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<https://boa.state.mn.us>

AT A GLANCE

- 9 Board members appointed by the Governor; 2 are non-CPA public members
- 7 employees at full staffing (Executive Director position currently vacant)

In FY 2023-24, the Board:

- Renewed nearly 17,000 certificates and firm permits annually
- Received 978 applications for CPA licensure
- Evaluated 861 applications and issued 846 new and reciprocal individual licenses
- Issued 132 new firm permits
- Investigated 363 new complaints

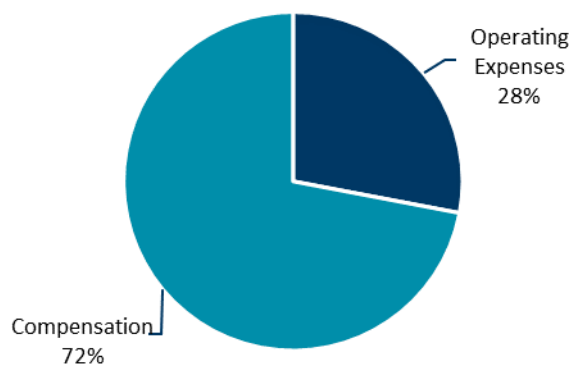
PURPOSE

The mission of the Minnesota Board of Accountancy is to protect the public through the regulation of the practice of accounting by Certified Public Accountants, Registered Accounting Practitioners, and others in Minnesota by:

- Ensuring that those entering the practice meet standards of competency by way of education, experience, and examination;
- Establishing standards of practice for those certified or registered to practice;
- Requiring that anyone practicing or offering to practice accounting be certified or registered and continue to maintain their professional competence; and
- Enforcing the laws, rules, and standards governing the practice of accounting in Minnesota in a fair, expeditious, and consistent manner.

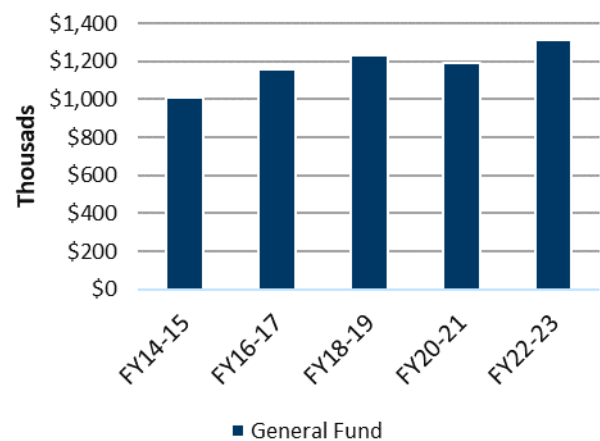
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2023 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Board's budget is funded through General Fund appropriations. The total FY24-25 biennial budget is \$1,703,000. The Board collects application and licensure fees which are deposited in the state's General Fund.

STRATEGIES

To accomplish its mission, the Board uses the following strategies:

- **Regulatory** – Collaborating with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) on consistent standards for examination, licensure, and enforcement. Evaluating applications to ensure that those entering professional practice have completed the required education, examination, and experience.
- **Enforcement** – Investigating complaints and taking action against licensees and unlicensed individuals who violate the Board's statutes and rules. Removing individuals from practice when necessary. Exchanging enforcement data across jurisdictions. Providing public access to license status, discipline history, and the complaint process. Ensuring that the Board's statutes and rules are up-to-date and understandable.
- **Outreach and Education** – Providing information to Minnesota citizens, legislators, other state agencies, schools, professional societies, and NASBA about the value of licensure and the requirements of competent practice.

The Board of Accountancy contributes to creating a thriving economy that encourages business growth and employment opportunities by:

- Issuing permits to firms and licenses to individuals who practice public accounting; ensuring that those individuals and firms comply with statutes, rules, and accounting and auditing standards; and contributing to a stable and secure financial network;
- Ensuring that statutes and rules reflect the minimum standards to protect the public; and
- Updating statutes and rules to remove unnecessary barriers to licensure and certification.

The Board contributes to providing efficient and accountable government services by:

- Responding quickly and professionally to applicants, licensees, certificate holders, and the public;
- Providing education and information to the public, students, and licensees; and
- Thoroughly and efficiently investigating complaints and taking enforcement action when appropriate.

The Board strives for equity in licensure and certification by:

- Ensuring that standards for Minnesota residents are not easier or harder to achieve than standards for those already licensed or certified in another state transferring to Minnesota;
- Consistently applying the statutes and rules to all applicants, licensees, and firms; and
- Using plain language on application forms and in administrative rules.

RESULTS

<i>Measure Name</i>	<i>Measure Type</i>	<i>Measure Data Source</i>	<i>Historical Trend</i>	<i>Most Recent Data</i>
Average business days to process online renewal applications	Quantity	Board's Licensing and Compliance System SQL Data	FY 21-22: 1.1	FY 23-24: 1.2
Average days to licensure (individuals)	Quantity	Board's Licensing and Compliance System SQL Data	FY 21-22: 11	FY 23-24: 10
Average days to licensure (firms)	Quantity	Board's Licensing and Compliance System SQL Data	FY 21-22: 20	FY 23-24: 20

Measure Name	Measure Type	Measure Data Source	Historical Trend	Most Recent Data
Average days to resolve a complaint	Quantity	Board's Licensing and Compliance System SQL Data	FY 21-22: 69	FY 23-24: 161*

*Automatic revocations for failure to renew license were recently removed from statutes. As administrative actions, in prior periods they artificially lowered days-to-resolve statistics.

The Board of Accountancy's legal authority comes from M.S. §214.01 and M.S. §326A.

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/214.01>

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/326A>

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27

Expenditures by Fund

1000 - General	658	657	734	969	860	860
Total	658	657	734	969	860	860
Biennial Change				387		17
Biennial % Change				29		1

Expenditures by Program

Accountancy	658	657	734	969	860	860
Total	658	657	734	969	860	860

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	495	471	533	606	567	567
Operating Expenses	163	186	200	363	293	293
Other Financial Transaction	0	0				
Total	658	657	734	969	860	860

Full-Time Equivalents

	5.81	5.62	5.70	6.50	6.50	6.50
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26 FY27	
1000 - General						
Balance Forward In		35		110		
Direct Appropriation	688	698	844	859	860	860
Cancellations		76				
Balance Forward Out	30		110			
Expenditures	658	657	734	969	860	860
Biennial Change in Expenditures				387		17
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				29		1
Full-Time Equivalents	5.81	5.62	5.70	6.50	6.50	6.50

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2025 Appropriations	859	859	859	1,718
Base Adjustments				
Minnesota Paid Leave Allocation		1	1	2
Forecast Base	859	860	860	1,720
Revenue Change Summary				
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1000 - General				
Forecast Revenues	1,641	1,641	1,641	3,282