

# How to Pass a CPA Exam Section in Three Weeks

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# Overview

The path to passing the CPA Exam may feel long and arduous, but, with Surgent CPA Review, you can realistically pass a section in just three weeks. While some other CPA Review courses suggest that their students study for over 200 hours per exam section, **Surgent students have been succeeding in just 58 hours**, on average. That means that you could pass the entire CPA Exam in the same amount of time it takes candidates using other review courses to just pass one section!

# Roadmap

**Even when studying with Surgent CPA Review, you'll want to be strategic about how you approach the exam.** Our experts, who have been helping candidates become CPAs for more than 25 years, have created a roadmap to help you pass in as little time as possible.

First, familiarize yourself with the exam's structure. Every aspiring CPA knows that the CPA Exam consists of four distinct parts, all of which must be passed within an 18-month window. But did you know that the order in which you study those parts can have a big impact on your success?

# Roadmap



FAR

## 1. Financial Accounting and Reporting

Start with **Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR)**.

- It's the most comprehensive and—students report—most difficult part of the CPA Exam to pass, which is why we recommend getting it out of the way first.
- The topics tested in FAR, such as GAAP, may show up in the other three parts.

AUD

## 2. Audit and Attestation (AUD)

Study for **Audit and Attestation (AUD)** immediately after FAR.

- The AUD exam includes questions on GAAP.
- If you've just studied FAR, you'll be better able to handle the GAAP questions on AUD.

REG

## 3. Regulation (REG)

Study for **Regulation (REG)** next.

- REG covers the topics of taxation and law.
- You may find some AUD theory tested in REG.

BEC

## 4. Business Environment and Concepts (BEC)

Finally, study for **Business Environment and Concepts (BEC)**.

- BEC tests your general business knowledge as it relates to Finance, Economics, Cost/Managerial Accounting, Information Technology, and Corporate Governance.
- BEC contains a written component, which can include topics from any of the four parts of the CPA Exam. Hence, we strongly recommend that you take BEC last.

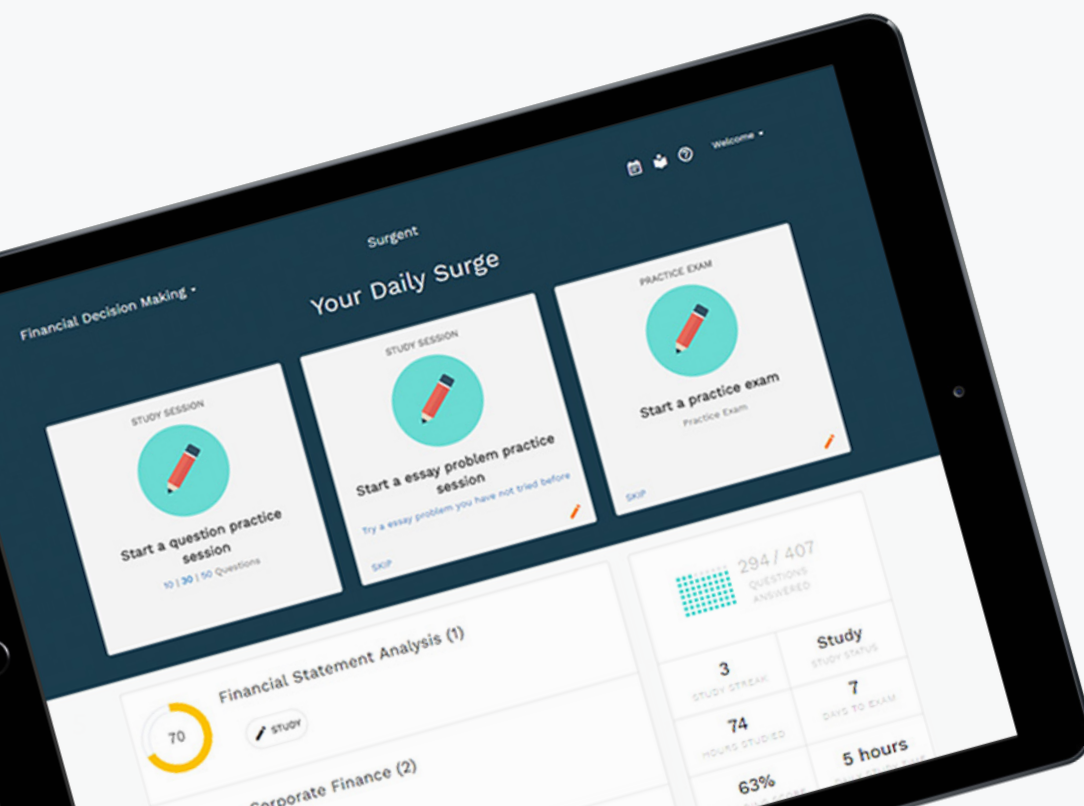
# Top Tips to Pass Any Section in Three Weeks



## Tip #1: Find small windows of study time in your daily life

Trying to find the time to study during the day can be hard, and after a long day of work or classes, few people have the time or motivation to set several hours aside to study for the CPA Exam. An easy way to make sure you're getting in your study hours is to study small amounts throughout the day.

Surgent CPA Review makes it easy to study in **short, focused sessions**, thanks to a feature called the "Daily Surge," which appears on your dashboard when you log in to the course. Instead of leaving you to chart your own way through every chapter, lecture, and question like other courses do, the Daily Surge serves you bite-sized video lectures, reading material, and multiple-choice question sets specifically chosen by our advanced adaptive learning algorithm based on your study progress. Take just a few minutes on your commute, during your lunch break, or while you're cooking dinner to go through your Daily Surge content—you'll be surprised at how quickly the minutes stack up!



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## Tip #2: Choose a review course that adapts to you

Everyone has a different learning style, and you want a review course that adapts to your unique needs. The CPA Exam's educational and work experience requirements mean that you already have a base knowledge of the exam's subject matter before you even start studying. While many CPA Review courses tout adaptive learning, they encourage students to go through each and every section of their course, regardless of the knowledge students have before starting the review course. This means candidates are **wasting nearly 200 hours** reviewing information that they already know.

Surgent CPA Review's proprietary adaptive software, A.S.A.P. Technology™, starts by assessing the topics that candidates already know, and then steers each student to the exact content that they need to master. By focusing specifically on what students need to know, Surgent turns students' weak areas into their strong points. This individualized approach has been proven to put students on their **fastest path to the finish line**, compared to students using other exam review courses.

# Top Tips to Pass Any Section in Three Weeks



## Tip #3: Don't waste time on what you already know

It's hard to know where to begin studying when the CPA Exam covers so many expansive topics. And, with so much to learn, you certainly don't want to waste time studying topics you already know. To ensure you study just the right content that will help you become exam-ready as quickly as possible, Surgent CPA Review recently took its adaptive intelligence to a new level with an innovation called MyMCQ™.

In addition to serving you content aligned to your specific knowledge gaps, Surgent's course now also adjusts the difficulty level of the MCQs that you'll see based on your current level of proficiency. If you're in the early stages of learning a concept, you'll see more basic questions. As you start to attain mastery, the difficulty will automatically increase, pushing you toward the more advanced competency level that you'll need on the exam in a more efficient manner. Beyond this behind-the-scenes optimization, students can also choose to manually increase the difficulty of MCQs to further speed up study progress at any time. Since adding MyMCQ to the course, Surgent students reduced their study time by an additional 17%!

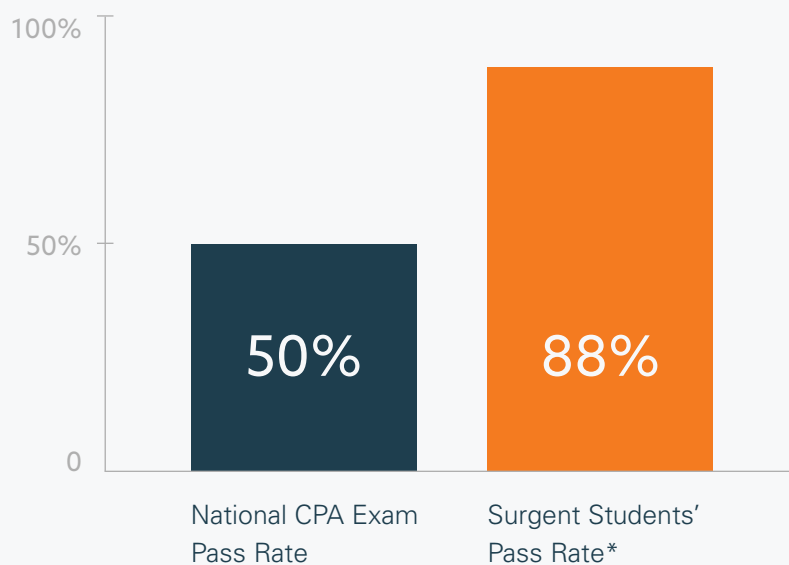
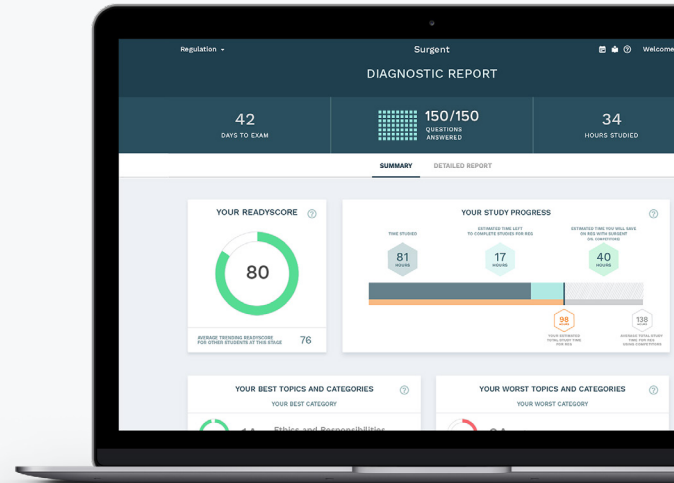
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## Tip #4: Know when you're ready to pass

Sitting for exams is nerve-wracking, no matter how prepared you feel. To make sure you go into your exam with full confidence, Surgent created ReadySCORE™. This feature tracks your progress from the end of the Assessment phase through the Review phase and continually displays an updated estimate of the score you would receive if you were to sit for the CPA Exam at your current knowledge level.

ReadySCORE is calibrated to actual CPA Exam scoring and, on average, students' ReadySCOREs fall within four points of their actual CPA Exam score. In fact, **Surgent students who achieve a ReadySCORE of 75 or higher pass the CPA Exam 88% of the time**, which is far above the average national pass rates of around 50%.



Knowing your ReadySCORE can give you the confidence boost you need to go into the CPA Exam ready to pass.

\*Data reflects students with a 75 or higher ReadySCORE.

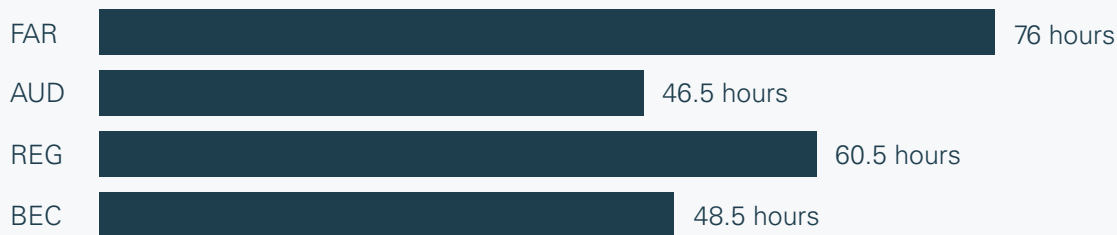


# Time to Pass

*“My job is pretty demanding, so I needed a review course that boiled everything down to essential information. I passed both FAR and AUD in 26 days after taking the Surgent CPA Review Course.” –Tom G, Deutsche Bank*

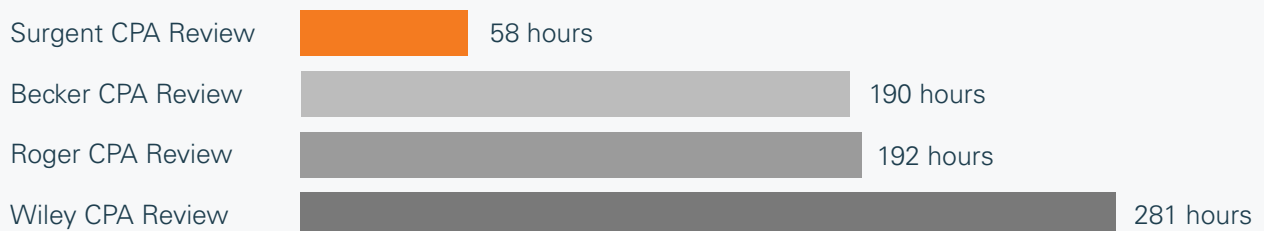
Across all sections, **Surgent students reach a passing ReadySCORE in an average of 58 hours.** We know, however, that each section typically requires a different amount of study time. Surgent students are ready to pass AUD and BEC with 46.5 and 48.5 hours of study, respectively. FAR and REG are often regarded as the more difficult exams. Our students are getting exam-ready for those sections with 76 and 60.5 study hours, respectively.

## Average Time to Pass



This may feel like a lot of time, but, compare our times to those of students using review courses, like Becker, Roger, and Wiley, whose courses lack machine learning and offer only rudimentary adaptive capabilities.

## Average Time to Pass By Review Provider



Based on the average number of hours that it takes for students to reach a passing ReadySCORE, we've devised a study plan that can get you through all four exam sections in just three months.

# Study Schedule

Month  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FAR (2 hours)	FAR (2 hours)	FAR (2 hours)	FAR (2 hours)	FAR (2 hours)	FAR (5 hours)	FAR (5 hours)
FAR (2 hours)	FAR (2 hours)	FAR (2 hours)	FAR (2 hours)	FAR (2 hours)	FAR (5 hours)	FAR (5 hours)
FAR (2 hours)	FAR (2 hours)	FAR (2 hours)	FAR (2 hours)	FAR (2 hours)	FAR (5 hours)	FAR (5 hours)
FAR (2 hours)	FAR (2 hours)	FAR (2 hours)	FAR (2 hours)	FAR (2 hours)	FAR (6 hours)	TEST
REST	REST	AUD (2 hours)				

Month  
2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			AUD (2 hours)	AUD (2 hours)	AUD (5 hours)	AUD (5 hours)
AUD (2 hours)	AUD (2 hours)	AUD (2 hours)	AUD (2 hours)	AUD (2 hours)	AUD (5 hours)	AUD (5 hours)
AUD (2 hours)	AUD (2 hours)	AUD (2 hours)	AUD (2 hours)	AUD (2 hours)	TEST	REST
REG (2 hours)	REG (2 hours)	REG (2 hours)	REG (2 hours)	REG (2 hours)	REG (5 hours)	REG (5 hours)
REG (2 hours)	REG (2 hours)	REG (2 hours)	REG (2 hours)	REG (2 hours)	REG (5 hours)	

Month  
3

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						REG (5 hours)
REG (2 hours)	REG (2 hours)	REG (2 hours)	REG (2 hours)	REG (2 hours)	REG (5 hours)	REG (5 hours)
TEST	REST	BEC (2 hours)	BEC (2 hours)	BEC (2 hours)	BEC (5 hours)	BEC (5 hours)
BEC (2 hours)	BEC (2 hours)	BEC (2 hours)	BEC (2 hours)	BEC (2 hours)	BEC (5 hours)	BEC (5 hours)
BEC (2 hours)	BEC (2 hours)	BEC (2 hours)	BEC (2 hours)	BEC (2 hours)	BEC (2 hours)	TEST

# Surgent CPA Review: How it Works

Now that you have a study plan for tackling the exam, let's discuss how our review course works. Surgent CPA Review breaks your study time for each exam part into three phases: Assessment, Study, and Review.

## Phase I: Assessment

Complete a series of quizzes with content from all exam categories. You'll receive a Diagnostic Report, which details your starting strengths and weaknesses and estimates how many study hours you need to get exam ready.

## Phase II: Study

Our software continuously analyzes your scoring patterns and builds a custom study plan, focusing you on the specific content you need to turn your weak areas into strengths. Real-time algorithms optimize your plan along the way, ensuring you're staying on your fastest path to success.

## Phase III: Review

Upon reaching a ReadySCORE of 80, you'll be moved onto the Review phase. In this phase, you can take an unlimited number of practice exams, designed to mimic the actual look and feel of the real CPA Exam.

*"I was impressed with the assessment part of the exam and how it will test your strengths and weakness." –Josiah S*

# The Surgent Difference

Not all CPA review courses are created equal. That's why it's important to know what's included in your course before you buy. Surgent CPA Review has several unique advantages over other review course providers.



- **A.S.A.P. Technology**—pass the CPA Exam **up to 4x faster**



- **ReadySCORE**—the industry's only accurate measure of CPA Exam readiness



- **Full Access Until You Pass**—including **free** content and software updates



- **Unlimited Practice Exams**—included in **every package**



- **Discounts for Switchers**—frustrated with your current course? We can help!



- **Pass Guarantee**—full refund if you don't pass using Surgent CPA Review



- **Payment Plans**—choose to pay over 3-, 6-, or 9-month terms

## IN CASE YOU AREN'T CONVINCED YET—A couple more things to consider

- You'll have support along the way from 1-on-1 coaching sessions with expert instructors and a discussion board forum that connects all users with content about exam content, study strategies, and how to make the most of your Surgent course.
- Surgent's Excel® for Accounting Professionals on-demand course helps teach candidates the Excel skills they need to succeed on the CPA Exam and be a successful accountant.
- By upgrading to Ultimate Pass, you'll gain access to 1,000 additional MCQs in our integrated text bank.

With Surgent CPA Review, passing each CPA Exam section in three weeks—and the entire CPA Exam in three months—**is achievable**. Don't waste time taking the long route studying. Study with the only CPA Exam review software that continually adapts to your progress to get you to your destination as quickly as possible.

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