



# IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting (SAICA accredited)

School of Finance and  
Accounting

**POSTGRADUATE  
DIPLOMA**

**CONTACT  
FULL-TIME**

The IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting provides the knowledge and skills required within the fields of Auditing, Financial Accounting, Management Accounting, Financial Management and Taxation, that affords a successful learner admission to the South African Institute of Chartered Accountant's Initial Test of Competence (ITC) examination. The Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting is presented for learners who wish to qualify as Chartered Accountants. The programme is therefore designed to meet the academic requirements of the Competency Framework of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA). This Competency Framework provides the academic programme requirements for entrance to the ITC, the first of two professional exams assessed for the Chartered Accountant qualification.

This qualification is designed to graduate students with the ability to think and act strategically, professionally, and ethically and to contribute meaningfully to the Accounting and Business sector. The programme design thus facilitates the development of a well-rounded Chartered Accountant. Graduates have both the theoretical depth and the applied skills relevant to further study or to succeed in the world of work.

## Career Opportunities

The IIE Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting is accredited by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) and successful completion qualifies students to write the Initial Test of Competence (ITC), the first of SAICA's professional exams.

The Chartered Account designation will open up career opportunities in a diverse and exciting range of business-related careers, including:

- Public practice
- Consulting in Taxation, Management Accounting, International Financial Reporting Standards and Auditing
- Finance and Management functions, including Financial Manager (FM), Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- Academia (teaching and learning, research and community-based involvement).

## Curriculum

Year Modules			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
FIAC8419	<b>Financial Accounting 4</b> Financial Accounting 4 focuses on the application of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) at an advanced level for companies and complex groups.	8	30
TAXA8419	<b>Taxation 4</b> Taxation 4 focuses on the taxes and duties levied in terms of the Income Tax Act, the Estate Duty Act, and the Value-Added Tax Act.	8	30
MFAC8419	<b>Management Accounting &amp; Finance 4</b> Management Accounting and Finance 4 aims to provide tools that support analytical reasoning that contribute to effective management and decision making in the context of real-world scenarios. The module draws on a broad understanding of the economy, strategy and risk management.	8	30
AUDI8419	<b>Auditing 4</b> Auditing 4 aims to provide a thorough knowledge and understanding of the external audit process, corporate governance and company-related legislation. The curriculum focuses on the audit process, computer auditing, the Code of Professional Conduct, the Auditing Professions Act, the Companies Act, corporate governance and sustainable businesses.	8	30



## Admission Requirements

Minimum Admission Requirements	
<b>FIRST ATTEMPT STUDENTS</b>	<p><b>Note:</b> Students from a SAICA accredited undergraduate degree: Applicants with a SAICA-accredited undergraduate degree must have completed all 4 major 3rd year subjects - Auditing, Financial Accounting, Management Accounting and Finance and Taxation - in the year immediately preceding the year in which they are admitted into the PGDip (Accounting), OR A successfully completed accountancy bridging programme and completed all 4 major subjects - Auditing, Financial Accounting, Management Accounting and Finance and Taxation - in the year immediately preceding the year in which they are admitted into the PGDip (Accounting).</p>
<b>REPEAT ATTEMPT STUDENTS</b>	<p><b>Note:</b> Students who have unsuccessfully attempted their PGDip (Accounting) or equivalent once, in the year preceding registration for PGDip (Accounting) at either The IIE or any other higher education provider, will be admitted into The IIE's PGDip (Accounting) programme on condition that their average for their first attempt of PGDip (Accounting) or equivalent was at least 40%. Students who have unsuccessfully attempted their PGDip (Accounting) or equivalent two times or more at either The IIE or any other higher education provider, will not be admitted into The IIE's PGDip (Accounting) programme.</p>
<b>International</b>	<b>A SAQA Evaluation Certificate with NQF L7 equivalence in an appropriate field</b>

## Timetables

This qualification is aimed at students who wish to complete full-time face-to-face studies for the duration of their qualification. This means that students are expected to be available throughout the day for class in the academic year depending on how the timetable is structured. Students may also be required to write assessments or submit coursework or assignments outside of normal class time. Students who would like to pursue part time employment opportunities outside of the academic programme must prioritise their studies and avoid committing to work schedules until after they have received their timetables and academic calendar from the institution. Students must also note that timetables remain subject to change throughout the academic year.

**THE IIE IS ACCREDITED AS AN INDEPENDENT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION BY THE BRITISH ACCREDITATION COUNCIL.**

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