

Office of Regulatory Management  
Economic Review Form

<b>Agency name</b>	Virginia Board of Accountancy
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)</b>	18 VAC 5-22
<b>VAC Chapter title(s)</b>	Board of Accountancy Regulations
<b>Action title</b>	Amendment of Guidance Document
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**Cost Benefit Analysis**

Complete Tables 1a and 1b for all regulatory actions. You do not need to complete Table 1c if the regulatory action is required by state statute or federal statute or regulation and leaves no discretion in its implementation.

Table 1a should provide analysis for the regulatory approach you are taking. Table 1b should provide analysis for the approach of leaving the current regulations intact (i.e., no further change is implemented). Table 1c should provide analysis for at least one alternative approach. You should not limit yourself to one alternative, however, and can add additional charts as needed.

Report both direct and indirect costs and benefits that can be monetized in Boxes 1 and 2. Report direct and indirect costs and benefits that cannot be monetized in Box 4. See the ORM Regulatory Economic Analysis Manual for additional guidance.

**Table 1a: Costs and Benefits of the Proposed Changes (Primary Option)**

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Direct Costs: Describe the direct costs of this proposed change here.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: Describe the indirect costs of the proposed change.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: Describe the direct benefits of this proposed change here.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: Describe the indirect benefits of the proposed change.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) n/a	(b) approx. \$250 per respondent in relevant disciplinary cases
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	Several thousand dollars per year, depending on the number of cases	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	Increased trust in VBOA; increased efficiency; decrease in fines (VBOA does not keep fines for itself per statute)	
(5) Information Sources	VBOA enforcement records, the draft guidance document	

**Table 1b: Costs and Benefits under the Status Quo (No change to the regulation)**

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Direct Costs: Describe the direct costs of this proposed change here.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: Describe the indirect costs of the proposed change.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: Describe the direct benefits of this proposed change here.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: Describe the indirect benefits of the proposed change.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) n/a	(b) n/a
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	Inverse of costs to respondents listed above.	

(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	The previous version of the guidance document is less streamlined and would result in more enforcement paperwork
(5) Information Sources	VBOA enforcement records, the draft guidance document

**Table 1c: Costs and Benefits under Alternative Approach(es)**

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Direct Costs: Describe the direct costs of this proposed change here.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: Describe the indirect costs of the proposed change.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: Describe the direct benefits of this proposed change here.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: Describe the indirect benefits of the proposed change.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) n/a	(b) n/a
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	n/a	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	No alternatives identified; VBOA is required to regulate use of CPA title	
(5) Information Sources	§ 54.1-4402	

**Impact on Local Partners**

Use this chart to describe impacts on local partners. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

**Table 2: Impact on Local Partners**

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Direct Costs: Describe the direct costs of this proposed change here.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: Describe the indirect costs of the proposed change.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: Describe the direct benefits of this proposed change here.</p>
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	Indirect Benefits: Describe the indirect benefits of the proposed change.	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) n/a	(b) n/a
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	VBOA does not interface with local partners in this area	
(4) Assistance		
(5) Information Sources		

**Impacts on Families**

Use this chart to describe impacts on families. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

**Table 3: Impact on Families**

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	Direct Costs: Describe the direct costs of this proposed change here. Indirect Costs: Describe the indirect costs of the proposed change. Direct Benefits: Describe the direct benefits of this proposed change here. Indirect Benefits: Describe the indirect benefits of the proposed change.	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) n/a	(b) n/a
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	n/a	
(4) Information Sources	Families are not typically impacted by these measures; VBOA will continue to monitor public comments	

**Impacts on Small Businesses**

Use this chart to describe impacts on small businesses. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

**Table 4: Impact on Small Businesses**

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Direct Costs: Describe the direct costs of this proposed change here.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: Describe the indirect costs of the proposed change.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: Describe the direct benefits of this proposed change here.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: Describe the indirect benefits of the proposed change.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) n/a	(b) some fraction of the overall benefits (see above)
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	Many CPAs are employed by small firms or solo practices; those small business may experience benefits.	
(4) Alternatives	No alternatives identified. The proposed change will represent lessened impacts on small businesses.	
(5) Information Sources	VBOA	

**Changes to Number of Regulatory Requirements**

**Table 5: Regulatory Reduction**

For each individual action, please fill out the appropriate chart to reflect any change in regulatory requirements, costs, regulatory stringency, or the overall length of any guidance documents.

*Change in Regulatory Requirements*

<b>VAC Section(s) Involved</b>	<b>Initial Count</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Subtractions</b>	<b>Net Change</b>

*Cost Reductions or Increases (if applicable)*

<b>VAC Section(s) Involved</b>	<b>Description of Regulatory Requirement</b>	<b>Initial Cost</b>	<b>New Cost</b>	<b>Overall Cost Savings/Increases</b>

*Other Decreases or Increases in Regulatory Stringency (if applicable)*

<b>VAC Section(s) Involved</b>	<b>Description of Regulatory Change</b>	<b>Overview of How It Reduces or Increases Regulatory Burden</b>

*Length of Guidance Documents (only applicable if guidance document is being revised)*

<b>Title of Guidance Document</b>	<b>Original Length</b>	<b>New Length</b>	<b>Net Change in Length</b>
Disposition of Cases Involving Unlicensed Use of the CPA Title by Previously Licensed Individuals	3,376 words	276 words	-3,100 words