

UPDATED ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT 2020 CEO ROADSHOWS

CEO Roadshow EMEA

1. Is SAICA in discussions with the Nederlandse Beroepsorganisatie van Accountants (NBA)?

SAICA does not have a mutual recognition agreement with the Netherlands, but we have provided them with relevant, detailed information about our qualification process. Our members in the Netherlands currently have a challenge as they are required to submit a great deal of information to the NBA to register. Regarding the outcome, SAICA hopes the NBA will in future acknowledge that CAs(SA) have undergone the necessary training and learning interventions and that they will no longer be required to submit such detailed information for registration purposes. Unfortunately, there is no timeframe from the NBA, except that they have acknowledged receipt of SAICA's documents, and they are reviewing them. SAICA will continue following up with the NBA.

2. The Department of Economy in the UAE currently does not accept SAICA members to register as practitioners. Is there any effort from SAICA to assist members in this regard?

SAICA has added engagement with the Department of Economy in the UAE in our strategic plan for 2021.

3. How does SAICA ensure that members stay up to date with technical matters? I do not think that we can simply trust people to adhere to these updates. Other professional bodies have introduced e-learning platforms. Can SAICA consider this? It may be a strict approach but I feel this can ensure members stay up to date.

In 2021 SAICA will be implementing the following initiatives to address this concern:

a) A Learning and Development Platform for the administration, documentation, tracking, reporting, automation and delivery of educational courses, training programmes, or learning and development programmes

b) The Pathways to Relevance Framework for which you can find more information here:

<https://ca2025.co.za/>

In addition, all SAICA members are accountable to adhere to the Code of Professional Conduct, which clearly states that members are responsible to ensure they stay up to date with the most recent technical information. SAICA members are held to high professional standard and the onus rests on the individual member to ensure they honour this ethical responsibility.

4. What is the time frame anticipated with the upgrade of the website?

The upgrade of the current website remains a key focus at SAICA. As a result, a dedicated team is working on the upgrade which will result in an improved member experience. It is anticipated that the upgraded website will be launched in July 2021.

We encourage you to look out for SAICA communication in this regard. Thank you for your patience and understanding while the upgrade is being completed.

- 5. Now that we know that EMEA members make up almost 10% of the total SAICA membership, it is obvious that we are a large group and therefore deserve more support and visibility. Will SAICA have more engagements with members in this area, for example roadshows, training specifically for this region, etc.?**

The following SAICA Committees were set up in the EMEA Sub-region in 2020, and are now operational:

- The Netherlands.
- The Channel Islands, and
- Mauritius

Efforts are currently being made to find out which members in the EMEA Sub-region would be interested in being involved in SAICA Committee activities in other EMEA countries. The current focus is on determining the feasibility of having a Middle East Committee and a Rest of Africa Committee.

There is also the UK Committee, which has been in existence for several years.

CEO Roadshow South Africa

- 6. I understand SAICA is promoting the AGA(SA) designation, but the registration for this designation is delayed by approximately 8-10 weeks.**

Further enquiries with the Membership department identified that the feedback to the member was within the allocated time and not delayed.

- 7. Why does SAICA not take a leadership role in the fraud and corruption by South African Government and related organisations?**

Over the past year, SAICA has engaged with various key stakeholders including SARS and the NPA to discuss the ways in which SAICA and its members can assist them with their efforts to eradicate fraud and corruption in the country. As our discussions bear fruit, further details will be shared with our members in terms of how they can get involved. We encourage you to keep an eye on SAICA communications for more information.

- 8. When will the final tax practitioner link be active on the website where the public can access a comprehensive data base of practitioners?**

We are in the process of addressing this matter as we need to comply with the POPI Act, which means that Tax Practitioners have to provide the necessary consent before SAICA can share their information. We are in the process of gathering data from Tax Practitioners to determine their area of expertise and the specific services they can offer.

CEO Roadshow Americas region

9. I am a full CPA Canada member, permanently residing in Calgary, Canada as well as a SAICA member. As such, I currently pay my membership fees to both SAICA and CPA Alberta. It was encouraging to learn about the pending appointment of the Americas Sub-Region representative to the National Council as well as the intention to set up SAICA committees in the various countries in the Sub-Region. Considering this, my questions are:

- **Will the successfully appointed candidate be communicated to us as members residing in the Sub-Region?**

The appointments of the 3 International Sub-Region Member Representatives were communicated to members in August 2020. Natasha Holbeck is the Member Representative for the Americas Sub-Region.

- **Will Canada be specifically included in the SAICA committees being set up?**

SAICA is in the process of setting up a Canada committee, which will be one of the four committees operating in The Americas Sub-Region. The other committees are the US, Cayman and Bermuda Committees.

CEO Roadshow ASPAC region

10. I have found that audit and assurance CPD events are a bit cheaper in Australia but would like to be able to access SAICA webinars as well.

SAICA is working on the 2021 CPD offerings programme in a manner which will ensure the following:

- An appropriate balance between post-qualification learning and development, member engagement and thought leadership offerings;
- All offerings are mapped to the [Pathways to Relevance](#) framework and provide enough opportunities for members to facilitate their learning and development needs;
- There is a balance between paid and free offerings by SAICA for all members;
- The member experience is consistent no matter the geographic area or field the member is involved in;
- SAICA will retain a blended approach towards offerings in the future where we will ensure that there is a virtual programme available at all times which is accessible to our international members.

The 2021 comprehensive offerings brochure will be available to all members by the end of February 2021. We encourage you to keep an eye on SAICA's monthly Calendar of Events newsletter for more information.