

## **PTIN and Competency Exam Update**

The IRS has held a webcast addressing the current PTIN program. Provisional PTIN have been issued to practitioners who are not CPAs, Attorneys or Enrolled Agents. To date, 700,000 have registered for a PTIN.

In 2012 the provisional PTINs will have to meet continuing education requirements.

Provisional PTINs will also have a background check and will be fingerprinted.

Provisional PTIN holders will be required to complete the IS competency exam by December 31, 2013.

Only one exam will be offered covering individual tax topics. The exam will be available in late summer or early fall of 2011.

The test will cover basic competency for individual tax returns.