

Building a Stronger Future for Rhode Island Members

The merger of the Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont CPA societies will create the New England Society of CPAs, effective July 1, 2026.

This merger delivers direct benefits to you while preserving what matters most: local advocacy, local relationships and state-specific priorities.

Below is a clear look at what stays local, what you can expect in the first year, and how this benefits you.

What Stays Local (and Why That Matters)

State-based advocacy remains state-led.

Rhode Islands legislative, regulatory and professional priorities will continue to be identified and advanced locally. Advocacy will remain focused on the issues that directly affect you, your clients and business and your community.

Local leadership and relationships continue.

Each state will maintain dedicated leadership and staff roles to preserve local voice, relationships and accountability. You will continue to work with people who understand your state's environment and professional landscape.

Local engagement doesn't go away, but it's strengthened.

State-level programs, networking and outreach will remain central, supported by greater organizational capacity behind the scenes.

Your licensure and regulatory process is unchanged.

Licensing will continue to be handled by the Rhode Island Board of Public Accountancy.

Your dues stay the same.

Your dues will not change for the Fiscal Year 2027 membership year. Your Rhode Island membership will automatically roll over into the new organization.

What to Expect in Year One (and How It Benefits You)

Stronger Advocacy Through Scale

As a regional organization, Rhode Islands advocacy efforts gain the support of a larger membership base, shared expertise and expanded staff resources. Two dedicated staff will assist state directors in research, drafting and supporting state-based legislative and regulatory efforts. The New England Society of CPAs represents a significantly more influential and impactful professional community.

What this means for you:

- A stronger, more coordinated voice at the state, regional and federal levels

- Greater influence with policymakers and legislators
- Increased capacity to respond to emerging issues

Local priorities stay local, but they carry more weight.

Access to Expanded Learning and CPE

Members will gain access to significantly expanded education and professional development opportunities across New England.

What this means for you:

- Access to CPE PLUS, offering up to 24 free CPE credits annually
- A broader catalog of live and virtual seminars, conferences and webinars
- On-demand learning to fit your schedule and needs
- A free CPE Tracker for easy reporting to the Board of Public Accountancy

You benefit from the power of a larger organization without losing relevance to your practice.

Broader Peer Network and Member Communities

The New England Society of CPAs connects you to a much larger and more diverse professional community.

What this means for you:

- Access to 20+ member communities focused on key practice areas and professional interests
- More roundtables and peer discussion groups
- Greater opportunity to learn from colleagues across firm sizes, industries and career stages

Your network grows in the first year, giving you access to more peers, deeper expertise and shared solutions while still staying rooted in your local community.

More Programs, Resources and Member Support

A combined organization allows for greater investment in the tools and services that support your success.

What this means for you:

- Expanded conferences and infoshares (virtual and in-person)

- A more robust Career Center and Resource and Knowledge Centers
- Access to benchmarking data, Demo Days, technology insights and best practices
- A member-only online community (The HUB)
- Exclusive member-only discounts on a wide range of products and services

All supported by a dedicated, full-service staff team ready to support you throughout the first year and beyond.

The Bottom Line: What's in It for You

- Your state advocacy stays local and gets stronger
- You gain access to expanded CPE, programs and resources
- Your peer network grows across New England
- You benefit from greater scale, power and professional influence
- You remain connected to the people and priorities that matter most to you

This merger is designed to deliver greater value in year one, while building a stronger, more sustainable future for your profession.