



# Postgraduate Programme: Accounting Bridging to PGDA (CTA 1)

## 🕒 Mode and duration

### Distance

Full-Time

- Minimum: 6 month

Part-Time

- Maximum: 18 months

## ☰ Qualification description

Start your journey towards qualifying as a Chartered Accountant! The Eduvos Postgraduate Bridging Programme in Accounting (CTA 1) allows students entry into a SAICA-accredited Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting (PGDA/CTA 2).

Are you interested in pursuing a career as a Chartered Accountant, but your undergraduate degree is not accredited by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA)? If so, the Eduvos CTA 1 bridging programme in accounting could be the perfect solution to help you achieve your career goals.

The programme is aimed at students who don't yet qualify for a SAICA Accredited PGDA / CTA 2, or who need a refresher due to extended gaps in your studies, and offers a fast track into a PGDA to qualify as a Chartered Accountant.

The programme provides comprehensive video lectures and tutorials, summary notes and past exam practice questions on all subject areas including:

- Auditing, ethics and governance
- Financial reporting
- Management accounting and finance
- Taxation

The programme is delivered 100% online, in a flexible self-paced format. This means that you can start studying at any time and finish your studies flexibly at a pace that suits you between six to eighteen months. You will have the support of a highly experienced and passionate academic team throughout your studies.

Our team lecturers have many years of experience supporting students on their journey to qualifying as Chartered Accountants. The team have all taught on some of the country's top programmes, producing some of the highest pass rates in the SAICA board exams.

By completing the bridging programme in accounting, you will be well-equipped to pursue a SAICA-accredited PGDA / CTA 2, and build a successful career in accounting

## ☑ Entry requirements

1. A recognised undergraduate Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting.
2. Or equivalent NQF 7 qualification which includes financial accounting or financial reporting at 3rd year level. The undergraduate degree does NOT need to be SAICA accredited.

## Fees

The Eduvos CTA 1 offers a unique course structure where you pay one flat fee regardless of whether you study over 6, 12 or 18 months, and with our flexible self-paced programme you are able to choose when to write your final exam so that you only write when you are ready.

Please consult the fee schedule for the most up to date information. Eduvos also offers two payment plans:

- Monthly Payment Option over 5 months (full time study).
- Monthly Payment Option over 10 months (part time study).

## Our track record

Although we are a new programme, we have a dedicated team of lecturers who have years of experience in supporting students on their journey to qualifying as Chartered Accountants. Our team have all taught on some of the country's top programmes, producing some of the highest pass rates in the SAICA board exams.

## Course start and exam

As the course is self-paced with several intake options each year. Once you are enrolled you will be able to book to write either one of two final exams either mid-year or at year-end. While our exam dates are fixed, tests can be completed flexibly at a time and date that suits you.

## Campuses and exam venues

The qualification is offered 100% online. However each student joins a "home" campus where you can access the library to study, meet with other students, and where you will write your final exam. Final exams are written in person at one of our 12 campuses in South Africa. Alternatively, exams can be written online by special arrangement.



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## 🕒 Qualification structure

The programme is divided into 3 terms. Each term starts on the date you chose to enrol and is completed 100% online at your own pace in up to any time between 5 – 15 weeks.

- Completing each term in 5 weeks means you will finish the programme in 6 months.
- Completing each term on a part-time basis over 10 weeks means you will finish the programme in 12 months.
- Completing each term on an extended plan over 15 weeks means you will finish in 18 months.

All 3 terms include material from each of the four core subject areas:

- Financial reporting
- Management accounting and finance
- Auditing, governance and ethics
- Taxation

The programme provides comprehensive video lectures and tutorials, summary notes and past exam practice questions for each subject.

### Student Support and Support Courses

The bridging programme is fully supported by our lecture team, and you will not need to join a support course. The programme provides everything you need, including comprehensive video lectures and tutorials, lecture notes and past exam practice questions for every subject.

You will need to buy a copy of the prescribed textbooks.

### Textbooks

A list of prescribed and recommended textbooks that you will need to buy will be provided when you enrol in the programme.

### Entry into a SAICA accredited PGDA / CTA 2

We have a number of exciting opportunities for you to continue your studies towards a SAICA accredited PGDA. Please reach out to us or ask your dedicated Higher Education Consultant about your progression options.

## 📄 Programme accreditation

Upon successful completion, you are awarded an Eduvos Postgraduate Programme: Accounting Bridging to PGDA (CTA 1) Certificate.

As the CTA 1 bridging programme is a 6-month short course it is not accredited by SAICA but allows entry into a SAICA-accredited Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting, and is an acknowledge part of your academic progression towards ultimately qualifying as a Chartered Accountant.

## 📁 Possible career options

The programme allows you to continue your studies and complete a SAICA-accredited PGDA to ultimately qualify as a Chartered Accountant.

Alternatively, most businesses need accountants and managers with strong accounting backgrounds. The bridging programme gives you advanced knowledge to boost your career and CV. Some career options include:

- Auditing
- Cost Accounting
- Financial Accounting
- Financial Management

## This qualification is offered at the following campuses:

- Bedfordview
- Bloemfontein
- Claremont
- Durban
- East London
- Mbombela
- Midrand
- Nelson Mandela Bay
- Potchefstroom
- Pretoria
- Tyger Valley
- Vanderbijlpark



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## 🕒 Module Descriptors

### **Auditing, Governance and Ethics**

The purpose of this module is to build a strong foundation in external auditing connected to real-world business practice. It builds on students' existing knowledge but also introduces advanced knowledge and practices in new auditing topics. The module focuses on embedding deep knowledge, professional scepticism and critical thinking skills to evaluate and/or efficiently plan, perform and conclude an audit and to reach an appropriate audit opinion. The module curriculum integrates relevant content to enable students to present an audit report which is substantiated by sufficient and appropriate audit evidence, suitably documented, by applying relevant laws and regulations, ethics, standards, methods and techniques applicable to the assurance practice. On completion of this module, students will have developed a well-rounded and detailed background to external auditing and will be well-equipped to enter practice in a middle-management position. Students will also be well positioned for further postgraduate-level studies in external auditing where more advanced knowledge and integration of concepts are developed in preparation for a career as an entry-level Chartered Accountant.

### **Financial Reporting**

This module focuses on external financial reporting by business entities, through an advanced and integrated application of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The module is designed to enable students to think critically and make principle-based judgements in preparing, evaluating and interpreting general purpose financial statements, both at an individual financial statement level and at a group financial statement level, using their advanced knowledge of IFRS. The module includes content covering the reporting standards and various aspects of businesses' financial statements. The module goes into more depth on topics that students have covered previously, as well as introducing new and more advanced concepts. After completing this module, students will have a strong foundation in Financial Reporting and will be well-equipped to enter practice in mid-level accounting positions or would be well positioned for further study in postgraduate-level Financial Reporting with the goal of qualifying as an entry-level Chartered Accountant.

### **Management Accounting and Finance**

This module builds a strong foundation in Management Accounting and Financial Management theory and practice. The module aims to develop the theoretical knowledge and applied skills required to assist economic decision-makers in preparing calculations, analysing information, and solving complex and unfamiliar business problems to be able to make suitably informed decisions regarding strategy, investment and financing decisions. The module curriculum covers a wide range of topics including, but not limited to, financial decision-making, financial structuring, investment appraisals, valuations, budgeting and performance measurement. By the end of the module students will be able to apply advanced management accounting and financial management theories, practices, and principles to real-world business cases, as required of working professionals in the accounting field. Students will be well positioned to enter professional practice or to continue advanced postgraduate studies with the ultimate aim of starting a career as an entry-level Chartered Accountant.

### **Taxation**

The Taxation module develops a strong foundation in the principles and application of taxation in a real-world context. The module develops a student's ability to apply advanced knowledge of the Income Tax Act, the Value-Added Tax Act, specific tax judgements and South African Revenue Service documents that are relevant in calculating taxable income and advising individuals and companies on tax risks and the tax implications of various transactions. On completion of the Taxation module, students will be able to apply broad and detailed knowledge of taxation legislation and related regulations to solve real-world business problems as required of a working professional in the taxation field. Students will be in a position to enter the working world of taxation or to continue to an advanced postgraduate study of Taxation with the ultimate aim of starting a career as an entry-level Chartered Accountant.