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### Course Information

Course Title: Cash Receipts Controls #377124

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#### **Course Description**

There are many opportunities for failure in a cash receipts system, possibly resulting in the theft of cash or the incorrect recordation of receipts. In the *Cash Receipts Controls* course, we discuss all aspects of the cash receipts process flow, the forms used, and the controls needed to ensure that cash receipts activities are properly conducted. The course also addresses systems of internal control, control principles, types of controls, and several related issues.

#### **Course Content**

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Final exam (online): Ten questions (multiple-choice).

**Program Delivery Method:** NASBA QAS Self-Study (interactive)

#### **Subject Codes/Field of Study**

NASBA (CPA): Accounting

**Course Level, Prerequisites, and Advance Preparation Requirements** 

Program level: Overview Prerequisites: None Advance Preparation: None

#### **Instructions for Taking This Course**

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- You must complete this course within one year of purchase (If the course is "Expired," contact us and we will add the latest edition of the course to your account (no charge).
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- For a printed copy of the exam questions, open the exam and press "Print Exam."
- Once you pass the exam, the results (correct/incorrect answers) and certificate of completion appear in "My Account." A confirmation email is also sent.
- CFP Board and IRS credit hours, if applicable, are reported on Tuesdays and at the end of the month.

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## Learning Assignment & Objectives

- Recognize the characteristics of a system of internal controls.
- Recall the situations in which it is possible to operate with weak controls.
- Recognize the best types of controls.
- Specify how a continuous controls monitoring system functions.
- Recall the various controls used in a cash receipts system.
- Recall how to improve efficiencies within a cash receipts system.

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