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### Course Information

Course Title: Dealing with Conflicts of Interest #381024

Number of continuing education credit hours recommended for this course:

**CPA: 1** (All states)

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#### **Course Description**

A conflict of interest can compromise a CPA's integrity or objectivity. In the *Dealing with Conflicts of Interest* course, we discuss the rules pertaining to conflicts of interest, the types and severity of the various types of conflicts of interest, and what actions can be taken to prevent or mitigate them. The course also addresses how to disclose and document these conflicts. A number of examples are used to emphasize and explain the concepts covered in the course.

#### **Course Content**

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

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

Subject Codes/Field of Study NASBA (CPA): Regulatory Ethics

Course Level, Prerequisites, and Advance Preparation Requirements

Program level: Overview Prerequisites: None Advance Preparation: None

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

- Log in to your secure account at <u>www.bhfe.com</u>. Go to "My Account."
- 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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- The exam is not timed, and it does not need to be completed in one session.
- 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 factors involved in determining whether a conflict of interest exists.
- Recall the types of conflicts of interest.
- Recognize the safeguards that can be used to avoid or mitigate conflicts of interest.
- Recall the levels of severity of different types of conflicts of interest.

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