

HOW TO BECOME AN ENROLLED AGENT

Enrolled Agents are America's Tax Experts

The EA credential can be a career starter or booster for existing tax preparers, CPAs, and others interested in entering tax preparation. Earning your enrolled agent credential offers you credibility as a federal designation handed down by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

So how do you get there? Enrolled agents (EAs) can become credentialed in one of two ways: with five years of IRS experience regularly interpreting tax regulations or through the successful completion of the three-part Special Enrollment Exam (SEE).



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How to Launch Your EA Career



Obtain a Personal Identification Number (PTIN)

A PTIN must be obtained by all enrolled agents, as well as all tax return preparers who are compensated for preparing, or assisting in the preparation of, all or substantially all of any U.S. federal tax return, claim for refund, or other tax form.



Take the 3-Part Special Enrollment Exam

Take and pass the three-part online Special Enrollment Exam (SEE) administered by Prometric.

NAEA has joined forces with Surgent Accounting & Financial Education to provide aspiring EAs with a best-in-class exam prep solution that's customizable to your level of comprehension.



Enrollment on Form 23 + Background Check

Once you pass the exam, you will apply for enrollment on Form 23. You will also undergo a background check prior to enrollment, which includes a review of your tax transcript and criminal background.

Do you have past experience with the IRS?

If you have past service or technical experience with the IRS, you can become an Enrolled Agent by meeting the following requirements:

- 🎯 Possess the experience outlined in Circular 230
- 🎯 Apply for enrollment on Form 23
- 🎯 Undergo a background check

Expand Your Professional Potential

Whether you want to work for a big-box tax firm or you want to start your own business, the enrolled agent credential will support your professional credibility as a tax professional.

The National Association of Enrolled Agents is the only organization solely devoted to the support of enrolled agents. Our mission is to empower enrolled agents everywhere. Here are a few benefits members enjoy - while expanding their career potential:

Up to 16 **FREE** CE per year



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