



# IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Finance and Accounting

School of Finance and Accounting

**POSTGRADUATE  
DIPLOMA**

**DISTANCE**

Each organisation needs competent finance professionals to assist with internal decision-making and control, as well as external financial reporting. This skill shortage in the national and international finance profession is widely publicised.

The IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Finance and Accounting will equip students to render professional financial and accounting services to various role players, including private and public companies, governmental and non-governmental organisations, and professional service firms.

The IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Finance and Accounting will enable a student to apply for exemptions for certain CIMA exams. Please consult the CIMA Global website for more information.

## Career Opportunities

This Postgraduate Diploma will open up an attractive range of career options; this diploma is a perfect stepping stone to a diverse and exciting range of career opportunities.

- Risk manager
- Management accountant
- Financial manager
- Strategic consultant
- Financial Accountant
- Risk Consultant
- Financial controller
- Internal auditor

## Curriculum

Year 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	Credits	NQF	Code	Module Name	Credits	NQF
IPCO8111w	Internal Planning and Control	15	8	RIMA8112w	Risk Management	15	8
PBMG8111w	Business Performance Management	15	8	BSTR8112w	Business Strategy	15	8

Year 2							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	Credits	NQF	Code	Module Name	Credits	NQF
MANA8111w	Management Accounting	15	8	CASM8112w	Case Study Methodology	15	8
FREB8111w	Financial Reporting	15	8	FIST8112w	Financial Strategy	15	8

## Admission Requirements

Minimum Admission Requirements	Notes
<p><b>An appropriate HEQSF Level 7 Bachelor's degree; OR</b>  <b>An appropriate Advanced Diploma; OR</b>  <b>An equivalent NQF Level 7 qualification</b></p> <p><b>With Accounting at third year level OR Financial Management at third year level AND Accounting at second year level.</b></p>	
<b>International</b>	<b>A SAQA Evaluation Certificate with NQF L7 equivalence in an appropriate field with Accounting at third year level.</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 Specifications:

- The appropriate technology equipment and tools are essential to succeed in distance (online) study.
- A reliable internet connection (we recommend 5-10 GB of data per month), your own device with at least 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.
- An uninterrupted power supply is also highly recommended.

### EXAMINATION CENTRE OPTIONS FOR ASSESSMENTS WRITTEN ON CAMPUS

From 2024, we are planning to potentially enable you to write some of your assessments online, which will be invigilated.

- Your device needs to fulfil the minimum requirements as above with internet connectivity, a working webcam and audio recording ability, with battery life sufficient for the exam duration in case of power outage once the exam has started.
- Whilst Android devices and tablets can be used for your studies, they cannot be used for online exams.
- You are responsible for making contingency plans in case of planned power outages.
- You need to be alone in a quiet environment for writing your exams online.
- All final semester exams as indicated on your Programme Assessment Schedule (PAS) are required to be written on campus at an IIEVC or the IEMSA campus, or at an approved exam centre where appropriate.

### WHERE ASSESSMENTS CANNOT BE WRITTEN ONLINE OR STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO AN APPROPRIATE DEVICE

- For students based in South Africa, online students may select any campus of The IIE's Varsity College, Rosebank College, Vega, or IIE MSA as their Examination Centre.
- 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 campus. If there is no IIE campus within reach, an alternative venue will need to be sourced by you. 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.