

19 February 2020

We at APT share your trauma at having failed SAICA's 2019 Assessment of Professional Competence (APC). We are equally disappointed that the national SAICA pass rate has declined yet again, showing a decline of 11% in the overall Pass Rate.

We must remind you that you are not the first person to have failed to demonstrate competence in the "Final Board Exam". There are literally thousands of people who have experienced this failure, re-written, passed the Assessment and gone on to become highly successful CAs. You must not let the outcome of one 8 hour assessment define your future.

You need to believe in yourself. You have successfully completed an undergraduate programme, a post graduate programme and the SAICA Initial Test of Competence. You owe it to yourself to absorb the trauma and then pick yourself up and plan for your success in the APC in 2020.

- If you have a valid **Certificate of Completion for a Professional Programme** dated 2018 or 2019, you are still, under current regulations, eligible to write the 2020 APC without further study.
- However, we believe this would be unwise as you need assistance in your efforts to pass in 2020. Our statistics for our 2019 Repeat Candidates clearly indicate that those candidates who participated successfully in our 2019 Repeat Programme had double the success rate in the 2019 APC when compared to candidates who did not attempt a Programme in 2019 or who attempted our 2019 Programme but failed the Programme.
- To optimise your chance of success in the 2020 APC, you should register for our 2020 Repeat Programme as detailed below.
- Sadly if your most recent Certificate of Completion is dated 2017, the validity of your **Professional Programme Completion has expired** and you would have to complete and Pass a full Professional Programme before being allowed to write the APC again – Registration for our 2020 Programme is open on [apcprogramme.co.za](http://apcprogramme.co.za)

## **Our 2020 Repeat Programme**

We will finalise the structure of this Programme in early March and plan to open registration by no later than 15 March.

**Before registering for the Programme you should contact SAICA and request a copy of your 2019 APC Script. You can do this immediately.**

Our programmes are supported by a large team of passionate staff members who are highly skilled at presenting and providing feedback to candidates on a regular basis. We believe in our product. We believe in innovation and have continuously improved our programme since the inception of the APC. We will continue to do so and are committed to being the professional programme provider of choice.

## Focus Points

- Separate Programme with an innovative focus only on Repeat Candidates:
- Online webinars (practical)
- Interactive workshops (face to face)
- Individual support with help of experienced APT Mentors
- Value creation
- Problem solving techniques
- Technical refresher
- Time management

## Provisional Outline (Detail to be finalised in early March)

### Initial Phase - February / March

Obtain your 2019 APT Script from SAICA.

Reflect on the 2019 APC.

Begin Self Assessment of your 2019 APC Script using APT Guidance Documents

### April / May

Complete Self Assessment of your 2019 APC Script with access to APT Mentors

Prepare Personal Development Plan with assistance of APT Mentors

Webinars providing:

- Guidance on Self Assessment of Specific Tasks
- Guidance on Assessing Sample Responses

Feedback sessions in late May in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban plus Online

### June / July

Technical Sessions across the various Competencies

### August

Write APT Assessment on 1 August

Workshops - Feedback on Assessment and Guidance for future Assessments

eWriting Workshop

### September / October

Write APT Assessments on 2 September and 10 October

### October / November

Specialised Workshops in preparation for the APC

Feedback on Assessments of 2 September and 10 October

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