116, Business and Professions Code; and Section 11400.20, Government Code.
Reference: Sections 5018, 5096, 5096.5, 5096.12, 5100 and 5116–5116.6, Business and professions Code; and Section 11425.50(e), Government Code.

§ 99. Substantial Relationship Criteria

(a) For the purposes of denial, suspension, or revocation of a certificate or permit pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime, professional misconduct, or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a certified public accountant or public accountant if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a certified public accountant or public accountant to perform the functions authorized by his or her certificate or permit in a manner consistent with the public, health, safety, or welfare.

Such crimes or acts shall include but not be limited to those involving:
(b) In making the substantial relationship determination required under subdivision (a) for a crime, the board shall consider the following criteria:

(1) The nature and gravity of the offense;
(2) The number of years elapsed since the date of the offense; and
(3) The nature and duties of the accounting profession.

(c) For purposes of subdivision (a), a substantially related crime, professional misconduct, or act shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a)(1) A crime, professional misconduct, or act that involves dishonesty, fraud, or breach of fiduciary responsibility of any kind;

(b)(2) Fraud or deceit in obtaining a certified public accountant’s certificate or public accountant’s permit under Chapter 1, Division III of the Business and Professions Code;

(c)(3) Gross negligence in the practice of public accountancy or in the performance of bookkeeping operation described in Section 5052 of the Business and Professions Code;

(4) A crime or act of professional misconduct that reflects a lack of sound professional or personal judgment relevant to the practice of public accountancy, regardless of whether financial harm occurred to a consumer.

(d)(5) Violation of any of the provisions of Chapter 1, Division III of the Business and Professions Code or willful violation of any rule or regulation of the board.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 481, 5010, 5018, Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Sections 480, 481, and 5100, and 5100.2, Business and Professions Code.

(a) When considering the denial of a certificate or permit under Section 480 of the Business and Professions Code, the suspension or revocation of a certificate or permit under Business and Professions Code Section 5100, or restoration of a revoked certificate or reduction of penalty under Section 11522 of the Government Code, the board, in evaluating the rehabilitation of the applicant and his present eligibility for a certificate or permit, will consider the following criteria:

1. Nature and gravity severity of the act(s) or offense(s).
2. Criminal record and evidence of any act(s) committed subsequent to the act(s) or offense(s) under consideration which also could be considered as grounds for denial, suspension or revocation.
3. The time that has elapsed since commission of the act(s) or offense(s) referred to in subdivisions (1) or (2).
4. The extent to which the applicant or licensee has complied with any terms of parole, probation, restitution, or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the applicant or licensee.
5. If applicable, evidence of expungement proceedings pursuant to Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.
7. The individual’s attitude toward his or her commission of the violations.
8. The individual’s recognition of wrongdoing.
9. The individual’s history of violations.
10. Nature and extent to which the applicant or licensee has taken corrective action to ensure the violation will not recur.
12. Other aggravating or mitigating factors.
13. Evidence, if any, of rehabilitation submitted by the applicant or licensee.
(b) For purposes of issuing a license to an applicant that has been convicted of a crime, the board will consider whether the applicant made a showing of rehabilitation, if the applicant has completed the criminal sentence at issue without a violation of parole or probation.

(c) In all other circumstances relating to issuing a license, the board will find the applicant to have made a showing of rehabilitation if, in applying its criteria for rehabilitation, set forth in (a)(1)-(13) above, the board finds that the applicant is rehabilitated.

(d) For purposes of suspending, revoking, or restoring a license, or the reduction of penalty, the Board will consider whether the licensee made a showing of rehabilitation, if the licensee has completed the criminal sentence at issue without a violation of parole or probation. A showing of rehabilitation supports, but does not itself constitute, a finding that the licensee is rehabilitated.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 482 and 5010, Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Sections 480, 481, 482, 486, 493, 5100, 5115, and 5106, Business and Professions Code; and Section 1203.4, Penal Code.
§ 99.2 Directly and Adversely Financial Crime Criteria.

(a) For the purpose of determining whether there are grounds to deny an applicant who was convicted of a financial crime currently classified as a felony pursuant to Section 480 of the Business and Professions Code, the crime shall be considered to be directly and adversely related to the fiduciary qualifications, functions, or duties of a certified public accountant if it involves dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or theft that resulted in or could have resulted in either:

(1) Direct financial benefit to the applicant or another person or entity; or

(2) Direct financial harm to another person or entity (to include federal, state, or local government).

(b) The felony financial crimes shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Crimes involving the acquisition or provision of false, altered, forged, counterfeit, or fraudulent statements or documents.

(2) Crimes involving stolen property, embezzlement, money laundering, fraud, theft, grand theft, larceny, burglary, identity theft, bid rigging, racketeering, tax evasion, conspiracy to defraud, or obtaining money, labor, or property under false pretenses.

(3) Crimes involving an attempt or conspiracy to commit such crimes listed in subdivisions (b)(1) or (b)(2).

DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES
AND
MODEL ORDERS

I. INTRODUCTION

The California Board of Accountancy (CBA) licenses and regulates the practice of public accountancy in the State of California and may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew any permit or certificate for violation of applicable statutes or regulations. The CBA examines applicants, sets education requirements, and may deny licensure and the authority to practice under practice privilege (California Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 5096 et seq.). The CBA may, by regulation, prescribe, amend, or repeal rules of professional conduct appropriate to the establishment and maintenance of a high standard of integrity and competency in the profession.

The CBA, through its Enforcement Division, assisted by its statutorily established Enforcement Advisory Committee, receives and investigates complaints; initiates and conducts investigations or hearings, with or without the filing of a complaint; and obtains information and evidence relating to any matter involving the conduct of Certified Public Accountants (CPA), Public Accountants (PA) and Accountancy Firms. The California Accountancy Act and the CBA regulations provide the basis for CBA disciplinary action. (See BPC sections 5000 et seq., and Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 1 through 99.1.)

The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a license, practice privilege, or other authority to practice public accountancy in California, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the CBA of the authority to proceed with an investigation, action, or disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license. (See BPC section 5109.)

These disciplinary guidelines, designed for the use of Administrative Law (ALJ) Judges (ALJ), attorneys, CBA licensees, and others involved in the CBA's disciplinary process, are revised from time to time. The guidelines cover model orders, including factors to be considered in aggravation and mitigation; standard probationary terms; and guidelines for specific offenses. The guidelines for specific offenses are referenced to the statutory and regulatory provisions violated.

These disciplinary guidelines set forth recommended discipline for the violation of current statutes and regulations; includes a provision for community service; and provides additional guidance regarding disciplinary and model orders.

The CBA recognizes that these recommended penalties and conditions of probation are merely guidelines and that mitigating or aggravating circumstances and other factors may necessitate deviations, as discussed herein.
II. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

The CBA requests that Proposed Decisions following administrative hearings include the following:

a. Specific code sections violated with their definitions.

b. Clear description of the violation.

c. Respondent's explanation of the violation if he or she is present at the hearing.

d. Findings regarding aggravation, mitigation, and rehabilitation where appropriate. (See factors set forth below in CCR section 99.1, under section V. Rehabilitation Criteria).

e. When suspension or probation is recommended, the CBA requests that the disciplinary order include terms within the recommended guidelines for that offense unless the reason for departure there from is clearly set forth in the findings and supported by the evidence.

If the respondent fails to appear for the scheduled hearing, such action shall result in a default decision to revoke license.

When the CBA, at a reinstatement hearing, denies a petitioner's request for reinstatement, the CBA requests that the Administrative Law Judge ALJ provide technical assistance in formulating language clearly setting forth the reasons for denial. Such a statement should include, for example, a statement on rehabilitation, including suggestions for further approaches by petitioner to demonstrate rehabilitation, where appropriate. The Petition for Reinstatement Checklist was designed to assist the CBA members and an ALJ with the preparation of a petition for reinstatement. See Attachment 1 for additional information.

f. Reimbursement to the CBA for costs of investigation and prosecution as warranted by BPC section 5107.

g. Imposition of an Administrative Penalty if warranted. See section V for guidance.

The CBA will consider stipulated settlements to promote cost effectiveness and to expedite disciplinary decisions if such agreements achieve its disciplinary objectives. Deputy Attorneys General should inquire as to respondent's interest in stipulated settlement promptly after receipt of a notice of defense. If stipulated settlement appears unlikely, the case should be set for hearing.

The CBA's policy is that all disciplinary actions will be published.

It is also the CBA’s policy that matters resolved by stipulation include cost recovery.
The CBA's Executive Officer is authorized by statute to request an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), as part of any proposed decision in a disciplinary proceeding, to order the recovery of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution (California Business and Professions Code section 5107). This statute does not preclude the CBA from seeking recovery of costs through stipulations; thus, it does not change the CBA's policy of requesting and recovering costs where appropriate in stipulated settlements. Restitution to victims and/or administrative penalties should not be reasons to reduce, eliminate, or stay full recovery of all reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution.

In stipulated decisions involving revocation (no revocation stayed), the order will generally include the requirement that respondent must reimburse the CBA for all reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution prior to or upon reinstatement of respondent's revoked certificate under BPC section 5115.

The period of probation is generally three years. During the probation period, licensees are required to appear in person at interviews/meetings as directed by the CBA or its designated representatives to report on probation compliance.

Where an actual suspension is imposed, the order shall include the requirement that respondent engage in no activities for which certification is required (see model disciplinary orders) during the period of suspension. In addition, the respondent shall relinquish the certificate in question to the CBA and, if directed to do so by the CBA, shall notify clients regarding the suspended status of the certificate, if directed to do so by the CBA.

When discipline includes a violation that can be corrected, correction of the violation should be included as the basis for any discipline.

Restitution should be considered for all cases in which harm is demonstrated against the complainant. However, restitution should consider the actual harm to a complainant; it is not intended to award damages.

Note: Business and Professions Code section 143.5 prohibits the CBA from requiring restitution in disciplinary cases when the CBA's case is based on a complaint or report that has also been the subject of a civil action and that has been settled for monetary damages providing for full and final satisfaction of the parties in the civil action.
III. EVIDENCE IN AGGRAVATION OF PENALTY

The following are among aggravating circumstances to be considered by ALJs in providing for penalties in proposed decisions:

1. Evidence that the violation was knowingly committed and/or was premeditated.

2. Licensee has a history of prior discipline, particularly where the prior discipline is for the same or similar type of conduct.

3. Licensee’s actions resulted in financial damage to his or her clients or other consumers. The amount of loss may be an additional aggravating factor.

4. Violation of CBA probation.

5. Failure to comply with a final citation order.

6. Failure to comply with a notice to appear before the CBA or its designated representatives.

7. Failure to comply with continuing education requirements as ordered by the CBA or its designated representatives pursuant to CCR section 87.5.

8. Evidence that the licensee has not cooperated with the CBA's investigation.

9. Misappropriation of entrusted funds or other breach of fiduciary responsibility.

10. Duration of violation(s).

11. Evidence that the licensee knew or should have known that his or her actions could harm his or her clients or other consumers.

12. Evidence that the licensee took advantage of his or her client for personal gain, especially if the licensee was able to take advantage due to the ignorance, age, or lack of sophistication of the client.
IV. EVIDENCE IN MITIGATION OF PENALTY

The following are among mitigating circumstances that may be taken into account by ALJs in providing for penalties in proposed decisions:

1. The licensee has cooperated with the CBA’s investigation, other law enforcement or regulatory agencies, and/or the injured parties.

2. The passage of considerable time since an act of professional misconduct occurred with no evidence of recurrence or evidence of any other professional misconduct.

3. Convincing proof of rehabilitation, including the factors in CCR section 99.1 as well as other relevant considerations.

4. Demonstration of remorse by the licensee.

5. Recognition by licensee of his or her wrongdoing and demonstration of corrective action to prevent recurrence.

6. Violation was corrected without monetary losses to consumers and/or restitution was made in full.

7. If violation involved multiple licensees, the relative degree of culpability of the subject licensee should be considered.
V. REHABILITATION CRITERIA

The CBA's rehabilitation criteria, set forth in CCR section 99.1, are as follows:

When considering the denial of a certificate or permit under BPC section 480, the suspension or revocation of a certificate or permit or restoration of a revoked certificate under BPC section 5115, the CBA, in evaluating the rehabilitation of the applicant and his or her present eligibility for a certificate or permit, will consider the following criteria:

1. Nature and severity of the act(s) or offense(s).

2. Criminal record and evidence of any act(s) committed subsequent to the act(s) or offense(s) under consideration that could also be considered as grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation.

3. The time that has elapsed since commission of the act(s) or offense(s) referred to in subdivision (1) or (2).

4. The extent to which the applicant or respondent has complied with any terms of parole, probation, restitution, or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the applicant or respondent.

5. If applicable, evidence of expungement proceedings pursuant to section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.

6. Evidence, if any, of rehabilitation submitted by the applicant or respondent.

When considering the denial of a certificate or permit or the restoration of a revoked certificate or reduction of penalty, the burden of proof lies with the individual to demonstrate sufficient competent evidence of rehabilitation to establish fitness to perform public accounting services in a manner consistent with professional standards and public protection.

The CBA’s rehabilitative criteria, set forth in CCR section 99.1, are as follows:

(a) In determining whether to issue a certificate or permit under Section 480 of the Business and Professions Code, the suspension or revocation of a certificate or permit under Business and Professions Code Section 5100, or restoration of a revoked certificate or reduction of penalty under Section 5115 of the Business and Professions Code, the board will consider the following criteria:

(1) Nature and gravity of the act(s) or offense(s).

(2) Criminal record and evidence of any act(s) committed subsequent to the act(s) or offense(s) under consideration which also could be considered as grounds for denial, suspension or revocation.
(3) The time that has elapsed since commission of the act(s) or offense(s) referred to in subdivisions (1) or (2).

(4) The extent to which the applicant or licensee has complied with any terms of parole, probation, restitution, or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the applicant or licensee.

(5) If applicable, evidence of expungement proceedings pursuant to Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.

(6) Nature and extent of actual and potential consumer harm.

(7) The individual’s attitude toward his or her commission of the violations.

(8) The individual’s recognition of wrongdoing.

(9) The individual’s history of violations.

(10) Nature and extent to which the applicant or licensee has taken corrective action to ensure the violation will not recur.

(11) Nature and extent of restitution to consumers harmed by violations.

(12) Other aggravating or mitigating factors.

(13) Evidence, if any, of rehabilitation submitted by the applicant or licensee.

(b) For purposes of issuing a license to an applicant that was convicted of a crime, the board will consider whether the applicant made a showing of rehabilitation, if the applicant has completed the criminal sentence at issue without a violation of parole or probation.

(c) In all other circumstances relating to issuing a license, the board will find the applicant to have made a showing of rehabilitation if, in applying its criteria for rehabilitation, set forth in (a)(1)-(13) above, the board finds that the applicant is rehabilitated.

(d) For purposes of suspending, revoking, or restoring a license, or the reduction of penalty, the Board will consider whether the licensee made a showing of rehabilitation, if the licensee has completed the criminal sentence at issue without a violation of parole or probation. A showing of rehabilitation supports, but does not itself constitute, a finding that the licensee is rehabilitated.
VI. REHABILITATION EVIDENCE

The following are examples of types of evidence which the licensee/applicant (Respondent) may submit to CBA demonstrate his or her rehabilitative efforts and competency:

a. Letter from Respondent describing underlying circumstances of arrest and conviction record as well as any rehabilitation efforts or changes in life since that time to prevent future problems.

b. Recent, dated written statements or performance evaluations from past and/or current employers or persons in positions of authority who have on-the-job knowledge of the Respondent’s current competence in the practice of public accountancy, including the period of time and capacity in which the person worked with the Respondent.

c. Recent, dated letters or a current mental status examination by a clinical psychologist or psychiatrist regarding the Respondent’s participation in a rehabilitation, therapy or recovery program, which should include a diagnosis of the condition or any impairment, current state of recovery, and the psychologist’s or psychiatrist’s basis for determining rehabilitation. The evaluation should also address the likelihood of similar acts occurring in the future, and should speak to the Respondent’s mental capacity and ability to practice public accountancy safely.

d. Letters of reference from other knowledgeable professionals, such as probation or parole officers regarding the Respondent’s participation in and/or compliance with terms and conditions of probation or parole, which should include at least a description of the terms and conditions of probation or parole, and the officer’s basis for determining compliance.

e. Recent, dated letters from outside individuals describing Respondent’s community or volunteer participation in civic activities or support groups (e.g., Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, other professional or community based-support groups).

f. Documentary or other evidence showing continuing education related to the practice of public accountancy.

g. Documentary or other evidence showing enrollment in or completion of an advanced degree program. In instances where an individual is petitioning for the reinstatement of a revoked certificate or reduction of penalty, the enrollment in or completion of an advanced degree program should have occurred after the effective date of the disciplinary order.

The CBA will evaluate the sufficiency of the evidence submitted on a case-by-case basis. Any evidence submitted to the CBA will be subject to verification by CBA staff.
VII. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

BPC section 5116 et seq. allows the CBA to order any licensee or applicant for licensure or examination to pay an administrative penalty as part of any disciplinary proceeding. In matters that go through the administrative hearing process, the CBA’s Executive Officer may request an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to impose an administrative penalty as part of any proposed decision.

The administrative penalty assessed shall be in addition to any other penalties or sanctions imposed on the licensee or other person, including but not limited to, license revocation, license suspension, denial of the application for licensure, or denial of admission to the licensing examination. When probation is ordered, an administrative penalty may be included as a condition of probation.

For any violation, with the exception of violation of subdivisions (a), (c), (i), (j), or (k) of BPC section 5100, any licensee may be assessed an administrative penalty of not more than $5,000 for the first violation and not more than $10,000 for each subsequent violation.

For violation of subdivisions (a), (c), (i), (j), or (k) of BPC section 5100, licensed firms may be assessed an administrative penalty of not more than $1,000,000 for the first violation and not more than $5,000,000 for any subsequent violation. The administrative penalty that may be assessed an individual licensee who violates these sections is limited to not more than $50,000 for the first violation and not more than $100,000 for any subsequent violation.

Administrative penalties may be assessed under one or more violations; however, the total administrative penalty shall not exceed the amount of the highest administrative penalty allowed.

The term “violation” used in BPC sections 5116.1, 5116.2, and 5116.3 is intended to include the total violations in the disciplinary proceeding. Accordingly, “first violation” refers to the respondent’s first disciplinary action and “subsequent violations” refers to any subsequent disciplinary actions.

Cost recovery ordered under BPC section 5107 should not be a reason to reduce or eliminate the amount of administrative fines.

The following criteria should be considered in assessing administrative penalties.

1. Nature and extent of actual and potential consumer harm.
2. Nature and extent of actual and potential harm to clients.
4. The role of the person in the violation.
5. The person’s attitude toward his or her commission of the violations.

6. Recognition of wrongdoing.

7. Person’s history of violations.

8. Nature and extent of cooperation with the CBA’s investigation.

9. The person’s ability to pay the administrative penalty.

10. The level of administrative penalty necessary to deter future violations.

11. Nature and extent to which the person has taken corrective action to ensure the violation will not recur.


13. The violations involve sanctions by other government agencies or other regulatory licensing bodies, i.e. Internal Revenue Service, Securities and Exchange Commission, and Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

14. Other aggravating or mitigating factors.
VIII. DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

The offenses and penalties are listed chronologically by statute number in the Business and Professions Code (BPC) and by regulation number in Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR). The number in brackets following each condition of probation refers to the model order so numbered (See Model Orders). The probation terms listed under “if warranted” for each violation are to be considered, and imposed, if facts and circumstances warrant.

CALIFORNIA ACCOUNTANCY ACT:
BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE, DIVISION 3, CHAPTER 1

ARTICLE 2

Section 5037(a) OWNERSHIP OF ACCOUNTANTS’ WORKPAPERS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation stayed, [1, 2, 4] 3 years probation [1, 2, 4]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. Standard Conditions of Probation [4516-2427]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
4. Restricted Practice [2831]
5. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
6. Regulatory Review Course [32]
7. Continuing Education Courses [36]
8. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference CCR Section 54.1)

Section 5037(b)(1)(2) RETURN OF CLIENT DOCUMENTS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [4516-2427]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Restitution [2629]
4. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
5. Restricted Practice [2831]
6. Engagement Letters
7. Ethics Continuing Education
8. Regulatory Review Course
9. Continuing Education Courses
10. Community Service – Free Services
11. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116
12. Conditions as appropriate relating to physical or mental disability or condition

(Reference CCR Section 68)

ARTICLE 3

Section 5050(a) PRACTICE WITHOUT PERMIT; TEMPORARY PRACTICE

Except as provided for in sections 5050(c), 5054, and 5096.12, this section applies to a respondent who practices for a time without a valid license to practice or respondent who practices without obtaining a practice privilege.

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed, 3 years probation
         2. Standard Conditions of Probation

If warranted: 1. Suspension with/without stay
               2. Probation Monitoring Costs
               3. Restricted Practice
               4. Ethics Continuing Education
               5. Regulatory Review Course
               6. Continuing Education Courses
               7. Active License Status
               8. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116

Section 5050(c) PRACTICE WITHOUT PERMIT; TEMPORARY PRACTICE; FOREIGN ACCOUNTANTS

Applies to respondents licensed in a foreign country who are temporarily practicing in California and hold out as California licensees.

Minimum Penalty – Cease and Desist Letter
Maximum Penalty – Refer to Prosecutorial Agency for Unlicensed Practice
Section 5055  TITLE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT/
Section 5056  TITLE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
(Applies to respondent who assumes or uses the title certified public accountant, CPA, public accountant, or PA without having an appropriate permit to practice.)

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [1516-2427]

2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
3. Restricted Practice [2831]
4. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
5. Regulatory Review Course [32]
6. Continuing Education Courses [36]
7. Active License Status [37]
8. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5058  USE OF CONFUSING TITLES OR DESIGNATIONS PROHIBITED

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation stayed, 3 Years Probation, with actual suspension [1-4]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. Standard Conditions of Probation [1516-2427]

2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
3. Restricted Practice [2831]
4. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
5. Regulatory Review Course [32]
6. Continuing Education Courses [36]
7. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference CCR Section 2)

Section 5058.1  TITLES IN CONJUNCTION WITH CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT OR PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation stayed, 3 Years Probation, with actual suspension [1-4]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. Standard Conditions of Probation [4516-2427]

   2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
   3. Restricted Practice [2831]
   4. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
   5. Regulatory Review Course [32]
   6. Continuing Education Courses [36]
   7. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5058.2 INACTIVE DESIGNATION

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation stayed, 3 years probation [1, 2, 4]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. Standard Conditions of Probation [4516-2427]

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
   2. Continuing Education Courses [36]
   3. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5058.3 RETIRED DESIGNATION

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation stayed, 3 years probation [1, 2, 4]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. Standard Conditions of Probation [4516-2427]

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
   2. Continuing Education Courses [36]
   3. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

ARTICLE 3.5

Section 5060 NAME OF FIRM

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36] for licensee, licensee partners, licensee directors, shareholders, and/or officers of corporation
Maximum Penalty – Revocation stayed, 3 Years Probation, with actual suspension [1-4]
CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. Standard Conditions of Probation [1516-2427]

2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
3. Restricted Practice [2831]
4. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
5. Regulatory Review Course [32]
6. Continuing Education Courses [36]
7. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference BPC Section 5072)

Section 5061 COMMISSIONS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [1516-2427]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Restitution [2629]
4. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
5. Restricted Practice [2831]
6. Engagement Letters [2932]
7. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
8. Regulatory Review Course [32]
9. Continuing Education Courses [36]
10. Community Service – Free Services [40]
11. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5062 REPORT CONFORMING TO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [1516-2427]
3. Continuing Education Courses [36]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Restitution [2629]
Section 5062.2  RESTRICTIONS ON ACCEPTING EMPLOYMENT WITH AN AUDIT CLIENT

Minimum Penalty – Revocation stayed, 30 day suspension, 3 years probation [1-4]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], probation of 3 to 5 years
2. Suspension [3]
3. Standard Conditions of Probation [4516-2427]

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
3. Regualatory Review Course [32]
4. Community Service – Free Services [40]
5. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5063  REPORTABLE EVENTS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [4516-2427]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
4. Restricted Practice [2831]
5. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
Section 5063.3 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [1516-2427]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
4. Restricted Practice [2831]
5. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
6. Regulatory Review Course [32]
7. Continuing Education Courses [36]
8. Samples – Audit, Review or Compilation [38]
9. Probation Prohibition from Handling Funds [39]
10. Community Service – Free Services [40]
11. Notice to Clients [42]
12. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

ARTICLE 4

Section 5070.1(b) PRACTICE WITH A RETIRED LICENSE STATUS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [1516-2427]

2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
3. Restricted Practice [2831]
4. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
5. Regulatory Review Course [32]
6. Continuing Education Courses [36]
7. Active License Status [37]
8. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5071.2(b) PRACTICE WITH A MILITARY LICENSE STATUS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required:
1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [4516-2427]

If warranted:
2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
3. Restricted Practice [2831]
4. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
5. Regulatory Review Course [32]
6. Continuing Education Courses [36]
7. Active License Status [37]
8. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5072(a) REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION AS A PARTNERSHIP

Applies to licensee(s) in a partnership who practices for a time without partnership license (BPC section 5073) and subsequently renews, or to a partnership in practice without a license.

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses for Licensee Partners [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation of partnership/individual licenses [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required:
1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [4516-2427]

If warranted:
2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
3. Restricted Practice [2831]
4. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
5. Regulatory Review Course [32]
6. Continuing Education Courses [36]
7. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]
Section 5073(d)  PARTNERSHIP APPLICATIONS  
(ADMISSION OR WITHDRAWAL OF PARTNER)

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses for Licensee Partners [36]  
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:  
Required:  
1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation  
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [4516-2427]

If warranted:  
1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]  
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]  
3. Regulatory Review Course [32]  
4. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5076(a)  PEER REVIEW

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]  
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:  
Required:  
1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation  
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [4516-2427]

If warranted:  
2. Supervised Practice [2628]  
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]  
4. Restricted Practice [2831]  
5. Ethics Continuing Education [31]  
6. Regulatory Review Course [32]  
7. Peer Review [3334]  
8. Continuing Education Courses [36]  
9. Samples – Audit, Review or Compilation [38]  
10. Notification to Clients/Cessation of Practice [42]  
11. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference CCR Section 40, 32, 43)

Section 5076(f)  PEER REVIEW – DOCUMENT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]  
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]
CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [4516-2427]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
4. Restricted Practice [2831]
5. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
6. Regulatory Review Course [32]
75. Continuing Education Courses [36]
86. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference CCR Section 46)

Section 5078 OFFICES NOT UNDER PERSONAL MANAGEMENT OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT OR PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT; SUPERVISION

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses for Licensee Owners [36] and/or require CPA or PA to develop standards for supervision, and implement a practice plan; permit practice investigation within 3 months to insure compliance [20]

Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [4516-2427]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
4. Restricted Practice [2831]
5. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
6. Regulatory Review Course [32]
75. Continuing Education Courses [36]
86. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5079(a)(b)(d) NONLICENSEE OWNERSHIP OF FIRMS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36] for California licensee partners or for licensee shareholders of corporation
Maximum Penalty – Revocation of partnership or corporate registration and individual licenses [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required:
1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [1516-2427]

If warranted:
2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
3. Restricted Practice [2831]
4. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
5. Regulatory Review Course [32]
6. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference CCR Section 51.1)

ARTICLE 5

Section 5081(a) REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINATION (ACTS DENYING ADMISSION TO EXAM)

Minimum Penalty – Probationary conditions on initial license (if not yet licensed) or revocation, stayed with probation (if already licensed); reference appropriate subsection of BPC Section 5100 for applicable provisions

Maximum Penalty – Denial of admission to examination or revocation of license if issued

(See Reference relevant section for discipline based upon nature of act.)

If warranted:
1. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5081(b)(c) REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINATION

Minimum/Maximum Penalty – Denial of admission to examination, or revocation of license if issued.

If warranted:
1. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5088 INTERIM PRACTICE RIGHTS: OUT-OF-STATE CPA

Minimum/Maximum Penalty – If Board CBA rejects application, cease practice immediately. If practice continues, see provisions on Unlicensed Activities and Practice Privilege.
**ARTICLE 5.1: Practice Privilege**

**Section 5095(a)  MINIMUM NUMBER OF ATTEST SERVICES HOURS; ATTEST EXPERIENCE**

Minimum Penalty – Revocation stayed and 3 years probation (if license was issued). Cannot apply for license for 12 months (if not yet licensed), and, if application is subsequently approved, conditional license with probation for 3 years.

Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

**CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:**

Required:
1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [1516-2427]

If warranted:
2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
3. Restricted Practice [2831]
4. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
5. Regulatory Review Course [32]
6. CPA Exam [3435]
7. Continuing Education Courses [36]
8. Active License Status [3637]
9. Notification to Clients/Cessation of Practice [42]
10. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

**Section 5096(d)  PRACTICING THROUGH AN UNREGISTERED FIRM**

Minimum Penalty – Revocation stayed [1, 2, 4], 3 years probation [1, 2, 4]

Maximum Penalty – Revoke Practice Privilege [1, 2]

**CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:**

Required:
1. If revocation stayed [4], probation 3 to 5 years

If warranted:
1. Suspension [3]
2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
3. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
4. Regulatory Review Course [32]
5. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

**Section 5096(e)(2)  COMPLY WITH RULES, LAWS, AND STANDARDS**

Minimum Penalty – One year suspension [3]

Maximum Penalty – Revoke Practice Privilege [1, 2]
CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required:  
1. If revocation stayed [4], probation 3 to 5 years  
2. Suspension [3] (BPC Section section 5096(g)).  

If warranted:  
1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]  
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]  
3. Regulatory Review Course [32]  
4. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5096(e)(3) PRACTICE FROM AN UNAUTHORIZED OFFICE IN THIS STATE
Minimum Penalty – One year suspension [3]  
Maximum Penalty – Revoke Practice Privilege [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required:  
1. If revocation stayed [4], probation 3 to 5 years  
2. Suspension [3] (BPC Section section 5096(g)).  

If warranted:  
1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]  
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]  
3. Regulatory Review Course [32]  
4. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5096(e)(5) COOPERATE WITH BOARD
Minimum Penalty – One year suspension [3]  
Maximum Penalty – Revoke Practice Privilege [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required:  
1. If revocation stayed [4], probation 3 to 5 years  
2. Suspension [3] (BPC Section section 5096(g)).  

If warranted:  
1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]  
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]  
3. Regulatory Review Course [32]  
4. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5096(e)(6), (7), (8), & (9) FAILURE TO CEASE EXERCISING THE PRACTICE PRIVILEGE
Minimum Penalty – One year suspension [3]  
Maximum Penalty – Revoke Practice Privilege [1, 2]
CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], probation 3 to 5 years
2. Suspension [3] (BPC Section 5096(g)).

If warranted: 1. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
2. Regulatory Review Course [32]
3. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

If it is determined that the failure to cease practice or provide the notice was intentional, that individual's practice privilege shall be revoked and there shall be no possibility of reinstatement for a minimum of two years pursuant to Section 5096(g).

Section 5096(e)(10) FAILURE TO REPORT PENDING CRIMINAL CHARGES

Minimum Penalty – One year of suspension [3]
Maximum Penalty – Revoke Practice Privilege [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], probation 3 to 5 years
2. Suspension [3] (BPC section 5096(g)).

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
3. Regulatory Review Course [23]
4. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5096(f) FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE BOARD/CEASE PRACTICE

Minimum Penalty – One year suspension [3]
Maximum Penalty – Revoke Practice Privilege [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], probation 3 to 5 years
2. Suspension [3] (BPC Section 5096(g)).

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
4. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]
If it is determined that the failure to cease practice or provide the notice was intentional, that individual’s practice privilege shall be revoked and there shall be no possibility of reinstatement for a minimum of two years pursuant to Section 5096(g).

Section 5096(i) FAILURE TO FILE PRE-NOTIFICATION FORM

Minimum Penalty – One year suspension [3]
Maximum Penalty – Revoke Practice Privilege [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], probation 3 to 5 years
2. Suspension [3] (BPC Section 5096(g)).

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
4. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

If it is determined that the failure to cease practice or provide the notice was intentional, that individual’s practice privilege shall be revoked and there shall be no possibility of reinstatement for a minimum of two years.

Section 5096.5 UNAUTHORIZED SIGNING OF ATTEST REPORTS

Minimum Penalty – Revocation stayed [1, 2, 4], 3 years probation [1, 2, 4]
Maximum Penalty – Revoke Practice Privilege [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], probation 3 to 5 years
2. Suspension [3] (BPC Section 5096(g)).

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
4. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5096.12 FIRM PRACTICING WITHOUT A PRACTICE PRIVILEGE HOLDER

Minimum Penalty – Revocation stayed [1, 2, 4], 3 years probation [1, 2, 4]
Maximum Penalty – Revoke Practice Privilege [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], probation 3 to 5 years
ARTICLE 5.5

Section 5097 AUDIT DOCUMENTATION

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation

2. Supervised Practice [25-28]
4. Restricted Practice [28-31]
5. Library Reference Materials [30-33]
6. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
7. Regulatory Review Course
8. Peer Review [33-34]
9. CPA Exam [34-35]
10. Continuing Education Courses [36]
11. Samples - Audits, Review or Compilation [38]
12. Community Service – Free Services [40]
13. Notice to Clients [42]
14. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference CCR Sections 68.2, 68.3, 68.4, 68.5)

ARTICLE 6

Section 5100 DISCIPLINE IN GENERAL,
including but not limited to that set forth in subsections (a) through (l) of this section

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], probation of 3 to 5 years

If warranted:  
2. Probation Monitoring Costs [27-30]  
3. Optional conditions which relate to underlying facts and circumstances; reference conditions listed in BPC sections 5100 (a)-(j)  
4. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5100(a) CONVICTION OF ANY CRIME SUBSTANTIALLY RELATED TO THE QUALIFICATIONS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF A CPA/PA

FOR FELONY CONVICTIONS OR MULTIPLE MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MISDEMEANOR ALCOHOL/DRUG CONVICTIONS FOR VEHICLE CODE SECTION 23152 AND DRUG CONVICTIONS FOR POSSESSION FOR PERSONAL USE:

Minimum Penalty – Revocation stayed. Actual suspension from practice 120 days. Three years probation [1-4]  
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

FOR MULTIPLE MISDEMEANOR ALCOHOL/DRUG CONVICTIONS FOR VEHICLE CODE SECTION 23152 AND DRUG CONVICTIONS FOR POSSESSION FOR PERSONAL USE:

Minimum Penalty – 120-day suspension stayed, and 1 year probation [1-4]  
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required:  
1. If revocation/suspension stayed [4], probation of 31 to 5 years  
2. Suspension [3]  

If warranted:  
1. Supervised Practice [25-28]  
2. Restitution [26-29]  
4. Restricted Practice [28-31]  
5. Engagement Letters [29-32]  
6. Ethics Continuing Education [31]  
7. Regulatory Review Course [32]  
8. CPA Exam [23-35] or Enrolled Agents Exam [35]  
9. Continuing Education Courses [36]  
10. Samples - Audit, Compilation or Review [38]  
11. Prohibition from Handling Funds [39]  
12. Community Service – Free Services [40]  
13. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]  
14. Conditions as appropriate relating to physical or mental disability or condition [44-49]
IN THE CASE OF A SINGLE MISDEMEANOR VIOLATION, TAILOR PROBATION TO CIRCUMSTANCES; ADJUSTING THE REQUIRED CONDITIONS ACCORDINGLY AND CHOOSING APPROPRIATE WARRANTED CONDITIONS FROM THE ABOVE LIST.

Section 5100(b)  FRAUD OR DECEIT IN OBTAINING LICENSE/PERMIT/REGISTRATION

Minimum Penalty – Revocation stayed with 180 days actual suspension and 3 years probation (if license was issued). Cannot apply for license for 12 months (if not yet licensed), and, if application is subsequently approved, conditional license with probation for 3 years.

Maximum Penalty – Revocation or application denied. [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], probation of 3 to 5 years
2. Suspension [3]

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [27-30]
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
4. Continuing Education Courses [36]
5. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5100(c)  DISHONESTY, FRAUD, GROSS NEGLIGENCE, OR REPEATED ACTS OF NEGLIGENCE IN THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY OR THE PERFORMANCE OF BOOKKEEPING

Minimum Penalty – Revocation stayed [1, 2, 4], 3 years probation [1, 2, 4].

Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], probation of 3 to 5 years

If warranted: 1. Supervised Practice [25-28]
2. Restitution [26-29]
4. Restricted Practice [28-31]
5. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
6. Regulatory Review Course [32]
7. Peer Review [33-34]
8. CPA Exam [34-35]
9. Continuing Education Courses [36]
10. Samples - Audit, Review or Compilation [38]
11. Prohibition from Handling Funds [39]
12. Community Service – Free Services [40]
Section 5100(d)  CANCELLATION, REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION BY ANY OTHER STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY

Minimum Penalty – Revocation stayed [1, 2, 4], probation 3 years
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], probation of 3 to 5 years

If warranted (include those related to underlying offense(s)):
   2. Supervised Practice [25, 28]
   3. Restitution [26, 29]
   4. Probation Monitoring Costs [27, 30]
   5. Restricted Practice [28, 31]
   6. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
   7. Regulatory Review Course [32]
   8. CPA Exam [34, 35] or Enrolled Agents Exam [35]
   9. Continuing Education Courses [36]
  10. Samples - Audit, Review or Compilation [38]
  11. Prohibition from Handling Funds [39]
  12. Community Service – Free Services [40]
  13. Notice to Clients [42]
  14. Conditions as appropriate relating to physical or mental disability or condition [44-49]

Section 5100(e)  VIOLATION OF PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5097

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
          3. Continuing Education Courses [36]

              2. Supervised Practice [25, 28]
              3. Probation Monitoring Costs [27, 30]
              4. Restricted Practice [28, 31]
              5. Library Reference Materials [30, 33]
6. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
7. Regulatory Review Course [32]
8. Peer Review [33]
9. CPA Exam [34]
10. Samples - Audits, Review or Compilation [38]
11. Community Service – Free Services [40]
12. Notice to Clients [42]
13. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5100(f) VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5120

BPC Section 5120 states "Any person who violates any of the provisions of Article 3 (commencing with section 5050) is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or both. "Whenever the Board has reason to believe that any person is liable for punishment under this article, the Board or its designated representatives, may certify the facts to the appropriate enforcement officer of the city or county where the alleged violation had taken place and the officer may cause appropriate proceedings to be brought."

Violations of Article 3 include:

5050 and 5051 PRACTICE WITHOUT PERMIT/ PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY" DEFINED
5055 and 5056 TITLE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT/ PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
5058 USE OF CONFUSING TITLES OR DESIGNATIONS PROHIBITED

Minimum/Maximum Penalty – See specific statute/regulation violated for recommended penalty

Section 5100(g) WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THE ACCOUNTANCY ACT, OR A RULE OR REGULATION PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD

Minimum/Maximum Penalty – See specific statute or regulation violated for recommended penalty

Section 5100(h) SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE RIGHT TO PRACTICE BEFORE ANY GOVERNMENTAL BODY OR AGENCY

Minimum Penalty – Revocation stayed [1, 2, 4], 3 years probation [1, 2, 4]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]
If warranted (include those related to underlying offense(s)):

2. Supervised Practice [2628]
3. Restitution [2629]
4. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
5. Restricted Practice [2831]
6. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
7. Regulatory Review Course [32]
8. CPA Exam [3435] or Enrolled Agents Exam [35]
9. Continuing Education Courses [36]
10. Samples - Audit, Review or Compilation [38]
11. Prohibition from Handling Funds [39]
12. Community Service – Free Services [40]
13. Notice to Clients [42]
14. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]
15. Conditions as appropriate relating to physical or mental disability or condition [44-49]

Section 5100(i)  FISCAL DISHONESTY OR BREACH OF FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY OF ANY KIND

Minimum Penalty – Revocation stayed, 30 day suspension, 3 years probation [1-4]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required:  1. If revocation stayed [4], probation of 3 to 5 years
          2. Suspension [3]

If warranted:  1. Supervised Practice [2528]
               2. Restitution [2629]
               3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
               4. Restricted Practice [2831]
               5. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
               6. Regulatory Review Course [32]
               7. CPA Exam [3435] or Enrolled Agents Exam [35]
               8. Continuing Education Courses [36]
               9. Prohibition from Handling Funds [39]
              10. Community Service – Free Services [40]
              11. Notice to Clients [42]
              12. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]
              13. Conditions as appropriate relating to physical or mental disability or condition [44-49]

Section 5100(j)  KNOWING PREPARATION, PUBLICATION OR DISSEMINATION OF FALSE, FRAUDULENT, OR MATERIALLY MISLEADING FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS, REPORTS, OR INFORMATION

Minimum Penalty – Revocation stayed, 60 days suspension, 3 years probation [1-4]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 to 5 years probation
    2. Suspension [3]

If warranted: 1. Supervised Practice [2528]
    2. Restitution [2629]
    3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
    4. Restricted Practice [2831]
    5. Engagement Letters [2932]
    6. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
    7. Regulatory Review Course [32]
    8. CPA Exam [2335] or Enrolled Agents Exam [35]
    9. Continuing Education Courses [36]
    10. Samples - Audit, Review or Compilation [38]
    11. Community Service – Free Services [40]
    12. Notice to Clients [42]
    13. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]
    14. Conditions as appropriate relating to physical or mental disability or condition [44-49]

Section 5100(k) EMBEZZLEMENT, THEFT, MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS OR PROPERTY, OR OBTAINING MONEY, PROPERTY OR OTHER VALUABLE CONSIDERATION BY FRAUDULENT MEANS OR FALSE PRETENSES

Minimum Penalty – Revocation stayed, 90 day suspension, 3 years probation [1-4]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], probation of 3 to 5 years probation
    2. Suspension [3]

If warranted: 1. Supervised Practice [2528]
    2. Restitution [2629]
    3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
    4. Restricted Practice [2831]
    5. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
    6. Regulatory Review Course [32]
    7. CPA Exam [3435] or Enrolled Agents Exam [35]
    8. Continuing Education Courses [36]
Section 5100(l)  DISCIPLINE, PENALTY, OR SANCTION BY THE
PUBLIC COMPANY ACCOUNTING OVERSIGHT BOARD
OR SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Minimum Penalty – Revocation stayed [1, 2, 4], 3 years probation
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation

If warranted (include those related to underlying offense(s)):
2. Supervised Practice [26, 28]
3. Restitution [26, 29]
4. Probation Monitoring Costs [27, 30]
5. Restricted Practice [28, 31]
6. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
7. Regulatory Review Course [32]
8. CPA Exam [34, 35] or Enrolled Agents Exam [35]
9. Continuing Education Courses [36]
10. Samples - Audit, Review or Compilation [38]
11. Prohibition from Handling Funds [39]
12. Community Service – Free Services [40]
13. Notice to Clients [42]
14. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in
   BPC section 5116 [43]
15. Conditions as appropriate relating to physical or mental disability or
   condition [44-49]

Section 5100(m)  UNLAWFULLY ENGAGING IN PRACTICE OF
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY IN ANOTHER STATE

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation

2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
3. Restricted Practice [2831]
4. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
5. Regulatory Review Course [32]
6. Continuing Education Courses [36]
7. Active License Status [37]
8. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5101  DISCIPLINE OF PARTNERSHIP

Minimum Penalty – Revocation stayed [1, 2, 4], 3 years probation [1, 2, 4]

Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Restitution [2629]
4. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
5. Restricted Practice [2831]
6. Engagement Letters [2932]
7. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5104  RELINQUISHMENT OF CERTIFICATE OR PERMIT (revocation or suspension)

Minimum/Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

Section 5105  RELINQUISHMENT OF CERTIFICATE OR PERMIT (delinquent)

Minimum/Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

Section 5110(a)  ACTS CONSTITUTING CAUSE FOR BOARD’S DENIAL OF EXAM APPLICATION OR ADMISSION, VOIDANCE OF GRADES, OR DENIAL OF LICENSE APPLICATION OR REGISTRATION

Minimum/Maximum Penalty – Denial of admission to examination, denial of licensure application, or revocation of license if issued.

If warranted: 1. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC Section 5116 [43]
ARTICLE 7
Sections 5120/5121 VIOLATIONS AS MISDEMEANOR/EVIDENCE OF VIOLATION

(See Reference BPC Section section 5100(f) and section on Unlicensed Activities.)

ARTICLE 9
Section 5152 CORPORATION REPORTS
Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36] for licensee directors, shareholders, and/or officers of corporation
Maximum Penalty – Suspend corporate accountancy registration and/or individual licenses for 90 days [3]

Section 5152.1 ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION RENEWAL OF PERMIT TO PRACTICE
Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36] for licensee directors, shareholders, and/or officers of corporation
Maximum Penalty – Suspend corporate accountancy registration and/or individual licenses for 90 days [3]

(See Reference BPC sections 5050 and 5060(b))

Section 5154 DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS, AND OFFICERS MUST BE LICENSED
Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses for licensee directors, shareholders, and/or officers of corporation [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation of corporate registration [1, 2] and discipline of individual licenses

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
2. Probation Monitoring Costs [27-30]
3. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
4. Regulatory Review Course [32]
5. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5155 DISQUALIFIED SHAREHOLDER NONPARTICIPATION
Minimum Penalty – Revocation stayed [1, 2, 4], 3 years probation [1, 2, 4]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation of individual and corporate license [1, 2]
CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:

2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
3. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
4. Regulatory Review Course [32]
5. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 5156  
UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT (ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION)

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36] for licensee directors, shareholders, and/or officers of corporation
Maximum Penalty – Revocation of individual and corporate licenses [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If Revocation stayed [4], 3 to 5 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
3. Ethics Continuing Education [31] for licensee directors, shareholders and/or officers
4. Regulatory Review Course [32] for licensee directors, shareholders and/or officers
5. Community Service – Free Services [40]
6. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Note: An accountancy corporation is bound by the same regulations as individual respondents. See specific statute or regulation violated for recommended penalty.

Section 5158  
PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY; MANAGEMENT (ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION)

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36] for licensee directors, stakeholders, and/or officers of corporation. Require CPA or PA to develop management plan; permit practice investigation within 3 months to ensure compliance with management requirement and plan [20, 33]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If Revocation stayed [4], 3 to 5 years probation

If warranted: 1. Supervised Practice [2628]
2. Restitution [2629]
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
4. Restricted Practice [2831]
5. Engagement Letters [2932]
6. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
7. Regulatory Review Course [32]
8. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]
9. Conditions as appropriate relating to physical or mental disability or condition [44-49]
ARTICLE 1: GENERAL

SECTION 3 NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – 90 day Suspension [3]

SECTION 5 OBSERVANCE OF RULES

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
2. Ethics Continuing Education [34]
3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
4. Continuing Education Courses [36]
5. Samples - Audit, Review or Compilation [38]
6. Community Service – Free Services [40]
7. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

Note: Reference the specific regulation for appropriate discipline.

ARTICLE 2: EXAMINATIONS

SECTION 8.2 REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF THE AUTHORIZATION TO TEST

Minimum Penalty – Probationary conditions on initial license (if not yet licensed) or revocation, stayed with probation (if already licensed); reference appropriate subsection of BPC section 5100 for applicable provisions

Maximum Penalty – Denial of admission to examination or revocation of license if issued; Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]
ARTICLE 3: PRACTICE PRIVILEGES

SECTION 20 NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF INFORMATION FOR REGISTERED OUT-OF-STATE ACCOUNTING FIRMS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – 90 day Suspension [3]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If suspension stayed [4], probation 3 to 5 years
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

If warranted: 1. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

ARTICLE 5: REGISTRATION

SECTION 37.5 FINGERPRINTING

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
4. Continuing Education Courses [36]
5. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC Section 5116 [43]

ARTICLE 6: PEER REVIEW

SECTION 40(a)(b)(c) ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
4. Restricted Practice [2831]
5. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
6. Regulatory Review Course [32]
7. Peer Review [33-34]
8. Continuing Education Courses [36]
9. Samples – Audit, Review or Compilation [38]
10. Notification to Clients/Cessation of Practice [42]
11. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference BPC Section 5076(a))

SECTION 41  FIRM RESPONSIBILITIES

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
          2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
               2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
               3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
               4. Continuing Education Courses [36]
               5. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference BPC Section 5076(a))

SECTION 43  EXTENSIONS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
          2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
               2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
               3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
               4. Continuing Education Courses [36]
               5. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]
SECTION 44 NOTIFICATION OF EXPULSION

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation

2. Supervised Practice [25, 28]
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [27, 30]
4. Restricted Practice [28, 31]
5. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
6. Regulatory Review Course [32]
7. Continuing Education Courses [36]
8. Samples – Audit, Review or Compilation [38]
9. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]
10. Conditions as appropriate relating to physical or mental disability or condition [44-49]

SECTION 45 REPORTING TO BOARD

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [27, 30]
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
4. Continuing Education Courses [36]
5. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference BPC Section 5076(a))

SECTION 46(a) DOCUMENT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applies to firms that receive a substandard peer review rating.

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
   2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
   3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
   42. Continuing Education Courses [36]
   53. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in 
       BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference BPC Section 5076(f))

SECTION 46(b) DOCUMENT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Applies to firms that receive a “pass” or “pass with deficiencies” peer 
review rating.

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
   2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
   3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
   42. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in 
       BPC section 5116 [43]

ARTICLE 9: RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

SECTION 50 CLIENT NOTIFICATION

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation stayed, suspension, 3 years probation [1-4]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:

   2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
   3. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
   4. Regulatory Review Course [32]
   53. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in 
       BPC section 5116 [43]

Section 50.1 ATTEST CLIENT NOTIFICATION

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36] for California licensee partners or
for licensee shareholders of corporation
Maximum Penalty – Revocation of partnership or corporate registration and individual licenses

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
3. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
4. Regulatory Review Course [32]
5. Administrative Penalty not to maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 51  FIRMS WITH NONLICENSEE OWNERS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36] for California licensee partners or for licensee shareholders of corporation
Maximum Penalty – Revocation stayed, suspension, 3 years probation [1-4]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:

2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
3. Restricted Practice [2831]
4. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
5. Regulatory Review Course [32]
6. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 51.1  NOTIFICATION OF NON-LICENSEE OWNERSHIP

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36] for California licensee partners or for licensee shareholders of corporation
Maximum Penalty – Revocation of partnership or corporate registration and individual licenses

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
3. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
4. Regulatory Review Course [32]
5. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference BPC Section 5079)
SECTION 52  RESPONSE TO BOARD INQUIRY

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required:  1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation  
          2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-24]

If warranted:  1. Probation Monitoring Costs [27]
               2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
               3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
               4. Continuing Education Courses [36]
               5. Community Service – Free Services [40]
               6. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 53  DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation stayed, 3 years probation [1, 2, 4]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:

If warranted:  1. Probation Monitoring Costs [27]
               2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
               3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
               4. Continuing Education Courses [36]
               5. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 54.1  DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION PROHIBITED

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required:  1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation  
          2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-24]

               2. Supervised Practice [25]
               3. Probation Monitoring Costs [27]
               4. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
               5. Regulatory Review Course [32]
               6. Continuing Education Courses [36]
               7. Notice to Clients [42]
Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference BPC Section 5037)

SECTION 54.2 RECIPIENTS OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed, [4], 3 years probation

If warranted: 1. Supervised Practice [25, 28]
2. Probation Monitoring Costs [27, 30]
3. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
4. Regulatory Review Course [32]
5. Continuing Education Courses [36]
6. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 56 COMMISSIONS – BASIC DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation

2. Supervised Practice [25, 28]
3. Restitution [26, 29]
4. Probation Monitoring Costs [27, 30]
5. Restricted Practice [28, 31]
6. Engagement Letters [29, 32]
7. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
8. Regulatory Review Course [32]
9. Continuing Education Courses [36]
10. Community Service – Free Services [40]
11. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 56.1 COMMISSIONS – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO CLIENT

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]
CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Restitution [2629]
4. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
5. Restricted Practice [2831]
6. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
7. Regulatory Review Course [32]
8. Continuing Education Courses [36]
9. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
10. Restricted Practice [2831]
11. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
12. Regulatory Review Course [32]
13. Continuing Education Courses [36]
14. Prohibition from Handling Funds [39]
15. Community Service – Free Services [40]
16. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 57  INCOMPATIBLE OCCUPATIONS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
4. Restricted Practice [2831]
5. Engagement Letters [2932]
6. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
7. Regulatory Review Course [32]
8. Continuing Education Courses [36]
9. Prohibition from Handling Funds [39]
10. Community Service – Free Services [40]
11. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 58  COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
4. Restricted Practice [2831]
5. Engagement Letters [2932]
6. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
7. Regulatory Review Course [32]
8. Peer Review [3334]
9. CPA Exam [3435]
10. Continuing Education Courses [36]
11. Samples - Audit, Review or Compilation [38]
12. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 59  REPORTING OF RESTATEMENTS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
4. Restricted Practice [2831]
5. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
6. Regulatory Review Course [32]
7. Continuing Education Courses [36]
8. Community Service – Free Services [40]
9. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference BPC Section 5063)

SECTION 60  REPORTING OF INVESTIGATIONS BY THE PUBLIC COMPANY ACCOUNTING OVERSIGHT BOARD

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
4. Restricted Practice [2831]
5. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
6. Regulatory Review Course [32]
7. Continuing Education Courses [36]
8. Community Service – Free Services [40]
9. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference BPC Section 5063)

SECTION 61 THE REPORTING OF SETTLEMENTS, ARBITRATION AWARDS, AND JUDGMENTS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
4. Restricted Practice [2831]
5. Engagement Letters [2932]
6. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
7. Regulatory Review Course [32]
8. Continuing Education Courses [36]
9. Community Service – Free Services [40]
498. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference BPC Section 5063)

SECTION 62 CONTINGENT FEES

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [1, 2, 4], 3 years probation [1, 2, 4]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Restitution [2629]
4. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
5. Restricted Practice [2831]
6. Engagement Letters [2932]
7. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
8. Regulatory Review Course [32]
9. Continuing Education Courses [36]
10. Community Service – Free Services [40]
11. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 63 ADVERTISING

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
3. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
4. Regulatory Review Course [32]
5. Community Service – Free Services [40]
6. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 65 INDEPENDENCE

Minimum Penalty – Revocation stayed [1, 2, 4], 3 years of probation [1, 2, 4]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], probation of 3 to 5 years
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Restitution [2629]
4. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
5. Restricted Practice [2831]
6. Engagement Letters [2932]
7. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
8. Regulatory Review Course [32]
9. Peer Review [3334]
10. CPA Exam [3435]
11. Samples - Audit, Review or Compilation [38]
12. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]
SECTION 67  APPROVAL OF USE OF FICTITIOUS NAME

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation stayed, 90 day suspension, 3 years probation [1-4]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
4. Community Service – Free Services [40]
5. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 68  RETENTION OF CLIENT'S RECORDS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [1, 2, 4], 3 years probation [1, 2, 4]
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Restitution [2629]
4. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
5. Restricted Practice [2831]
6. Engagement Letters [2932]
7. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
8. Regulatory Review Course [32]
9. Continuing Education Courses [36]
10. Community Service – Free Services [40]
11. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]
12. Conditions as appropriate relating to physical or mental disability or condition [44-49]

(Reference BPC Section 5037)

SECTION 68.1  WORKING PAPERS DEFINED; RETENTION

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
SECTION 68.2 COMPONENTS OF AUDIT DOCUMENTATION

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required:  
1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation  
3. Continuing Education Courses [36]

If warranted:  
2. Supervised Practice [2528]  
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]  
4. Restricted Practice [2831]  
5. Ethics Continuing Education [31]  
6. Regulatory Review Course [32]  
7. Peer Review [3334]  
8. CPA Exam [2435]  
9. Community Service – Free Services [40]  
10. Notice to Clients [42]

11. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference BPC Section 5097)

SECTION 68.3 RETENTION PERIOD FOR AUDIT DOCUMENTATION

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]
CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
3. Continuing Education Courses [36]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
4. Restricted Practice [2831]
5. Library Reference Materials [3033]
6. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
7. Regulatory Review Course [32]
8. Peer Review [3334]
9. CPA Exam [3435]
10. Samples - Audits, Review or Compilation [38]
11. Community Service – Free Services [40]
12. Notice to Clients [42]
13. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference BCP Section 5097)

SECTION 68.4 CHANGES IN AUDIT DOCUMENTATION AFTER ISSUANCE OF REPORT

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
3. Continuing Education Courses [36]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
4. Restricted Practice [2831]
5. Library Reference Materials [3033]
6. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
7. Regulatory Review Course [32]
8. Peer Review [3334]
9. CPA Exam [3435]
10. Samples - Audits, Review or Compilation [38]
11. Community Service – Free Services [40]
12. Notice to Clients [42]
13. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference BPC section 5097)
SECTION 68.5 AUDIT DOCUMENTATION
RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION POLICY

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
3. Continuing Education Courses [36]

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
4. Restricted Practice [2831]
5. Library Reference Materials [3033]
6. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
7. Regulatory Review Course [32]
8. Peer Review [3334]
9. CPA Exam [3435]
10. Samples - Audits, Review or Compilation [38]
11. Community Service – Free Services [40]
12. Notice to Clients [42]
13. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

(Reference BPC Section 5097)

SECTION 69 CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT'S EXPERIENCE

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation

2. Supervised Practice [2528]
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
4. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
5. Regulatory Review Course [32]
6. Community Service – Free Services [40]
7. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [46]
ARTICLE 11: ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION RULES

SECTION 75.8 SECURITY FOR CLAIMS AGAINST AN ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36] for licensee directors, shareholders, and/or officers of corporation

Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], probation of 3 to 5 years
         2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

If warranted: 1. Supervised Practice [2528]
              2. Restitution [2629]
              3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
              4. Restricted Practice [2831]
              5. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
              6. Regulatory Review Course [32]
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              8. Samples - Audit, Review or Compilation [38]
              9. Prohibition from Handling Funds [39]
             10. Community Service – Free Services [40]
             11. Notification to Clients [42]
             12. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 75.9 SHARES: OWNERSHIP AND TRANSFER

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36] for licensee directors, shareholders, and/or officers of corporation

Maximum Penalty – Revocation of corporate registration [1, 2] and discipline of individual licenses

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
         2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

              2. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
              3. Restricted Practice [2831]
              4. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
              5. Regulatory Review Course [32]
              6. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]
SECTION 75.11(b)  CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION; CONTINUING VALIDITY; NOTIFICATION OF NAME AND ADDRESS CHANGES

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36] for licensee directors, shareholders, and/or officers of corporation
Maximum Penalty – Suspend corporate accountancy registration and/or individual licensees for 90 days [3]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
2. Restricted Practice [28-31]
3. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
4. Regulatory Review Course [32]
5. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

ARTICLE 12: CONTINUING EDUCATION RULES

Section 80  INACTIVE LICENSE STATUS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Probation Monitoring Costs [27-30]
3. Restricted Practice [28-31]
4. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
5. Regulatory Review Course [32]
6. Continuing Education Courses [36]
7. Active License Status [37]
8. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 81(a)  CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWING AN EXPIRED LICENSE

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
If warranted:  
2. Supervised Practice [2528] 
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730] 
4. Restricted Practice [2831] 
5. Ethics Continuing Education [31] 
6. Regulatory Review Course [32] 
7. Continuing Education Courses [36] 
8. Samples – Audit, Review or Compilation [38] 
9. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 87 BASIC REQUIREMENTS (Continuing Education)

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36] 
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required:  
1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation 
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27] 

If warranted:  
2. Supervised Practice [2528] 
3. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730] 
4. Restricted Practice [2831] 
5. Ethics Continuing Education [31] 
6. Regulatory Review Course [32] 
7. Continuing Education Courses [36] 
8. Samples – Audit, Review or Compilation [38] 
9. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 87.5 ADDITIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [2536] 
Maximum Penalty – Revocation stayed, 3 years probation [1, 2, 4]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required:  

If warranted:  
1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730] 
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31] 
3. Regulatory Review Course [32] 
4. Continuing Education Courses [36] 
5. Active License Status [37] 
6. Samples - Audit, Review or Compilation [38] 
7. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]
SECTION 87.6  RECORDS REVIEW
CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation stayed, 3 years probation [1, 2, 4]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
42. Continuing Education Courses [36]
53. Samples - Audit, Review or Compilation [38]
64. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in
   BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 87.8  REGULATORY REVIEW COURSE

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation stayed, 3 years probation [1, 2, 4]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
42. Continuing Education Courses [36]
42. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in
   BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 89  CONTROL AND REPORTING

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4], 3 years probation
2. Standard Conditions of Probation [45-2416-27]

If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
42. Continuing Education Courses [36]
53. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in
   BPC section 5116 [43]
SECTION 89.1 REPORTS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation stayed, 3 years probation [1, 2, 4]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
If warranted: 1. Probation Monitoring Costs [27-30]
2. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
3. Regulatory Review Course [32]
4. Continuing Education Courses [36]
5. Samples - Audit, Review or Compilation [38]
6. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

SECTION 90 EXCEPTIONS AND EXTENSIONS

Minimum Penalty – Continuing Education Courses [36]
Maximum Penalty – Revocation [1, 2]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
Required: 1. If revocation stayed [4] 3 years probation
2. Supervised Practice [25-28]
4. Restricted Practice [28-31]
5. Ethics Continuing Education [31]
6. Regulatory Review Course [32]
7. Continuing Education Courses [36]
8. Samples – Audit, Review or Compilation [38]
9. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]

ARTICLE 12.5: CITATIONS AND FINES

SECTION 95.4 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CITATION

Minimum Penalty – Compliance with Citation Abatement Order and/or Fine as issued
Maximum Penalty – Revocation stayed, 3 years probation [1, 2, 4]

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:
2. Restitution [26-29]
3. Compliance with Citation Abatement Order and/or Fine
If warranted:  
1. Probation Monitoring Costs [2730]  
2. Administrative Penalty not to exceed maximum set forth in BPC section 5116 [43]
VIOLATION OF PROBATION

Minimum penalty - Citation and Fine (19)
Maximum penalty - Vacate stay order and impose penalty that was previously stayed; and/or revoke, separately and severally, for violation of probation and/or for any additional offenses. [1-4]

California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 95 provides the authority for the Executive Officer to issue citations and fines from $100 to $5,000 to a licensee for violation of a term or condition contained in a decision placing that licensee on probation.

The maximum penalty is appropriate for repeated similar offenses, or for probation violations indicating a cavalier or recalcitrant attitude. If the probation violation is due in part to the commission of additional offense(s), additional penalties shall be imposed according to the nature of the offense; and the probation violation shall be considered as an aggravating factor in imposing a penalty for those offenses.

UNLICENSED ACTIVITIES

If any unlicensed individual or firm violates, or is suspected of violating, any of the following Business and Professions Code sections, the matter may be referred to the Division of Investigation and if the allegation is confirmed, to the District Attorney or other appropriate law enforcement officer for prosecution.

Section 5050  Section 5056  Section 5072
Section 5051  Section 5058  Section 5088
Section 5055  Section 5071

CCR section 95.6 also provides the authority for the Executive Officer to issue citations and fines from $100 to $5,000 and an order of abatement against any person defined in Business and Professions Code section 5035 who is acting in the capacity of a licensee under the jurisdiction of the CBA.

BPC section 5120 provides that any person who violates any provisions of Article 3 is guilty of a misdemeanor and can be imprisoned for not more than 6 months or assessed a fine of not more than $1,000 or both. Injunctions may be requested (see BPC section 5122 immediately following).

INJUNCTIONS

BPC Section 5122 provides that "Whenever in the judgment of the board, (or with its approval, in the judgment of the enforcement advisory committee), any person has engaged, or is about to engage, in any acts or practices that which constitute, or will constitute, an offense against this chapter, the board may make application to the appropriate court for an order enjoining the acts or practices, and upon showing by the board that the person has engaged, or is about to engage, in any such acts or practices, an injunction, restraining order,
or such other order that may be appropriate shall be granted by the court." This section applies to licensees and unlicensed persons.
VIIIIX. MODEL ORDERS

LICENSEES

1. Revocation - Single Cause:

_________License No._______issued
(Ex: Certified Public Accountant) (Ex: 00000)
to respondent_______is revoked.
(Name)

2. Revocation - Multiple Causes:

_________License No._______issued to respondent_______is revoked pursuant to Determination(s) of Issues ______separately and for all of them.

3. Suspension:

_________License No._______issued to respondent_______is suspended for ________. During the period of suspension the respondent shall engage in no activities for which certification as a Certified Public Accountant or Public Accountant is required as described in Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, Section 5051.

4. Standard Stay Order:

However,______(revocation/suspension)_______is stayed and respondent_______is placed on probation for ______years upon the following terms and conditions:

ORDER OF RESTRICTED PRACTICE

5. Permanent Restricted Practice Order (to be placed after any probationary order):

After the period of probation set forth above is successfully completed, it is further ordered that Respondent shall be prohibited from (performing certain types of engagements such as audits, reviews, compilations, or other attestation engagements, etc.), and/or from practice in (certain specialty areas, e.g. bookkeeping, write-up, tax, auditing, etc.). Respondent shall be prohibited from performing the above mentioned services permanently or until such time as Respondent successfully petitions the CBA for reinstatement of the privilege to engage in any of the service(s) or act(s) restricted by this Order.

(Note: This restriction is authorized by Business and Professions Code section 5100.5. It should be used where the violation involves unprofessional conduct in the performance or failure to perform particular accountancy acts or services or where serious or repeated violations in a particular practice area are found and revocation is not warranted.)
PETITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

56. Grant petition without restrictions on the license:

Upon satisfaction of all statutory and regulatory requirements for the issuance of a license, the petition for reinstatement filed by _____________ is hereby granted and Petitioner’s certificate shall be fully restored.

67. Grant petition and place license on probation:

Upon satisfaction of all statutory and regulatory requirements for issuance of a license, the petition for reinstatement filed by _____________ is hereby granted. Petitioner’s certificate shall be fully restored. However, the certificate shall then be immediately revoked, the revocation shall be stayed, and petitioner shall be placed on probation for __ years upon the following terms and conditions (list standard and applicable optional conditions of probation):

78. Grant petition and place license on probation after petitioner completes conditions precedent to reinstatement of the license:

The petition for reinstatement filed by _____________ is hereby granted and Petitioner’s certificate shall be fully reinstated upon the following conditions precedent (list conditions precedent such as restitution, cost reimbursement, completion of CE, completion of rehabilitation program, take and pass CPA/Enrolled Agents exam, etc.):

Upon completion of the conditions precedent above and satisfaction of all statutory and regulatory requirements for issuance of a license, Petitioner’s certificate shall be reinstated. Upon reinstatement, Petitioner’s certificate shall be revoked. However, said revocation shall be stayed and Petitioner shall be placed on probation for a period of ___ years under the following terms and conditions (list standard and applicable optional conditions of probation):

89. Deny Petition:

The petition for reinstatement filed by _____________ is hereby denied. Option: In accordance with Section 5115(a) of the Business and Professions Code (BPC), Petitioner may file a new petition for reinstatement only after ____ years have elapsed from the effective date of this decision.

Note: (3 years maximum)

Note: Business and Professions Code BPC section 5115 also allows a person to file a petition for a reduction in penalty.
PETITION FOR REVOCATION OF PROBATION

910. Revocation of Probation:

Certified Public Accountant Certificate No. __________, heretofore issued to Respondent __________, is revoked.

4011. Continuance of Probation:

However, revocation is stayed and respondent is placed on probation for a period of years upon the following terms and conditions:

APPLICANTS

412. Grant application without restrictions on the license:

The application of Respondent _______ for initial licensure is hereby granted and a license shall be issued to Respondent upon successful completion of all licensing requirements including payment of all fees.

4213. Grant application and place license on probation:

The application of Respondent _______ for initial licensure is hereby granted and a license shall be issued to Respondent upon successful completion of all licensing requirements including payment of all fees. Said license shall immediately be revoked, the order of revocation stayed and respondent's license placed on probation for a period of ______ years on the following conditions:

4314. Grant application and place license on probation after applicant completes conditions precedent to reinstatement of the license:

The application filed by _____________ for initial licensure is hereby granted and a license shall be issued upon the following conditions precedent (list conditions precedent such as restitution, cost reimbursement, completion of CE, completion of rehabilitation program, take and pass CPA/Enrolled Agents exam, etc.):

Upon completion of the conditions precedent above and successful completion of all licensing requirements, Respondent shall be issued a license. However, the license shall be immediately revoked, and Respondent shall be placed on probation for a period of ___ years under the following terms and conditions (list standard and applicable optional conditions of probation):

415. Deny Application:

The application of Respondent _______ for initial licensure is hereby denied.
STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PROBATION
(TO BE INCLUDED IN ALL CASES OF PROBATION)

16. Obey All Laws

Respondent shall obey all federal, California, other states' and local laws, including those rules relating to the practice of public accountancy in California.

17. Cost Reimbursement

Respondent shall reimburse the Board CBA $___________ for its investigation and prosecution costs. The payment shall be made within __ days/months of the date the Board's CBA's decision is final.

Option: The payment shall be made as follows: _________[specify either prior to the resumption of practice or in quarterly payments (due with quarterly written reports), the final payment being due one year before probation is scheduled to terminate].

18. Submit Written Reports

Respondent shall submit, within 10 days of completion of the quarter, written reports to the Board California Board of Accountancy (CBA) on a form obtained from the Board CBA. The respondent shall submit, under penalty of perjury, such other written reports, declarations, and verification of actions as are required. These declarations shall contain statements relative to respondent's Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Respondent shall immediately execute all release of information forms as may be required by the Board CBA or its representatives.

19. Personal Appearances

Respondent shall, during the period of probation, appear in person at interviews/meetings as directed by the Board California Board of Accountancy or its designated representatives, provided such notification is accomplished in a timely manner.

20. Comply With Probation

Respondent shall fully comply with the terms and conditions of the probation imposed by the Board California Board of Accountancy (CBA) and shall cooperate fully with representatives of the California Board of Accountancy CBA in its monitoring and investigation of respondent's Respondent's compliance with probation terms and conditions.

21. Practice Investigation

Respondent shall be subject to, and shall permit, a practice investigation of the respondent's Respondent's professional practice. Such a practice investigation shall be conducted by representatives of the Board California Board of Accountancy, provided notification of such review is accomplished in a timely manner.
222. Comply With Citations

Respondent shall comply with all final orders resulting from citations issued by the California Board of Accountancy.

223. Tolling of Probation for Out-of-State Residence/Practice

In the event respondent should leave California to reside or practice outside this state, respondent must notify the Board of Accountancy (CBA) in writing of the dates of departure and return. Periods of non-California residency or practice outside the state shall not apply to reduction of the probationary period, or of any suspension. No obligation imposed herein, including requirements to file written reports, reimburse the Board costs, and make restitution to consumers, shall be suspended or otherwise affected by such periods of out-of-state residency or practice except at the written direction of the CBA.

234. Violation of Probation

If respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an accusation or a petition to revoke probation is filed against respondent during probation, the CBA shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

The CBA’s Executive Officer may issue a citation under California Code of Regulations, Section 95, to a licensee for a violation of a term or condition contained in a decision placing that licensee on probation.

245. Completion of Probation

Upon successful completion of probation, respondent’s license will be fully restored, unless the California Board of Accountancy has ordered that Respondent’s license be permanently restricted or limited even after probation has been completed.

256. Ethics Continuing Education

Within (a specified time period (e.g. one year)) of the effective date of the Order or Prior to the resumption of practice (where the license has been suspended), Respondent shall complete four hours of continuing education in course subject matter pertaining to the following: a review of nationally recognized codes of conduct emphasizing how the codes relate to professional responsibilities; case-based instruction focusing on real-life situational learning; ethical dilemmas facing the accounting profession; or business ethics, ethical sensitivity, and consumer expectations. Courses must be a minimum of one hour as described in California Code of Regulations section 88.2.
If Respondent fails to complete said courses within the time period provided, Respondent shall so notify the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) and shall cease practice until Respondent completes said courses, has submitted proof of same to the CBA, and has been notified by the CBA that he or she may resume practice. Failure to complete the required courses within the time period provided shall constitute a violation of probation. This shall be in addition to continuing education requirements for relicensing.

2627. Regulatory Review Course

Within (a specified time period (e.g. 180 days)) of the effective date of the Order or Prior to the resumption of practice (where the license has been suspended), Respondent shall complete a California Board of Accountancy (CBA) approved course on the provisions of the California Accountancy Act and the (CBA) Regulations specific to the practice of public accountability in California emphasizing the provisions applicable to current practice situations. The course also will include an overview of historic and recent disciplinary actions taken by the CBA, highlighting the misconduct which led to licensees being disciplined.

If Respondent fails to complete said courses within the time period provided, Respondent shall so notify the CBA and shall cease practice until Respondent completes said courses, has submitted proof of same to the CBA, and has been notified by the CBA that he or she may resume practice. Failure to complete the required courses within the time period provided shall constitute a violation of probation. This shall be in addition to continuing education requirements for relicensing.
OPTIONAL CONDITIONS OF PROBATION
(To Be Included In Cases Where Appropriate)

2528. Supervised Practice

Within thirty 30 days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall submit to the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) or its designee for its prior approval a plan of practice that shall be monitored by another CPA or PA who provides periodic reports to the CBA or its designee. Respondent shall pay all costs for such monitoring.

2629. Restitution

Respondent shall make restitution to ______ in the amount of $_____ and shall provide the California Board of Accountancy with a written release from ______ attesting that full restitution has been paid. Restitution shall be completed before the termination of probation.

2730. Probation Monitoring Costs

Respondent shall pay all costs associated with probation monitoring as determined by the California Board of Accountancy (CBA). Such costs shall be payable to the CBA within 30 days. Failure to pay such costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation. If costs are billed after the completion of the probationary period, the obligation to pay the costs shall continue, but the probation shall not be extended.

2831. Restricted Practice

Respondent shall be prohibited from ______ (performing certain types of engagements such as audits, reviews, compilations, or other attestation engagements, etc.), and/or from practice in ________ (certain specialty areas, i.e. bookkeeping, write-up, tax, auditing, etc.). The Respondent will be prohibited from performing the above mentioned services until such time that they successfully petition the California Board of Accountancy as listed in BPC section 5115.

2932. Engagement Letters

Respondent shall use engagement letters with each engagement accepted during probation and shall provide copies of same to the California Board of Accountancy or its designee upon request.

3033. Library Reference Materials

Respondent shall have immediate access to, shall use, and shall maintain published materials and/or checklists that are consistent with the practice. Such materials and checklists shall be produced on-site for review by the California Board of Accountancy or its designee upon reasonable notice.
31. Ethics Continuing Education

Respondent shall complete four hours of continuing education in course subject matter pertaining to the following: a review of nationally recognized codes of conduct emphasizing how the codes relate to professional responsibilities; case-based instruction focusing on real-life situational learning; ethical dilemmas facing the accounting profession; or business ethics, ethical sensitivity, and consumer expectations (within a given period of time or prior to the resumption of practice). Courses must be a minimum of one hour as described in California Code of Regulations section 88.2. (Courses will be passed prior to resumption of practice where license has been suspended or where otherwise appropriate.)

If respondent fails to complete said courses within the time provided, respondent shall so notify the CBA and shall cease practice until respondent completes said courses, has submitted proof of same to the CBA, and has been notified by the CBA that he or she may resume practice. Failure to complete the required courses no later than 100 days prior to the termination of probation shall constitute a violation of probation. This shall be in addition to continuing education requirements for relicensing.

32. Regulatory Review Course

Respondent shall complete a CBA-approved course on the provisions of the California Accountancy Act and the California Board of Accountancy Regulations specific to the practice of public accountancy in California emphasizing the provisions applicable to current practice situations (within a given period of time or prior to resumption of practice). The course also will include an overview of historic and recent disciplinary actions taken by the CBA, highlighting the misconduct which led to licensees being disciplined. The course shall be (a minimum of) two hours.

If respondent fails to complete said courses within the time period provided, respondent shall so notify the CBA and shall cease practice until respondent completes said courses, has submitted proof of same to the CBA, and has been notified by the CBA that he or she may resume practice. Failure to complete the required courses no later than 100 days prior to the termination of probation shall constitute a violation of probation. This shall be in addition to continuing education requirements for relicensing.

33. Peer Review

During the period of probation, all audit, review, and compilation reports and work papers shall be subject to peer review by a Board-recognized peer review program provider pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 5076 and California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 1, Article 6, commencing with section 38, certified peer reviewer at respondent’s expense. The review shall evaluate the respondent’s and his/her firm’s system of quality control, including, its organizational structure, the policies and procedures established by the firm, and the firm’s compliance with its quality control system as determined on the basis of a review of selected engagements. The specific engagements to be reviewed shall be at the discretion of the peer reviewer. Within 45 days of the peer review report being accepted by a Board-recognized peer review program provider, Respondent shall submit to the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) a copy of the peer review report, including any materials
documenting the prescription of remedial or corrective actions imposed by the Board-recognized peer review program provider. Respondent shall also submit, if available, within 45 days from the date of the request by the CBA or its designee, any materials documenting completion of any prescribed or remedial actions.

Upon completion of the peer review, respondent shall submit a copy of the report with the reviewer’s conclusions and findings to the Board.

**Condition 38 shall be used whenever Condition 34 is used.**

**3435. CPA Exam**

Within (a specified time period (e.g. one (1) year)) of the effective date of the Order or Prior to the resumption of practice (where the license has been suspended), Respondent shall take and pass the (section) of the Uniform CPA Exam. - e.g., within 180 days of the effective date of the decision or within 180 days of completion of educational program, etc., or Prior to the resumption of practice. (Exam will be passed Prior to resumption of practice where license has been suspended or where otherwise appropriate.)

If respondent fails to pass said examination within the time period provided or within two attempts, respondent shall so notify the Board California Board of Accountancy (CBA) and shall cease practice until respondent takes completes and successfully passes said examination, has submitted proof of same to the CBA, and has been notified by the CBA that he or she may resume practice. Failure to pass the required examination within the time period provided no later than 100 days prior to the termination of probation shall constitute a violation of probation.

**35. Enrolled Agents Exam**

Respondent shall take and pass the enrolled agents exam (within a given period of time or prior to the resumption of practice). (Exam will be passed prior to resumption of practice where license has been suspended or where otherwise appropriate.)

If respondent fails to pass said examination within the time period provided or within two attempts, respondent shall so notify the Board and shall cease practice until respondent takes and successfully passes said examination, has submitted proof of same to the Board, and has been notified by the Board that he or she may resume practice. Failure to pass the required examination no later than 100 days prior to the termination of probation shall constitute a violation of probation.
36. Continuing Education Courses

Within (a specified time period (e.g. 180 days)) of the effective date of the Order or Prior to the resumption of practice (where the license has been suspended), Respondent shall complete and provide proper documentation of (specified) professional education courses within (a designated time). This shall be in addition to continuing education requirements for relicensing.

If Respondent fails to complete said courses within the time period provided, Respondent shall so notify the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) and shall cease practice until Respondent completes said courses, has submitted proof of same to the CBA, and has been notified by the CBA that he or she may resume practice. Failure to complete the required courses within the time period provided shall constitute a violation of probation. This shall be in addition to continuing education requirements for relicensing.

37. Active License Status

Respondent shall at all times maintain an active license status with the Board California Board of Accountancy (CBA), including during any period of suspension. If the license is expired at the time the Board CBA’s decision becomes effective, the license must be renewed within 30 days of the effective date of the decision.

38. Samples - Audit, Review or Compilation

During the period of probation, if the respondent undertakes an audit, review or compilation engagement, the respondent shall submit to the Board California Board of Accountancy (CBA) as an attachment to the required quarterly report a listing of the same. The CBA or its designee may select one or more from each category and the resulting report and financial statement and all related working papers must be submitted to the CBA or its designee upon request.

39. Prohibition from Handling Funds

During the period of probation the respondent shall engage in no activities which require receiving or disbursing funds for or on behalf of any other person, company, partnership, association, corporation, or other business entity.

40. Community Service - Free Services

Respondent shall participate in a community service program as directed by the Board California Board of Accountancy (CBA) or its designee in which respondent provides free professional services on a regular basis to a community or charitable facility or agency, amounting to a minimum of _______ hours. Such services to begin no later than _______ days after respondent is notified of the program and to be completed no later than _______. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance with this requirement to the CBA. Respondent is entirely responsible for his or her performance in the program and the CBA assumes neither express nor implied responsibility for respondent’s performance nor for the product or services rendered.
41. Relinquish Certificate

Respondent shall relinquish and shall forward or deliver the certificate or permit to practice to the Board California Board of Accountancy (CBA) office within 10 days of the effective date of this decision and order.

42. Notification to Clients/Cessation of Practice

In orders that provide for a cessation or suspension of practice, respondent shall comply with procedures provided by the California Board of Accountancy or its designee regarding notification to, and management of, clients.

43. Administrative Penalty

Respondent shall pay to the Board California Board of Accountancy an administrative penalty in the amount of $__________ for violation of section(s) _________ of the California Accountancy Act. The payment shall be made within ___days/months of the date the Board CBA’s decision is final.

44. Medical Treatment

Respondent shall undergo and continue treatment by a licensed physician of respondent’s choice and approved by the Board California Board of Accountancy (CBA) or its designee until the treating physician certifies in writing in a report to the CBA or its designee that treatment is no longer necessary. Respondent shall have the treating physician submit reports to the CBA at intervals determined by the Board-CBA or its designee. Respondent is responsible for costs of treatment and reports.

(Optional)

Respondent shall not engage in practice until notified by the Board of its determination that respondent is physically fit to practice.

45. Psychotherapist

Respondent shall undergo and continue treatment by a licensed psychotherapist of respondent’s choice and approved by Board California Board of Accountancy (CBA) or its designee until the treating psychotherapist certifies in writing in a report to the Board CBA or its designee that treatment is no longer necessary. Respondent shall have the treating psychotherapist submit reports to the Board CBA at intervals determined by the Board-CBA or its designee. Respondent is responsible for costs of treatment and reports.

(Optional)

Respondent shall not engage in practice until notified by the Board CBA of its determination that respondent is mentally fit to practice.
46. Rehabilitation Program/Chemical Dependence

Respondent shall successfully complete or shall have successfully completed a rehabilitation program for chemical dependence that the Board of California Board of Accountancy (CBA) or its designee approves and shall have reports submitted by the program. If a program was not successfully completed prior to the period of probation, the respondent, within a reasonable period of time as determined by the Board of California Board of Accountancy (CBA) or its designee but not exceeding 90 days of the effective date of the decision, shall be enrolled in a program. In addition, respondent must attend support groups, (e.g. Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholic Anonymous etc.), as directed by the Board of California Board of Accountancy (CBA) or its designee. Respondent is responsible for all costs of such a program.

47. Drugs - Abstain From Use

Respondent shall completely abstain from the personal use of all psychotropic drugs, including alcohol, in any form except when the same are lawfully prescribed.

48. Drugs – Screening

Respondent shall participate or shall have participated in a drug screening program acceptable to the Board of California Board of Accountancy (CBA) and shall have reports submitted by the program. Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with said screening and reporting.

49. Biological Fluid Testing

Respondent, at any time during the period of probation, shall fully cooperate with the Board of California Board of Accountancy (CBA) or its designee in its supervision and investigation of compliance with the terms and conditions of probation, and shall, when requested, submit to such tests and samples as the CBA or its designee may require for the detection of alcohol, narcotics, hypnotic, dangerous drugs, or controlled substances. Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with this investigation and testing.

Conditions 44-49 shall be used when evidence indicates respondent may have physical or mental ailment(s) or conditions(s) which contributed to the violation or when the same are alleged by respondent to be a contributing factor to the violation(s).