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**SAICA reflects on resilience and progress as 2025 APC results are released**

**Johannesburg, 27 February 2026** – The South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) has announced the pass rate for the 2025 Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) showing that 2314 (61%) of the 3801 candidates who wrote the APC in December 2025 successfully demonstrated their professional competence.

The APC represents the culmination of a robust qualification journey; candidates in the APC are required to integrate three interdependent competency types: professional values and attitudes; enabling acumens (including business acumen, critical thinking, problem solving and decision-making among others); and technical competencies in the value creation process. These competencies are assessed in an integrative manner, as expected of a Chartered Accountant (South Africa) [CA(SA)], requiring the ability to design solutions, evaluate alternatives and influence decisions ethically and responsibly.

While the overall pass rate remains an important benchmark, the story of this cohort extends far beyond a single metric. Most of these candidates began their academic journey in 2020; a year marked by unprecedented disruption to schooling, tertiary academic studies, access to resources, and traditional modes of learning. Their progression reflects resilience, adaptability and determination, qualities that are essential for Chartered Accountants operating in a dynamic and complex professional landscape.

The APC results must therefore be understood within the broader context of a generation whose foundational years were significantly impacted, and whose success reflects perseverance as much as performance.

SAICA's Chief Executive Officer, Patricia Stock CA(SA), reaffirmed the Institute's commitment to continuous evolution of the qualification pathway and supporting candidates throughout their development. "These results reflect not only the dedication of the candidates, but also the collective effort of training offices, academic institutions and mentors who play a vital role in shaping future professionals. SAICA remains focused on continuous improvement within the professional landscape to ensure that prospective CAs(SA) are equipped, adaptable, agile and resilient to remain future-fit and meet the evolving demands of the workplace and serve the public interest", she said.

Among the successful candidates, SAICA specifically congratulated the seven candidates on the prestigious APC Honours Roll. These candidates have demonstrated exceptional performance and depth of insight in completing the case study tasks. Notably, six of the seven candidates are female, which contributes to the improvement of the overall gender balance of the profession. The candidates, listed alphabetically by first name, are:



Fathima Essack
Hanné Swart
Kayla Parker
Mia Pretorius
Murray Finlay
Ofentse Modiba
Rachel Volkel

Among six of the successful female candidates on the honours roll, is Ofentse Modiba, a beneficiary of SAICA’s Thuthuka Education Upliftment Fund (TEUF). The TEUF is SAICA’s flagship transformation initiative designed to broaden access to the chartered accountancy profession for talented students from underrepresented communities, specifically in the African and Coloured demographic groups.

Modiba’s achievement reflects more than personal determination; demonstrating the benefits of a sustained investment in education, mentorship, academic support and holistic student development. Through the TEUF, SAICA continues to build a profession that more accurately reflects the diversity of South Africa and strengthens the country’s economic future.

SAICA remains focused on continuous improvement and on equipping candidates with the competence, adaptability and ethical foundation required to serve the public interest.

**Pass rate by demographics:**

Race	2023			2024			2025		
	Pass	Total	% Pass	Pass	Total	% Pass	Pass	Total	% Pass
African	911	2 344	<b>39%</b>	1 551	2 347	<b>66%</b>	1 013	2 077	<b>49%</b>
Coloured	122	249	<b>49%</b>	199	267	<b>75%</b>	150	218	<b>69%</b>
Indian	332	556	<b>60%</b>	380	505	<b>75%</b>	296	418	<b>71%</b>
White	896	1 183	<b>76%</b>	988	1 162	<b>85%</b>	800	1 009	<b>79%</b>
Not disclosed	5	16	<b>31%</b>	29	42	<b>69%</b>	55	79	<b>70%</b>
Grand Total	2 266	4 348	<b>52%</b>	3 147	4 323	<b>73%</b>	2 314	3 801	<b>61%*</b>

*\* First-time candidates achieved a 67% pass rate, while repeat candidates achieved a 45% pass rate.*

SAICA continues to monitor demographic performance trends closely. While the pass rate of African and Coloured candidates improved significantly in 2024, the outcomes in 2025 highlight that sustainable transformation requires long-term, structured intervention across the academic pipeline. SAICA remains committed to targeted support, mentorship and funding initiatives to strengthen throughput over a certain period.

Stock underscored the importance of sustained collaboration and ongoing refinement of the qualification pathway whilst maintaining the high quality of the SAICA programme. “We remain focused on strengthening the support structures that contribute to enabling candidate’s success, ensuring appropriate academic, professional and mentorship support. While we have seen encouraging areas of progress, we recognise that disparities persist across demographic groups which requires deliberate, evidence-based intervention. SAICA is working closely with key stakeholders across the education and training value chain, from cradle-to-career, including the Department of Basic Education, higher education providers and FASSET, to better understand the root causes of these gaps and to implement targeted solutions. Our commitment to quality, transformation and continuous improvement remains unwavering, as we strive to uphold the integrity and global standing of the CA(SA) designation”.

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### **About SAICA**

The South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA), South Africa’s pre-eminent accountancy body, is recognised as the world’s leading accounting institute and is home to the leading CA designation in the world. The Institute provides a wide range of support services to more than 60 000 members and associates who are chartered accountants (CAs[SA]), as well as associate general accountants (AGAs[SA]) and accounting technicians (ATs[SA]), who hold positions as CEOs, MDs, board directors, business owners, chief financial officers, auditors and leaders in every sphere of commerce and industry, and who play a significant role in the nation’s highly dynamic business sector and economic development.

SAICA is a member of Chartered Accountants Worldwide (CAW), a global family that connects over 1,8 million fellow Chartered Accountants and students in more than 190 countries. Together, we support, develop, and promote the role of Chartered Accountants as trusted business leaders, difference makers, and advisers.

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