

Admission requirements

The application process has three stages:

1. The Thuthuka bursary application form must be completed by 30 April (for the following academic year). This application form is available from our office or at www.saica.co.za.
2. Students must also apply to NMMU, contact us or visit www.nmmu.ac.za/registration for more information.
3. Potential candidates will be contacted to write the National Benchmark Test (NBT). The NBT is used to assess the applicants linguistic skills, numeric skills and mathematics aptitude.

The final acceptance decision is dependent on the applicant's results in the NBT, his/her final Grade 12 examinations, and a financial means test.

The admission requirements for NMMU's CA programme:

- ▶ Admission Points Score (APS) of at least 38 points on the NMMU rating system (see method of computation below);
- ▶ English, Afrikaans or isiXhosa (home language or first additional language) on at least level 3 (40-49%);
- ▶ Mathematics - NSC achievement rating of at least 5 (60-69%).

The applicant must satisfy the above requirements to be considered for the NMMU Thuthuka bursary programme.

Calculate your APS score

Subject %	APS point
0-29%	0
30-39%	2
40-49%	3
50-59%	4
60-69%	5
70-79%	6
80-89%	7
90-100%	8

Having determined the APS point for each of the seven subjects, add these together to compute an overall APS total score.

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Thuthuka bursary programme

The Thuthuka bursary programme is a transformation initiative of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) aimed at encouraging previously disadvantaged South African black and coloured learners in schools to pursue a career as Chartered Accountants (CA). "Thuthuka" is a Zulu word which means "to develop".

The bursary programme, which covers all study costs including tuition, accommodation, meals, books and travel also includes academic and administrative support initiatives to help students succeed in their studies.

If you are chosen for this bursary, you will be placed at NMMU, a SAICA-accredited university. NMMU was initially selected as one of only four SAICA-accredited universities to offer this bursary programme and we are committed to see you pass your examinations and qualify as a CA (SA).

The Thuthuka programme is managed by a board of trustees and has a dedicated project manager and academic coordinators for each year of study. This is a limited bursary opportunity and only a number of students can be accommodated.

"The Thuthuka programme is very different from other programmes as not only do you get financial and academic support, but emotional support as well. Three cheers for the Thuthuka programme at NMMU."

- Gerrar Maya • NMMU Thuthuka graduate.



Why study accounting at NMMU?

- ▶ We offer a high quality, relevant range of courses and degrees.
- ▶ We have highly qualified and experienced academic staff, who hold top leadership positions in the accounting profession.
- ▶ We offer a student-centred teaching approach which means that students are provided with extensive academic support from staff and tutors as well as comprehensive and up-to-date course material.
- ▶ NMMU graduates have consistently obtained outstanding results in SAICA's Qualifying Exams.
- ▶ We maintain links with national and international professional accounting bodies.
- ▶ Bursaries are available for both merit performance and financial need.
- ▶ Our alumni hold top positions in the auditing profession, finance departments, commerce and industry.
- ▶ The Thuthuka bursary programme provides students with smaller first and second year accounting classes.
- ▶ We have an open-door policy that ensures that each student receives personal attention when needed.
- ▶ One of the excellent features of the NMMU CA programme, identified in the SAICA accreditation report of 2009 was, "...a well run Thuthuka programme which is achieving excellent throughputs".

The Thuthuka bursary provides

- ▶ Funding for studies at NMMU (comprising a bursary and NSFAS loan scheme)
- ▶ Dedicated residence accommodation
- ▶ Dedicated lectures for accounting modules
- ▶ Dedicated tutorials in financial accounting
- ▶ Formal study sessions
- ▶ A mentoring and monitoring system
- ▶ Additional academic support and interventions
- ▶ A dedicated full-time administrative and financial team

These interventions have contributed to the results of students on the Thuthuka programme often exceeding those of students on the mainstream programme.

"It is what we make out of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another." - Former president Nelson Mandela

