

SAICA Accredited programmes

Quality assurance processes over Academic programmes leading to the qualification as a Chartered Accountant [CA(SA)]

In its role as an Education and Training Quality Assurer (ETQA) and in terms of its current recognition standing with the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (IRBA), the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) accredits certain programmes specifically designed to allow access to the Initial Test of Competence (ITC) (QE I).

Programmes accredited by SAICA are only offered by certain providers (listed below).

SAICA's accreditation is over and above

- Institutional Audits performed by the Higher Education Quality Council (HEQC);
- Programme accreditation granted by the HEQC in its role as the band ETQA for Higher Education; and
- Recognition of degrees registered on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), which is awarded by SAQA.

Accreditation of a programme by SAICA means that (extract from the Accreditation and Monitoring Framework):

- “the provider has put in place the appropriate resources that, if utilised effectively, should enable it to deliver the programme at the required standards and levels of quality; and
- the programme meets SAICA's requirements in terms of the standards of learning and teaching.

Accreditation of a programme is **not** an assurance that a provider is achieving the required standard of delivery of that programme. Rather, accreditation certifies that a programme contains the requirements necessary to meet SAICA's accreditation standards.”

An essential element of accreditation is quality control. Hence SAICA assesses and monitors the relevant programmes of higher education institutions / universities. The quality assurance process performed by SAICA includes:

- The completion of an annual self-evaluation by each provider / university offering an accredited programme; and
- A monitoring visit at least once in every five year cycle. (The third accreditation and monitoring cycle having commenced in 2016.)

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Importantly, accreditation is a PROCESS and SAICA works with each of the providers below to assist them in maintaining their accreditation status (Looked at another way, SAICA see the accreditation of programmes as a PARTNERSHIP).

Should a programme not meet SAICA's standards, the provider would first be given an opportunity to make the necessary changes to its programmes so as to yield a more positive outcome before steps are taken to de-accredit a programme. De-accreditation too is a PROCESS which would take place over a period of time during which it would be possible for the provider to take steps which could result in its accreditation status being restored. De-accreditation would NOT prejudice students already in the system (i.e. students would be allowed to continue and complete their degrees at such an institution.)

A programme's accreditation status could therefore be as follows:

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1. Meets expectations	Continue accreditation
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Withdrawal of accreditation	No longer accredited and programme name is withdrawn from the SAICA list of accredited programmes

Going forward SAICA intends to accredit undergraduate programmes at providers where the postgraduate "CTA" is not offered in an effort to build capacity and growth at tertiary institutions. Such accreditation will only be granted if a formal articulation agreement is in place with an institution that does offer an accredited CTA programme and this articulation agreement meets SAICA's formal requirements.

For detailed information relating to accreditation refer to the following documents issued by SAICA:

- Accreditation Criteria *
- Accreditation and Monitoring Framework *

* these documents are available on request from the **Senior Executive: Professional Development (Mandi Olivier)**

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Independent Institute of Education – Varsity College	<p>Ms S Anderson <i>Head of School</i></p> <p><i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i></p>	<p>School of Finance and Accounting Varsity College Tel: 031 573 7482 P.O. Box 2369 RANDBURG 2125</p> <p>The programme is accredited for delivery at the following sites: IIE Varsity College Sandton; IIE Varsity College Durban-Westville; IIE Varsity college Durban-North IIE Varsity College Pretoria; IIE Varsity College Cape Town</p>	<p>B Acc [Bachelor of Accounting]</p> <p>Sandton; Durban-Westville; and Durban-North Sites: The effective date of accreditation will apply to all students who commence the programme in 2017 and graduate at the end of the 2019 academic year or later.</p> <p>Pretoria and Cape Town Sites: The effective date of accreditation will apply to all students who commence the programme in 2018 and graduate at the end of the 2020 academic year or later.</p>	<p>Not Offering</p>	<p>Not Offering</p>	<p>Accredited</p> <p>Accreditation visit conducted: 2016 (Sandton; Durban-Westville and Durban-North)</p> <p>Accreditation visit conducted: 2017 (Pretoria and Cape Town)</p> <p>Follow up visit conducted: 2017 (Sandton; Durban-Westville and Durban-North)</p>

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Institute of Accounting Science	Prof G Swartz <i>Institute Head</i> <i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i>	Institute of Accounting Science Tel: 011 432 3994 P.O. Box 930 GLENVISTA 2058			PG Dip (Acc) [Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting] The programme is accredited for delivery at the IAS campus in Meyersdal from 2018.	Accredited Accreditation visit conducted: 2015 Follow up visit conducted: 2016, 2017 & 2018
Monash South Africa	Ms K Odendaal <i>Acting Head of Department</i> <i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i>	School of Business and Economics Monash South Africa Tel: 011 950 4303 Private Bag X60 ROODEPOORT 1725	B Bus Sci (Acc) [Bachelor in Business Science (Accounting)] The effective date of accreditation will apply to all students who complete and graduate at the end of the 2012 academic year or later.	Not Offering	PG Dip (Acc) [Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting] The programme is accredited for delivery at the MSA campus in Roodepoort from 2013. (Status as at 3 December 2012)	<u>Undergraduate qualification</u> 1: Meets expectations <u>CTA or equivalent</u> 2: Needs improvement Full monitoring visit conducted: 2009, 2012, 2013 & 2018 Follow up visit conducted: 2010, 2011, 2015, 2016 & 2017

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Nelson Mandela University	Mr S Wüsthoff <i>Head of Department</i> <i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i>	Department of Accounting Sciences Nelson Mandela University Tel: 041 504 4678 P O Box 77000 PORT ELIZABETH 6031	B Com (Accounting for Chartered Accountants)* [Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting for Chartered Accountants)] B Com (Rationum) [Bachelor of Commerce (Rationum)] <i>(CA/R modules only)</i> <i>* Previously B Com (Accounting) revision effective for degrees completed in 2007</i>	PGDA* [Postgraduate Diploma in Accountancy] (40710) <i>*The programme is accredited for delivery from 2013</i>	PGDA [Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting]* (40701) <i>* Offered from 2017</i> B Com Hons (Accounting) [Bachelor of Commerce Honours (Accounting)]	1: Meets expectations Full monitoring visit conducted: 2009 & 2014 Follow up visit conducted: 2011, 2013, 2016 & 2018

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North-West University	Prof N van der Merwe <i>Institutional Programme Leader</i> <i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i>	School of Accounting Sciences North-West University Tel: 018 299 1459 Fax: 018 629 6380 Private Bag X6001 POTCHEFSTROOM 2520	B Com (Chartered Accountancy) [Bachelor of Commerce (Chartered Accountancy)] B Com (Forensic Accountancy)* [Bachelor of Commerce (Forensic Accountancy)] <i>* The candidate must be in possession of a letter from the HOD stating that the relevant additional subjects required have been completed.</i>	B Com Hons (Financial Accountancy) [Bachelor of Commerce Honours (Financial Accountancy)]* <i>*The programme is accredited for delivery from 2014. (Status as at 27 January 2014)</i>	B Com Hons (Chartered Accountancy) [Bachelor of Commerce Honours (Chartered Accountancy)]	1: Meets expectations Full monitoring visit conducted: 2006, 2012 & 2017 Follow up visit conducted: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 & 2014

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Rhodes University	Prof J Arendse <i>Head of Department</i> <i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i>	Department of Accounting Rhodes University Tel: 046 603 7624 P O Box 94 GRAHAMSTOWN 6140	B Com* [Bachelor of Commerce] <i>* The candidate must have passed and completed the Accounting Curriculum with the following subjects:</i> - Accounting 3 (4101300) - Auditing 3 (4102100) - Taxation 3 (4104100) - Man Acc & Finance 3 (4107302)		PGDA [Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting] B Com Hons (Financial Accounting) [Bachelor of Commerce Honours (Financial Accounting)] B Acc (4 yr degree)* [Bachelor of Accounting] <i>* The last intake was in 2006</i>	1: Meets expectations Full monitoring visit conducted: 2008, 2013 & 2018 Follow up visit conducted: 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2015

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University of Cape Town	Ass Prof G Modack <i>Head of College</i> <i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i>	College of Accounting University of Cape Town Tel: 021 650 4027 Fax: 021 689 7582 Private Bag RONDEBOSCH 7700	B Com Financial Accounting (CA stream) [Bachelor of Commerce Financial Accounting (Chartered Accountancy Stream)] B Bus Sci Finance (CA stream) [Bachelor in Business Science Finance (Accounting) (Chartered Accountancy Stream)]	Advanced Diploma in Accounting* * No longer offered from 2017 Prior to 2015 named: Postgraduate Diploma in Management (Accounting conversion) Postgraduate Diploma in Management (Financial Accounting)** ** No longer offered from 2009	PGDA [Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting] B Com Hons (Accounting) [Bachelor of Commerce Honours (Accounting)]* *The programme is accredited for delivery from 2015.	1: Meets expectations Full monitoring visit conducted: 2009 & 2015 Follow up visit conducted: 2011, 2013 & 2017
University of Fort Hare	Ms N Mnconywa <i>Head of Department</i> <i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i>	Department of Accounting University of Fort Hare Tel: 043 704 6768 Fax: 043 704 7274 Private Bag X 7426 EAST LONDON 5201	B Com (Accounting) [Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)] 3 year Programme (60001) B Com (Accounting) [Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)] 4 year Programme (60006)	Advanced Diploma in Accounting* *Prior to 2013 named: Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting (PGDA) (Preliminary)	PGDA [Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting]	1: Meets expectations Full monitoring visit conducted: 2006, 2011 & 2016 Follow up visit conducted: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014 & 2018

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University of Free State	Ass Prof R Britz Acting Director School of Accountancy <i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i>	Faculty: Economic and Management Sciences University of the Free State Tel: 051 401 2694 P.O. Box 339 BLOEMFONTEIN 9300	B Acc [Bachelor of Accounting] <i>The candidate must have passed and completed the following four year modules in both semesters:</i> - ACC (FIN308 / EFIN 70907 / EFIN 3708) - AUD (ODT308 / EODT 70907 / EODT 3708) - MAF (BRF308 / EBRF 70907 / EBRF 3708) - TAX (BLS308 / EBLS70907 / EBLS 3708) <i>The candidate must have passed with a combined average of 58%, to proceed to the B Acc Hons / PGDip CA</i>	B Com Hons (Accounting) [Bachelor of Commerce Honours (Accounting)] Or PGDip (GA) [Postgraduate Diploma (General Accountancy)] <i>The candidate must have passed and completed the CA stream with only the following four year modules in both semesters:</i> - ACC (EACC 6808) / (EACC 5808) - AUD (EAUD 6808) / (EAUD 5808) - MAF (EMAF 6808) / (EMAF 5808) - TAX (EBEL 6808) / EBEL 5808) <i>The candidate must have passed with a combined average of 58%, to proceed to the B Acc Hons / PGDip CA</i>	B Acc Hons [Bachelor of Accounting Honours] Or PGDip (CA) [Postgraduate Diploma (Chartered Accountancy)] <i>The candidate must have passed and completed the following four year modules:</i> - ACC (EFIN 6808) / (EFIN 5808) - AUD (EODT 6808) / (EODT 5808) - MAF (EBRF 6808) / (EBRF 5808) - TAX (EBLS 6808) / EBLS 5808)	1: Meets expectations Full monitoring visit conducted: 2007 & 2014 Follow up visit conducted: 2010, 2012, 2016 & 2018

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University of Johannesburg	Prof B Marx <i>Head of Department</i> <i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i>	Department of Accountancy University of Johannesburg Tel: 011 559 3156 P O Box 524 AUCKLANDPARK 2008	B Acc [Bachelor of Accounting] <i>Accreditation effective from 2012, first intake from 2012</i> B Com (Accounting) [Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)]* <i>* Last intake in 2012 - The candidate must have passed and completed the CA stream Curriculum with the following subjects:</i> - Accounting 300 - FinMan 300 - Auditing 300 - Taxation 300	BCTA [Bridging Certificate in the Theory of Accounting]	PGDAS [Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Science]* <i>* Offered from 2017</i> B Com Hons (Accounting with specialization in Chartered Accountancy) [Bachelor of Commerce Honours (Accounting with specialization in Chartered Accountancy)]	1: Meets expectations Full monitoring visit conducted: 2007 & 2015 Follow up visit conducted: 2010, 2012, 2014 & 2017

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University of KwaZulu-Natal	Dr S Pillay <i>Coordinator of Accounting Programmes</i> <i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i>	School of Accounting University of KwaZulu-Natal Tel: 031 260 2261 Private Bag X54001 DURBAN 4000	B Com (Accounting)* [Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)] <i>* Pipeline students from the formerly merged institutions may have differently named qualifications</i>		PGDA [Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting] B Com Hons (Accounting) [Bachelor of Commerce Honours (Accounting)]	1: Meets expectations Full monitoring visit conducted: 2006, 2011 & 2012 Follow up visit conducted: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2018

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University of Limpopo	<p>Mr S Tayob Acting Director School of Accountancy</p> <p><i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i></p>	<p>School of Accountancy University of Limpopo Tel: 015 268 3232 Private Bag X1106 SOVENGA 0727</p>	<p>BAccSc – Bcompt [Bachelor of Accounting Science]</p> <p>The effective date of accreditation will apply to all students who complete and graduate at the end of the 2014 academic year or later.</p>	<p>B Com Hons (Accountancy) [Bachelor of Commerce Honours (Accountancy)]*</p> <p><i>The candidate must have passed and completed the BCTA stream. [NOT Public Finance]</i></p> <p><i>*Prior to 2018 named: BCTA [Bridging Certificate in the Theory of Accounting]**</i></p> <p><i>**The BCTA effective date of accreditation applies to students who completed and graduated at the end of the 2016 or 2017 academic year</i></p>	<p>PGDA [Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting]</p> <p>The effective date of accreditation will apply to all students who complete and graduate at the end of the 2017 academic year or later.</p>	<p><u>Undergraduate qualification</u> 1: Meets expectations</p> <p><u>Bridging programme</u> 2: Needs improvement</p> <p><u>CTA or equivalent</u> 2: Needs improvement</p> <p>Full monitoring visit conducted: 2011, 2015, 2016 & 2018</p> <p>Follow up visit conducted: 2012, 2014 & 2017</p>

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University of South Africa (UNISA)	Prof L Ntsalaze <i>Acting Executive Dean</i>	College of Accounting Sciences University of South Africa (UNISA) Tel: 012 429 2778 P O Box 392 PRETORIA 0003 Website: www.unisa.ac.za	From 2012: BCompt (Financial Accounting) (98302) [Bachelor of Accounting Sciences in Financial Accounting] <i>[NOT Internal audit and Management Accounting and Taxation]</i> From August 2015: BCompt (Financial Accounting) (Foundation Stream) (98332 – FAC) [Bachelor of Accounting Sciences in Financial Accounting (Foundation Stream)] 2011 - 2016: BCompt (0202x) (teach out till 2016, ONLY for students previously registered for this programme)	2014: Adv.Dip. (Accounting Sciences) (98230) [Advanced Diploma in Accounting Sciences] 2013: Ten undergraduate non degree purposes modules will serve as bridging modules until the Advanced Diploma is introduced	From 2012: CTA (Level 1) (98231): [Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences] And CTA (Level 2) (98255): [Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Accounting Sciences] Only students who passed all five required modules in one academic year (including the supplementary exam) and have therefore obtained the Certificate in the Theory of Accounting (CTA), will be eligible to write SAICA's ITC. 2011 - 2013: Hons BCompt (04642) (Offered until 2013, ONLY for students previously registered for this programme)	1: Meets expectations Full monitoring visit conducted: 2007, 2011, 2012 & 2017 Follow up visit conducted: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014 & 2016

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University of Stellenbosch	Prof P Olivier <i>Director of School and Vice Dean</i> <i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i>	Department of Accounting University of Stellenbosch Tel: 021 808 3421 Fax: 021 886 4176 STELLENBOSCH 7600	B Acc [Bachelor of Accounting] B Acc LLB [Bachelor of Accounting (Law)] (Admitted to Hons after completion of BAcc & LLB)		B Acc Hons [Bachelor of Accounting Honours] Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting* <i>* no longer offered from 2009</i>	1: Meets expectations Full monitoring visit conducted: 2008 & 2014 Follow up visit conducted: 2010, 2012, 2016 & 2018
University of Pretoria	Prof JGI Oberholster <i>Deputy Dean: Teaching and Learning and CA Programme Coordinator</i> <i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i>	Department of Accounting University of Pretoria Tel: 012 420 3761 Fax: 012 362 5142 BROOKLYN 0022 <i>Please contact Prof Oberholster for more information on the bridging programme being offered</i>	B Com (Accounting Sciences) [Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting Science)]		PGDA [Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting] CTA [Certificate in the Theory of Accountancy] <i>Must have both to be able to write SAICA ITC</i>	1: Meets expectations Full monitoring visit conducted: 2009 & 2015 Follow up visit conducted: 2011, 2013 & 2017

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University of the Western Cape	Prof W Geach <i>Acting Departmental Chairperson</i> <i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i>	Department of Accounting University of the Western Cape Tel: 021 959 3256 Private Bag X17 BELLVILLE 7535	B Com (Accounting) [Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)]	ADA [Advanced Diploma in Accounting]	B Com Hons (Accounting) [Bachelor of Commerce Honours (Accounting)] PGDA [Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting]	1: Meets expectations Full monitoring visit conducted: 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2017 Follow up visit conducted: 2008, 2009, 2013 & 2015
University of the Witwatersrand	Prof N Padia <i>Head of School</i> <i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i>	School of Accountancy University of the Witwatersrand Tel: 011 717 8062 Fax: 011 717 8223 Private Bag 3 WITS 2050	B Acc Sc [Bachelor of Accounting Sciences]		H_Dip Acc [Higher Diploma in Accountancy] B Acc Sc (Hons) [Bachelor of Accounting Sciences (Honours)] B Acc * # * 4 yr degree # no longer offered from 2008	1: Meets expectations Full monitoring visit conducted: 2008, 2010 & 2014 Follow up visit conducted: 2009, 2012, 2016 & 2018

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University of Zululand	<p>Mrs S Khomo <i>Head of Department</i></p> <p><i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i></p>	<p>Department of Accounting and Auditing University of Zululand Tel: 035 902 6796 Private Bag X1001 KWADLANGEZWA 3886</p>	<p>B Com (Accounting Science) [Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Science]</p> <p>The effective date of accreditation will apply to all students who complete and graduate at the end of the 2018 academic year or later.</p>			<p>Accredited</p> <p>Accreditation visit conducted: 2017</p> <p>Follow up visit conducted: 2018</p>
Walter Sisulu University	<p>Mr F Kwahene <i>Head of Department</i></p> <p><i>Click here for detailed information on the accredited programmes</i></p>	<p>Department of Accounting Walter Sisulu University Tel: 047 502 2574/2069 Private Bag X1 MTHATHA 5117</p>	<p>BCompt [Bachelor of Accounting Sciences]</p> <p>The effective date of accreditation will apply to all students who commenced with the programme in 2013 and who complete and graduate at the end of the 2017 academic year or later.</p>			<p>Accredited</p> <p>Accreditation visit conducted: 2016</p> <p>Follow up visit conducted: 2017 & 2018</p>

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APC Professional Programmes

SAICA introduced the Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) from 2014. The APC replaced both Part II examinations (PPE and Financial Management). One of the eligibility requirements for writing the APC is the completion of a Professional Programme. SAICA has undertaken its accreditation process on providers who applied for accreditation and has accredited the two providers set out below. As both of these programmes only commenced in 2014, SAICA emphasizes that as a result there are a number of aspects SAICA has not yet been fully able to evaluate. Continued visits will be conducted to both providers during the course of third monitoring visit cycle (2016 – 2020). SAICA nevertheless expresses its confidence in both providers below to remain accredited.

Accredited programme status description:

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Name of education provider	Name of contact person	Education provider address	Certificate issued	
Accounting Professional Training (Pty) Ltd <i>Click here for detailed information on the professional programme</i>	Professor P Bourne Joint managing director	Tel: 021 761 3468/9 Fax: 021 761 3480 97 – 99 Gabriel Road PLUMSTEAD 7800	Professional Development Programme	1: Meets Expectations <i>(refer to status description above)</i> Accreditation visit conducted: 2013 Follow up visit conducted: 2014, 2017 & 2018 Full monitoring visit conducted: 2015 & 2016
	Professor B Marx Joint managing director	Tel: 011 559 3134 Fax: 011 559 2133 P O Box 1452 FLORIDA HILLS 1716		
Accredited programmes: Professional Programme for Assessment of Professional Competence				Accreditation status
Name of education provider	Name of contact person	Education provider address	Certificate issued	
University of Cape Town College of Accounting <i>Click here for detailed information on the professional programme</i>	Ass Prof G Modack Department of Accounting University of Cape Town	Tel: 021 650 4027 Fax: 021 689 7582 Private Bag RONDEBOSCH 7700	Certificate of completion of the UCT Short Course for APC	1: Meets Expectations <i>(refer to status description above)</i> Accreditation visit conducted: 2013 Follow up visit conducted: 2014, 2017 & 2018 Full monitoring visit conducted: 2015 & 2016