



# IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting (SAICA accredited)

School of Finance and Accounting

**POSTGRADUATE  
DIPLOMA**

**DISTANCE**

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 Assessment of Competence (IAC) examination. The Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting is presented for learners who wish to qualify as Chartered Accountants. The programme is therefore designed to align with the Competency Framework of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA). This Competency Framework provides the academic programme requirements for entrance to the IAC, 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 Assessment of Competence (IAC), the first of SAICA's professional exams.

The Chartered Accountant (South Africa) 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	Financial Accounting 4 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	Taxation 4 Taxation 4 focuses on the taxes and duties levied in terms of the Income Tax Act, the Estate Duty Act, Securities Transfer Act, the Transfer Duty Act and the Value-Added Tax Act. Additionally, the module focuses on matters contained in the Tax Administration Act.	8	30
MFAC8419	Management Accounting & Finance 4 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
AUD18419	Auditing 4 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>	<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).
<b>REPEAT ATTEMPT STUDENTS</b>	<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.
<b>International</b>	<b>A SAQA Evaluation Certificate with NQF L7 equivalence in an appropriate field</b>

## What are the benefits of an IIE distance (online) qualification?

The IIE's distance (online) delivery mode provides you with the agility of studying towards a tertiary qualification asynchronously, at different times from different locations. Distance students need to commit to approximately 20-25 hours a week for distance engagement (most of which is after hours) with material and assessments to succeed.

Here are some of the benefits you can expect:

- A sequenced online learning environment that allows you the ability to manage your learning experiences flexibly and autonomously.
- A learner guide designed to lead you through the module material and learning outcomes, empowering you to effectively pace your learning in preparation for assessments.
- Our Learning Management System is designed to break up your learning units into manageable sections which include various activities to support learning.
- Module expert online lecturers that facilitate module teaching and learning support through various technology enhanced mediums.
- Online Success Navigators provide administrative and operational guidance and support throughout your academic journey.
- A professionally registered Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor available for short-term, primary counselling services. Additionally, the Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor hosts various webinars and virtual talks on topics that promote a balanced lifestyle as you pursue your academic goals.

## Device and connectivity specifications required for online study:

- Reliable internet connection (we recommend 5-10 GB of data per month and an internet speed of at least 0.15 Mbps).
- Desktop PC or laptop with at least an i3 processor and 4GB RAM memory.
- Windows 8 or macOS 10.15 (Microsoft Office 365 is available as a free download for IIE students), and Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge Chromium or Firefox.
- A working webcam and microphone.
- An uninterrupted power supply is also highly recommended.

## Where assessments are written in person:

- Students studying the Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting are required to come onto any IIEVC or the IIEMSA campus to write all assessments excluding the Continuous Evaluation (CE) assessments which will be completed as Assignments. It is important to note that the first Continuous Evaluation (CE) assessment will be scheduled for the first week of class.
- For students based in South Africa, Distance students may select any campus of The IIE's Varsity College or IIE MSA as their Examination Centre. Distance students must confirm their chosen IIEVC or the IIEMSA campus on registration
- An alternative examination centre is only permissible for students studying abroad and those located in a province of South Africa where there is no IIE Varsity College or IIE MSA campus. If there is no IIE Varsity College or IIE MSA campus within reach, an alternative venue will need to be sourced by the student. For non-IIE venues, there is an alternative venue levy per module.

## How will The IIE's Varsity College support your online learning as a distance (online) student, and how will it help prepare you for the working world?

Our distance teaching and learning approach is designed to allow you the freedom to self-govern your learning experiences according to your individual needs. You are at the centre of your own learning journey, and by offering curated engagement opportunities, we partner with you to:

- Engage with subject material
- Build understanding
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Manage your work, life and studies
- Succeed in your personal, professional and academic goals

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