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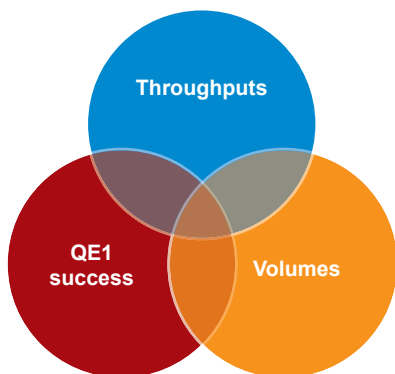
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Change in the SAICA accredited postgraduate programme (CTA) of the Unisa School of Accounting Sciences

In an attempt to improve throughput figures, achieve more success in SAICA QE1 and spread learning material volumes in accordance with notional hours, the Unisa School of Accounting Sciences will change its postgraduate programmes preparing students for the SAICA QE1.



From 2012, the SAICA accredited postgraduate programme, the Hons BCompt (CTA) will be replaced by a two-year programme (structured as two separate Postgraduate Diplomas where the first could be used as an exit route from the CA qualification path). An Advanced Diploma will be introduced as a one year bridging programme.

Bridging

- **Advanced Diploma in Accounting Sciences**

CTA year 1

- **Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences (CTA Level 1)**

CTA year 2

- **Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Accounting Sciences (CTA Level 2)**

The current SAICA accredited postgraduate programme (Hons BCompt (CTA)) will be presented over two years (except for certain repeat candidates who will still be allowed to follow the one-year programme) as two separate Postgraduate Diplomas, where the first may also serve as an exit route from the CA qualification path.

SAICA accredited postgraduate programme (CTA)

Current position	From 2012
Hons BCompt (CTA)	Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences (CTA Level 1) (possible exit route) AND Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Accounting Sciences (CTA Level 2)

The current bridging programme (Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences (DIPAC)) will be presented as an Advanced Diploma.

Bridging Programme

Current position	From 2012
Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences	Advanced Diploma in Accounting Sciences (to be introduced in 2013)

SAICA accredited postgraduate programme (CTA)

Admission requirements and duration periods for the SAICA accredited postgraduate programme (Hons BCompt (CTA)) will change as follows:

	Current Hons BCompt	From 2012 Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences (CTA Level 1)
Admission	SAICA accredited undergraduate degree (e.g., BCompt) with an average of at least 55% in Financial Accounting at 3 rd year level Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences (DIPAC)	SAICA accredited undergraduate degree (e.g., BCompt) - not older than 3 years
Duration period to complete	1 year	1 year
	3 years (but for QE1 admission all modules passed in 1 year)	3 years (but for CTA Level 2 admission, all modules passed in 1 year)
		Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Accounting Sciences (CTA Level 2)
Admission	N/A	CTA Level 1 (all modules passed in 1 year) Repeat CTA Level 2 (within a 3 year limit) Repeat CTA equivalent* (within a 3 year limit)
Duration period to complete	N/A	1 year
	N/A	1 year (for QE1 admission all modules passed in 1 year) 3 years to attempt (if unsuccessful, revert back to CTA Level 1)

* Equivalent = SAICA accredited postgraduate programme (CTA) at a residential university.

Admission requirements and duration periods for the bridging programme will change as follows:

Bridging programme (to be introduced)

Bridging programme	Current Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences (DIPAC)	From 2012 Advanced Diploma in Accounting Sciences (to be introduced in 2013, but for 2012 see below*)
Admission	<p>B Degree with a 3rd year level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial Accounting - Management Accounting - External Auditing - Taxation <p>SAICA accredited undergraduate degree (e.g., BCompt) without the average 55% for Financial Accounting at 3rd year level</p>	<p>B Accounting Degree or Accounting Diploma or any other qualification with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial Accounting - Management Accounting - External Auditing - Taxation <p>on at least a NQF Level 6 (thus at second year level)</p> <p>A SAICA accredited undergraduate degree (e.g., BCompt) older than 3 years</p>
Duration Period to complete	1 year	1 year
	3 years	3 years

* For 2012 (as the advanced Diploma in Accounting Sciences will only be introduced in 2013) the following undergraduate modules will serve as the bridging modules:

- FAC3702
- FAC3703
- FAC3704
- ACN306
- ACN307
- ACN308
- TXN203D
- AUE301P
- AUE303R
- AUE304S

At the end of 2011 - students to continue	From 2012 - transitional arrangements
Passed all 4 modules of the Hons BCompt, but not in a single examination sitting - intends to write SAICA QE1	CTA Level 2 (3-year period 2012 - 2014)
Passed some modules of the Hons BCompt, but not all 4 modules - intends to write SAICA QE1	CTA Level 2 (3-year period 2012 - 2014)
Passed some modules of the Hons BCompt, but not all 4 modules - NO intention to write SAICA QE1	CTA Level 2 equivalent modules in order to complete the Hons BCompt degree (3-year period 2012 - 2014)
Failed all the modules of the Hons BCompt - intends to write SAICA QE1	CTA Level 2 (3-year period 2012 - 2014)
Failed a SAICA accredited postgraduate programme (CTA) at a residential university	CTA Level 2 (3-year period 2012 - 2014)
Passed all 4 modules of the Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences (DIPAC)	CTA Level 2 (3-year period 2012 - 2014)
Passed some modules of the Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences (DIPAC) but not all 4 modules - intends to write SAICA QE1	CTA Level 1 equivalent modules (3-year period 2012 -2014), thereafter progress to CTA Level 2
Passed some modules of the Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences (DIPAC), but not all 4 modules - NO intention to write SAICA QE1	CTA Level 1 equivalent modules (3-year period 2012 - 2014) in order to complete the Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences (DIPAC)
Failed all the modules of the Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences (DIPAC)	CTA Level 1 (3-year period 2012 - 2014) Recommend - Advanced Diploma in Accounting Sciences, when introduced in 2013, to improve knowledge base

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