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Bisk Education's Valerie Wendt Says Time Is Biggest Barrier to Completing CPA Exam

Online CPA Prep Providers Are Removing That Barrier, She Tells AccountingWEB.com

TAMPA, FL (November 10, 2008) – AccountingWEB.com, provider of news and resources to accounting professionals, recently interviewed Valerie Wendt, Product Manager for Bisk Education's Bisk CPA Review product line, about current trends in accounting education.

"It is critical that accounting education ... keep up with the ever-present changes taking place in the accounting industry," Wendt told the site. But this can be a challenge, as she explained.

"There is a slight gap between what is taught and what the real world is like, especially when it comes to preparing for the CPA exam," she said. "The CPA exam has a time lag when it comes to testing new rules or standards."

The goal of the exam is "to test entry-level skills of a CPA," she continued. "Bisk's CPA Review program is designed to help CPA exam candidates gain an understanding of those concepts."

When asked about the biggest barrier to taking the CPA exam, she stated that, for many people, it is time. "Most exam candidates are leading extremely busy lives, which leads to procrastination," she said. "Since most exam sitters are ... recent college graduates who have taken full-time positions with firms, their available time to prepare for the exam is limited."

After the CPA exam changed from a manual to a computer-based test in 2004, the number of exam takers declined significantly. But according to Wendt, the number of participants is once again approaching pre-2004 levels. As it gives students the flexibility to learn at their own pace, online CPA review is in part responsible for the uptick in exam takers, who often must fit exam prep into demanding schedules.

To read the full Wendt interview, [click here](#).

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