

WHAT MAKES THE DIPLOMA IN ACCOUNTING SPECIAL?

This diploma prepares students for many careers in commerce and industry as well as private practice.

The syllabus is designed to deliver a strong understanding of most aspects of business. It also focuses on developing the ability to evaluate information and give sound advice and recommendation within a professional ethical framework. A career in accountancy is highly sought after, very rewarding and challenging.

PROGRAMME CONTENT

Note: This programme name and curriculum may change for the 2013 intake. Contact us for further information about these changes in July.

FULL-TIME

YEAR 1

Business Calculations I
Business Information Systems I
Commercial Law I - General Principles of Contract
Commercial Law for Accountants I
Communication I
Cost Accounting I
Economics I
Entrepreneurial Skills I
Financial Accounting I

YEAR 2

Auditing II
Financial Accounting II
Commercial Law f II - Specific contracts
Commercial Law f II - Business Entities
Commercial Law for Accountants II
Cost Accounting II
Taxation I

YEAR 3

Business Information Systems II
Financial Accounting III
Auditing III
Management Accounting III
Taxation II
Advanced Law III

PROGRAMMES OFFERED

National Diploma: Accounting

- Full-time – 3 years
- Part-time – 5 years

Upon completion of the above Diploma, students can elect to register for:

BTech: Cost and Management Accounting

- Full-time – 1 year
- Part-time – 2 years

MTech: Cost and Management Accounting

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WHAT IS ACCOUNTING?

Accounting can be defined as the orderly and systematic identification and recording of the momentary values of economic transactions of a business. The reporting on the results of the transactions, and the provision of financial information in the form of financial statements, this information is used as a basis for decision making.

WHAT DOES AN ACCOUNTANT DO?

The accountant is the preparer of financial information, accepts responsibility for the design of the accounting system and the processing of financial information for decision making.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The holder of a Diploma in Accounting has a variety of career opportunities:

- In public practice
 - Accounting services
 - Taxation consultation services
 - Management consultation services
- In trade and industry, and the financial sector
 - Financial accountant
 - Management accountant
 - Internal auditor
- In the public sector
 - Government auditor
 - Financial or management accountant

QUALITIES OF AN ACCOUNTANT

Prospective Accountants need to have:

- an interest in business/financial affairs;
- the ability to analyse a problem logically;
- the ability to adapt to changing circumstances and
- be able to work under pressure.

A PROFESSIONAL ROUTE AS A PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT

The Professional Accountant (SA) designation communicates that you not only uphold the highest professional standards, but you also continuously keep up to date with the latest developments in the field of accounting.

ABOUT PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS (SA)

- The South African Institute of Professional Accountants (SAIPA) is a professional body for accountants.
- SAIPA represents professionalism in the field of accounting.
- To qualify as a Professional Accountant (SA) you need a relevant BTech qualification plus three years relevant practical experience.

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Candidates must have a National Senior Certificate (NSC) and pass at least four subjects with an achievement rating of Level 3 (40-49%) or better.
- Obtain an **Admission Point Score (APS)** of at least **32 points** or more on our rating system (see method of computation below).
- English, Afrikaans or isiXhosa (home language or first additional language) on at least Level 3 (40-49%).
- NSC achievement rating of at least a Level 4 (50-59%) for Mathematics or a Level 6 (70-79%) for Mathematical Literacy.

HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR APS SCORE:

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

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

Admission via testing (Non-direct admission)

Should you not meet the above minimum admission requirements for direct admission, but have an APS of between 21 and 31, you will be referred for access testing at the university. The test results, together with your NSC results, will then be used to determine your admission possibilities to this or any other Accounting programme at NMMU.