

The Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) is the second of SAICA, ICAN and ICAZ's two Qualifying Examinations. The APC is currently written in December of each year and is the final Examination required for Candidates to qualify as a CA.

In order to be able to write the APC Examination, 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 SAICA, ICAN and ICAZ APC Examinations, having prepared the vast majority of Candidates since inception.

APT is a Professional Organisation and our balanced team consists of academics and practitioners from the profession, commerce and industry.



Highlights

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

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 experience.

We look forward to positive results for 2020 once these are published in April 2021.

In the 2019 APC:

- Eight out of twelve Honours Candidates did the APT Programme.
- Although we have a very diverse Candidate population, our Results matched those of our competitors.
- 822 of the new 2019 transformation CA's were prepared by APT. This includes 522 African Black APT Candidates who passed the 2019 APC.

Our regular Programme evaluations reflected Median Scores above 5 on a 6 point Likert Scale where "6" is excellent and "5" is "Very Good".

Our APT Family 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 cater for Candidates writing the ITC in April 2021.

Enrolment

Enrolment opens on <http://www.apcprogramme.co.za> on 30 November.

Our listed Course Fee is R13 650, excluding VAT.

- We offer discounts for block bookings.
- Our discounted price is R10 920 excluding VAT – R12 558 inc. 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 of Part II Programmes and have operated successfully as the "Part II Board Course" market leader for 22 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 2021 Programme will commence on 16 April and will terminate shortly before the APC on 1 December 2021.

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

It 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.

We work closely with CAA Zim and ICAZ in Harare and Bulawayo and ICAN in Windhoek.

Our Programme incorporates four formal Assessments.

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

Candidates who Pass the first formative assessment are exempted from the second, although they are encouraged to write the second for additional practice. Similarly, Candidates who pass the first summative assessment are exempted from the second.

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 a 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. Mentorship is provided on an appointment basis.

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.

Whilst all of our 2020 Assessments were Non-Venue-Based because of Lockdown, we propose to run our two summative 2021 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 Module, which provides 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.

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 Non-Venue-Based Assessments for our Assessments.
- Our HelpDesk App that enables us to assist Candidates with Exam Software issues.

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 April 2021

Candidates who have written the ITC and will have completed 20 month's traineeship by 30 November 2021 should register for the 2021 Programme. **As there will be no sitting of the ITC in June, we will not be offering a Catchup Programme in 2021.** Find more information [here](#).



Our plans for our 2020 Programme – Starting 16 April 2020 – were undermined by the implementation of Lockdown from 29 March, a factor which prevented us from running our planned physical contact sessions and Venue-Based-Assessments. We are fully committed to our Candidates and responded swiftly and effectively as follows:

- We immediately implemented the technology necessary to enable us to run a fully Online Programme with additional Value Added support.
- We held Online Information and Question and Answer Sessions designed to reassure Candidates that we were still able to run the Programme and to explain to them how they could benefit from the developments.
- We immediately implemented Online Toolkits to enable Candidates to commence work in the first weeks of Lockdown.
- We supplemented our Programme offerings with the innovations referred to earlier, including the Question and Answer Sessions, interactive Zoom sessions and Small Group Consultations.
- By our first assessment on 20 June, we had developed the necessary applications to enable us to run Non-Venue-Based Assessments, increased the level of eWriting support that we offer to our Candidates and implemented 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 mindopening, innovative and insightful.

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

Enjoyable, Engaging, Exciting, Entertaining and Excellent.

Excellent, professional and well guided.

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

Absolutely fantastic, inspirational and highly supportive.

The lecturers are constantly there for you.

**Gain the
APTvantage.
APTack the
APC with
APTitude.**



Many thanks to all our candidates for choosing us on your journey and thanks to those who reached out to us on twitter!

Theodora @theodora9701
I make it a habit to take pictures of the zoom calls with @APT_APCprogram just remember these moments when I become a CA during a pandemic. Going from Aspiring CA to CA as @ngwanamela @BenMarx



Ryno Kleynhans @KleynhansRyno
Replying to @APT_APCprogram @saica_ca_sa and 6 others
And so the countdown has started. 50 hours left before the start of the first Assessment of 2020. 50 hours closer to that CA(SA) designation. Thank you for all the support from each and everyone at APT during these unprecedented times. The best of luck to every candidate.

Phyllis Moyo @phyllismoyo
Thank you for the journey it was worth it. But I just had the longest 3 minutes of my life...

I made it!!!! @saica_ca_sa @APT_APCprogram @UJAccountancy
Saica APC!!!



408 views
16:21 - 2020/02/14 - Twitter for Android

Dineshri Rama @drama007
Prof Ben Marx @APT_APCprogram just came with so much energy at the end...really gave us motivation to get up and study right now! #teamapt #APC2020. Thank you Prof!

19:09 - 2020/09/10 - Twitter for iPhone

Theodora @theodora9701
Very interesting class 1 Q&A discussions with @APT_APCprogram #thinking



Ben Marx
16:47 - 2020/04/24 - Twitter for iPhone

Mtimande @Jabuwonder1
Replying to @APT_APCprogram
Very insightful

Gabriel Haufiku @Gabes40979153
Brilliant lecture by @ngwanamela on IFRS 16. @APT_APCprogram

Baholo Mokhomu @bbokhomu
Replying to @APT_APCprogram and @ngwanamela
It was quite an informative yet practical session. I always look forward to our online sessions. And the questions being asked by candidates are quite intriguing.

#APTAPC2020
14:00 - 2020/04/16 - Twitter for Android

Wisdomise @Wisofthino
Replying to @APT_APCprogram @jmoqapelo and @saica_ca_sa
Thank you guys at @APT_APCprogram for the past 2 years of preparation 🙏

17:29 - 2020/02/14 - Twitter for iPhone

Ascension @AscensionThoto
@APT_APCprogram enjoyed today morning session. Thank you to all the presenters.

15:29 - 2020/09/07 - Twitter for iPhone

Classiman_M @ClassimanCts
When @ngwanamela said we should constantly work towards removing that "Aspiring CA(SA)" in our twitter bio to actual CA(SA) I felt that sis 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏 @APT_APCprogram

16:09 - 2020/05/16 - Twitter for iPhone

Allison @Allison
"If you can't change it, change your attitude." - Elmarie Goodchild. Wow! Got to love the @APT_APCprogram!

19:07 - 2020/09/10 - Twitter for Android

Clifford Maile @cliffordm1
Failed APC 2018 without even a single C. Went back to @APT_APCprogram, allocated a mentor, attended all classes, attempted all case studies, attended intervention classes and watched all the videos. APC 2019 fell and I rose. Special thanks to Morepe n @ngwanamela.

APT_APC programme @AP... - 2020/03/20
Failed APC? You owe it to yourself to absorb the trauma and then pick yourself up and plan for your success in the APC in 2020. Enrol in our APT Repeat Programme.

10:36 - 2020/03/20 - Twitter Web App

Son_Of_Patricia @Uncle_Danal
A full CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT. Tough journey but its all now part of the story we will tell @saica_ca_sa @APT_APCprogram @icazicaz

17:17 - 2020/02/14 - Twitter Web App

naMtsweni @Lindz_ano
Thank you @APT_APCprogram for the group consultation session. It was so informative. The presenters are always so energetic and very helpful. Much appreciated!

20:07 - 2020/10/23 - Twitter for Android

Ryno Kleynhans @KleynhansRyno
Replying to @APT_APCprogram @Lyndsay_Maseko and 2 others
Wow, what a great value adding session. Definitely made it worthwhile to keep on working hard. Motivated to work even harder.

16:36 - 2020/05/29 - Twitter for Android

Baholo Mokhomu @bbokhomu
Gotta love how those who made it before me are really going out of their way to make sure I become the best I can be. @APT_APCprogram I can't wait to learn more from what you will be facilitating throughout the programme. #AGSABFN

APT_APC programme @AP... - 2020/02/03
APC vs ITC
Let us clarify the difference. A significant barrier that you face relates to the conceptual difference between the ITC and th...

22:27 - 2020/02/04 - Twitter for Android

Zander Lategan @ZanderLategan
First @APT_APCprogram Class for 2020. Let's do this 🙌🙏 #APC2020 @BenMarx @yucncalme_don



18:32 - 2020/04/20 - Twitter for iPhone