About the School of Applied Accountancy

The CTA Programme is offered through the School of Applied Accountancy, which comprises two departments.

Department of Financial Intelligence
This department incorporates the Management Accounting and Taxation disciplines. These disciplines are associated with the specific competencies of Strategy; Risk Management and Governance; Financial Management; Management Decision Making and Control; and Taxation.

Department of Financial Governance
This department incorporates the Financial Accounting and Auditing disciplines. These disciplines are associated with the specific competencies of Accounting and External Reporting; Auditing and Assurance; and Risk Management and Governance.

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Your roadmap to become a CA(SA) through UNISA

All UNISA qualifications indicate a Qualification Code (QC)

Starting point: SAICA-endorsed Bachelor's Degree (NQF7)
- e.g. Bachelor of Accounting Sciences in Financial Accounting (QC98302)
  Min 3yrs, max 8yrs
- e.g. Extended Bachelor's Degree (QC98332 - FAC) Min 4yrs, max 9yrs

Rule 1

Non-SAICA endorsed degree in Accounting Sciences (NQF7)

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Advanced Certificate in Accounting Sciences (NQF6) (QC90017)
- (Credits possible)
- Min 1yr, max 3yrs

Diploma in Accounting Sciences (NQF6) (QC98200)
- Min 3yrs, max 8yrs

Rule 2

SAICA-endorsed bridging qualification (NQF7)
- e.g. Advanced Diploma in Accounting Sciences - CTA stream (QC98230 - CTA)
  (No credits allowed)
  Min 1yr, max 3yrs

SAICA-endorsed CTA Level 1 (NQF8)
- e.g. Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences (QC98231)
  Min 1yr, max 3yrs

SAICA-endorsed CTA Level 2 (NQF8)
Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Accounting Sciences (QC98255)
Min 1yr, max 3yrs

Rule 1
- All final year modules were passed within the qualification in a maximum of one academic year or in three consecutive semesters
- The admitting qualification is not older than three years

Rule 2
- All modules of the CTA Level 2 completed in one academic year

SAICA-endorsed Bachelor's Degree (NQF7)
(Credits possible)
Refer to further pathway for this qualification on the left-hand side

SAICA-endorsed CTA Level 1 (NQF8)
(No credits allowed)
Min 1yr, max 3yrs

SAICA-endorsed CTA Level 2 (NQF8)
Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Accounting Sciences (QC98255)
Min 1yr, max 3yrs

SAICA Initial Test of Competence (ITC) and professional requirements. Refer to www.saica.co.za

Details of admission and application requirements, and student fees linked to every QC, are available on our website: www.unisa.ac.za/cas - click on Qualifications