APC PROGRAMME 2022

The Assessment of Professional Competence (APC), written in December of each year, is the second and final of SAICA/ICAN/ICAZ's two Qualifying Examinations for CA's. In order to be able to write the APC, you are required to have completed 20 months of traineeship, pass the ITC and complete and pass a Professional Programme accredited by SAICA/ICAN/ICAZ.

Our Programme meets the SAICA, ICAN and ICAZ Requirements at Level 1 ("Accredited without conditions").

APT is Southern Africa's leading presenter of preparation courses for the APC Examination, having prepared the vast majority of Candidates since inception and a combined total of 32 000 Candidates for the APC and the previous PPE and Part 2 Board Examinations.

APT is more than a Board Course. We are a Professional Organisation with a balanced team of academics and practitioners from the profession, commerce and industry.

Highlights

One of our greatest strengths is our flexibility and adaptability to meet candidates' needs. A recent example is our response to the COVID pandemic and resulting lockdowns. Our team was able to quickly and seamlessly modify the delivery of our Programme, which was very highly rated by the 2020 and 2021 Candidates in formal Programme evaluations.

Our Candidates are core to the APT Family and we will do whatever is necessary to provide the service they need. We leverage Information Technology to the maximum to optimise our Candidate's experience.

We supplement our Candidates' Exam Readiness through our unique "Me Reinvented" soft skills programme and Critical Thinking interventions. We look forward to positive results for 2021 once these are published in 2022.

Since the inception of the APC in 2014:
- 48 APT Candidates have achieved Honours in the APC.
- 12 211 APT Candidates have graduated as CA's.
- We are the home for all candidates and have no restrictions or waiting lists.
- The vast majority of new Transformation CA's were APT Candidates.

Our APT Team includes over 20 qualified and experienced presenters. These professionals are available to our Candidates for consultation and mentorship.

We are deeply committed to transformation and support the Thuthuka initiative. We also cater for Candidates writing the ITC in June 2022.

Enrolment

Our listed Course Fee is R14 400, excluding VAT.
- We offer discounts for block bookings.
- Our discounted price is R11 520 excluding VAT.

Who is APT?

- Our Professional Programme specifically addresses your requirements and offers you a top-class opportunity to develop your professional competence and the best possible chance of passing the APC.
- We have run SAICA, ICAN and ICAZ Accredited (Accredited at Level 1) APC Professional Programmes since the inception of the APC in 2014. We are Southern Africa's leading presenter and have operated successfully as the "Part II Board Course" market leader for 23 years in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia.
- We have consistently met our goals in preparing Candidates for entry into the accountancy profession.
- Our Programmes have always been well received and supported by the market, Candidates and employer firms.

Nature of the APC?

- Our Programme is designed to enable you to develop a level of Professional Competence in order to pass the SAICA. ICAN, ICAZ APC.
- The first SAICA, ICAN and ICAZ Qualifying Examination, the ITC (Part 1), focuses on the assessment of technical competence and is a standard setting examination after Candidates complete a university programme (CTA or equivalent).
- The APC is the second and final formal assessment before a Candidate may register as a CA. The APC is an assessment of professional competence and focuses on the integration of technical skills within 'real life' circumstances, on pervasive skills such as communication, on understanding the 'big picture' (the business and the environment in which the business operates) and on strategy, risk management and governance.
- Whilst aspects of professional competence are developed in the university programmes and in training programmes, our Programme focusses fully on developing your competence to the level required of a CA.
- The APC assesses professional competence to the full extent possible in a written examination and has been very carefully designed to do so.

Our APC Programme

Our 2022 Programme will commence by the end of March 2022 and will terminate shortly before the APC in November 2022.

Our Professional Competence Programme is of six months duration and meets all requirements set by SAICA, ICAN and ICAZ.

Our Programme is designed to achieve the learning objectives set out in relevant SAICA, ICAN and ICAZ APC Guidelines, specifically with regard to the development of professional competence.

Our Programme incorporates four formal Assessments.

The first two are principally formative (Developmental, although Candidates need to achieve a minimum grade) and two final summative (Assessments that Candidates need to Pass in order to Pass the Programme). Each of these Assessments simulates a "real" APC Assessment.

All Candidates write the first formative assessments in June. Candidates who pass our summative assessment in September are exempt from the supplementary assessment in October, although they are encouraged to write for additional practice.

Our Programme has a Professional focus rather than an Academic or Technical one. Candidates will already have demonstrated Technical Competence in the ITC.

The primary objective of our Professional Competence Programme is to develop the professional competence of Candidates to a level appropriate for new entrants to the Chartered Accountancy profession.

A secondary, but very important, objective of our Programme is to prepare you for the APC.

Professional competence is developed through a series of 7 Case Study simulations of real life assignments and tasks. You develop your professional competence through practice by working through these Case Studies. Each of our Case Studies is a simulation of a "real" APC Assessment.

Our APC Programme

We are a Fully Online Programme.

Through Blended Learning, we support our Online classes with physical, face-to-face contact sessions related to critical classes. These are held in all major centres.
As the acquisition of professional competence is so fundamentally different from the skills most Candidates have already developed in their academic programmes, we believe that Candidates benefit significantly from the Blended Learning Programme's direct interaction with presenters.

Our Online Classes are supported by interactive live Zoom Question and Answer Sessions after each class and further support is provided by additional interactive Zoom sessions, including Candidate Information Sessions, Guided Self-Assessment Sessions and Small Group Consultations. Recordings are made available for Candidates who are unable to attend these live sessions.
Mentorship is provided on an appointment basis.
We work closely with CAA Zim and ICAZ in Harare and Bulawayo and ICAN in Windhoek.

We are innovators who constantly leverage technology. Our recent innovations include:
- Our Marking App, which provides Candidates with details of Assessment Gradings.
- Artificial Intelligence Applications that enable us to run our assessments online as Non-Venue-Based.
- Our HelpDesk App that enables us to assist Candidates with Exam Software issues.

Our formative Assessments are planned as Non-Venue-Based Assessments, whilst we propose to run our two summative Assessments in formal Exam Venues so that our Candidates experience a realistic simulation of the actual APC. Our Programme also offers Value Added through our CPD Modules, which provide technical updates in selected topics and enables Candidates to determine their personal development needs and address those needs. Certain CPD topics are compulsory and you are required to log this CPD.

eWriting

Candidates write the APC on laptops using Exam Software prescribed by SAICA, ICAN and ICAZ ("eWriting"). In common with our competitors, we require our Candidates to use the same software. The discriminator, however, is that we provide extensive guidance and support to ensure that our Candidates are fully ready for this by the time they write the APC.

Candidates who will be writing the ITC in June 2022

Candidates writing the ITC in June 2022 should register for the programme at inception against payment of a non refundable deposit of R500. These candidates may withdraw from the programme up to 10 days after the ITC and would pay the balance of their fees on continuing with the programme. Once these candidates have written the ITC, we will offer special interventions to facilitate them catching up.

Whilst this Programme requires intense effort on the part of Candidates, it provides Candidates who have the prescribed 20 months' traineeship with the opportunity to write the APC in 2022 provided they pass the ITC.

AdAPTability
Continuous Innovation

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We are fully committed to our Candidates and respond to our Candidates needs swiftly and effectively. Our recent innovations include:

- Online Toolkits to assist Candidates. Feedback from candidates was incredibly positive with a significant number indicating that they felt professionally empowered by the workshops, which included:
  - Our "Me Reinvented" soft skills programme.
  - Our Critical Thinking which focused on problem identification and problem solving in an unstructured informational context. Without a deep understanding of the problem, it is neither possible to generate an effective solution nor demonstrate professional competence.
  - Our Auditing Workshops.
- Implementing the technology necessary for a fully Online Programme with additional Value Added support.
- Online Information and Question and Answer Sessions designed to reassure Candidates that we are still able to run the Programme and to explain to them how they could benefit from the developments.
- Supplementing our Programme offerings with the innovations referred to earlier, including Question and Answer Sessions, interactive Zoom sessions and Small Group Consultations.
- Developing the necessary IT applications to enable us to run Non-Venue-Based Assessments.
- Increasing the level of eWriting support that we offer to our Candidates.
- Implementing the eWriting HelpDesk for our Assessments.

Our mission is to provide high quality professional Programmes that enable Candidate accountants to realise their own excellence.

The experience has been mind-opening, innovative and insightful.

The staff are very helpful and the sites and material used during the programme were user friendly and easy to access.

Excellent, professional and well guided.

Enjoyable, Engaging, Exciting, Entertaining and Excellent.

Absolutely fantastic, inspirational and highly supportive.

The step by step process will always make students identify their problems and solve their issues.

The lecturers are constantly there for you.

Gain the APTvantage. APTack the APC with APTitude.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OUTLINE

We are a Fully Online Programme with selected physical contact sessions made available in major centres in South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe APT remains fully committed to offering physical contact sessions and will resume holding physical classes as soon as candidates' safety is assured.

Date	Classes	Topic
Monday 28 Mar	APT APC Programme Commences	
MODULE 1		
Monday 28 Mar	Class 1	Module 1 - Intro & Case Study 1 (Online)
Week commencing 4 Apr	Class 1	Q&A Zoom - Intro & Case Study 1 (Online)
Thursday 7 Apr	Class 2	Module 1 - Pre Released Information/Research Case Study 1 (Online)
9 April	Me Reinvented	Coaching (Soft Skills) Intervention (Online)
Monday 11-Apr	Soft Skills Intervention for June ITC Candidates	
Week commencing 11 Apr	Class 2	Q&A Zoom - Pre Released Information/Research Case Study 1 (Online)
21 Apr	Me Reinvented	Goal Setting and Time Management (Online)
Thursday 28 Apr	Class 3	Module 1 - Info on the day Case Study 1 (Online)
Week commencing 2 May	Class 3	Q&A Zoom - Info on the day Case Study 1 (Online)
Week commencing 9 May	Class 4	Module 1 - Responses and Assessment Case Study 1 (Physical Class)
Week commencing 16 May	Class 4	Q&A Zoom - Responses Case Study 1 (Online)
MODULE 2		
Friday 20 May	Release Pre Released Information - Assessment 1 (Case Study 2)	
Wednesday 25 May	Tech Session	Technical Webinar – Guidance from Previously Successful APC Candidates (Online)
Thursday 26 May	Class 5	Module 2 - Pre Released Information/Research Case Study 2 (Assessment 1) (Online)
Week commencing 30 May	Class 5	Q&A Zoom - Pre Released Information/Research Case Study 2 (Assessment 1) (Online)
Tuesday 1-June	**Mentorship Introduction**	
Saturday 4 June	**ASSESSMENT 1 (Case Study 2) (Self Study Assessment)**	
Week commencing 6 June	Self Study with Submissions	Self Assessment – Assessment 1 With Guided Marking (Grading) Sessions

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Date	Classes	Topic
MODULE 3		
Wednesday 8-June and Thursday 9-June	Focus Group Consultations (Online) Dealing with Submission of Self Assessment and Script Review	
Friday 10-June	Release of Pre Released Information for Assessment 2 (Case Study 3)	
14 June	Me Reinvented	Eliminating Anxiety (Online)
Monday 20-June	eWriting	eWriting Sessions (Online)
Saturday 25-June	**ASSESSMENT 2 (Case Study 3) (Non-Venue-Based)**	
Monday 27 June	Kick off session for Candidates who wrote the June ITC on 21/22 June	
Week commencing 27-June until Friday 15-July	Self Study	Self Assessment - Assessment 2 With Guided Marking (Grading) Sessions
27-June	Me Reinvented	The mind and how it works (Online)
11-July	Me Reinvented	Laws of Success Deep (Online)
16-July	Me Reinvented	Eliminating Anxiety Part 2 (Online)
23-July	Me Reinvented	Leading Myself and Others (Online)
Thursday 14-July	Class 6	Feedback and Assessment 2 {Case Study 3 (Assessment 2)} (Online)
Friday 15-July	Release of Results for Assessment 2	
Week commencing 18-July	Class 6	Online Q&A Zoom - Feedback and Case Study 2 Adapted (Case Study 3)
Monday 25-July	Critical Thinking Webinar	
Tuesday 26-July & Fri 29-July	Focus Group Consultations (Online)	
MODULE 4		
Dates TBC	Technical Refresher Webinars (Online)	
Dates TBC	CPD (Online)	
Dates TBC	eWriting Zoom Sessions (Online)	
Dates TBC	Focus Group Consultations	
Week commencing 1-Aug	Self Study	Reflection on Assessments 1 and 2
Week commencing 8-Aug	Class 7	Report Back Module3 / Module 4 - Deeper Understanding (Case Study 4) (Physical Class)
Week commencing 15-Aug	Class 7	Q&A Zoom - Deeper Understanding (Online)
Wednesday 17-Aug	Auditing Workshop	

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Date	Classes	Topic
Thursday 18-Aug	Class 8	Deeper Understanding (Case Study 4) (Online)
Week commencing 22-Aug	Class 8	Q&A Zoom - Deeper Understanding (Online)
Monday 29-Aug	Critical Thinking Webinar	
MODULE 5		
Wednesday 31 August	Release of Pre Released Information for Assessment 3 (Case Study 5)	
Wednesday 5-Sep	**ASSESSMENT 3 (Module 5 – Case Study 5) (Venue Based)**	
MODULE 6		
8-Sep	Me Reinvented	Address Negative Emotions and Beliefs – Part 1 (Online)
9-Sep	Me Reinvented	Negative Emotions and Beliefs – Part 2 (Online)
22 Sep	Me Reinvented	The New Me (Online)
Week commencing 12 Sep until 30 Sep	Self Study	Self Assessment - Assessment 3 With Guided Marking (Grading) Sessions
Friday 30 Sep	Release of Results for Assessment 3	
Friday 30 Sep	Release of Pre Released Information for Assessment 3 Supplementary (Case Study 6)	
Wednesday 5 Oct	Class 9	Intervention Class for Supp Candidates (Module 6) (Live Online Class)
Week commencing 10 Oct	Preparation for Supplementary Assessment. Supported by Focus Group Consultations	
Saturday 15 Oct	**ASSESSMENT 3 SUPPLEMENTARY (Module 6 – Case Study 6) (Venue Based)**	
MODULE 7 – BOARD COURSE		
Week commencing 17 Oct	Self Study	Self Assessment - Assessment 3 Supplementary With Guided Marking (Grading) Sessions
Thursday 27 Oct	Class 10	Module 7 (Case Study 7 – Past APC Assessment) (Online)
Week commencing 31 Oct	Class 10	Q&A Zoom - Module 7 (Case Study 7 – Past APC Assessment) (Online)
Wednesday 2 Nov	Assessment 3 Supplementary Results finalised and sent to Professional Institutes	
Monday 7 Nov	Class 11	Module 7 – Board Course (Online)
Tuesday 9-Nov	APC Readiness Session	
Thursday 1 Dec	Me Reinvented	Send off session (Online)
Wednesday 14 Dec	**Release of Pre Released Information**	
Monday 19 Dec	**THE SAICA/ICAN/ICAZ APC ASSESSMENT**	