



2026 APT
APC PROGRAMME



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What is the APC EXAM?

The Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) evaluates your professional competence in real-world business scenarios.

It begins five days before the in-venue assessment with a pre-release case study on a South African business, where candidates collaborate in groups to research, analyse, and discuss key issues. This is followed by 8-hour in-venue assessment which places candidates in the role of a newly qualified CA responding to tasks and additional information that reflect real professional challenges.

Building on IAC technical knowledge, the APC emphasises business acumen, critical thinking, and ethical leadership. This assessment is unlike any you've experienced before, and having the right guidance, preparation, and team behind you is key to achieving success.

Who is APT?

APT is Leading the Way in CA Training and shaping South Africa's Chartered Accountants.

Driven by a passionate team of academics and industry practitioners, APT is the largest producer of qualified CAs. As the leading training provider, APT is trusted by the vast majority of APC candidates, including most Honours students, to prepare them for success.

With no waiting lists or restrictions, our programme is open to all aspiring CAs, offering comprehensive guidance, targeted preparation, and unwavering support to build the confidence and readiness needed to excel in this demanding assessment.



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YOUR APC SUCCESS TEAM

A Powerhouse of Academic Excellence and Industry Specialists

APT brings together a diverse team of Academic and Industry specialists, dedicated to guiding you toward APC success.

Our academic experts

Leaders in their respective fields, reinforce the technical foundation built in IAC while sharpening your business acumen, critical thinking, and ethical leadership.

Our industry specialists

Provide real-world South African business insight, drawn from hands-on experience with the challenges, decisions, and expectations faced by professional CAs. Their expertise ensures you receive practical, relevant guidance on what the APC Assessment truly demands.

Unrivalled APC expertise, guiding you to success

What sets us apart is our unrivalled APC expertise and subject-matter specialists - combining recent APC writers who've lived the journey, seasoned SAICA markers who understand what true competence entails, and mentors who guide you with insight, care, and clarity.

Your journey, seamlessly supported

Paired with an intuitive LMS system "aptassist", exceptional administrative support, your APT experience becomes seamless, supportive, and powerfully transformative.

THE APT PROGRAMME: CRAFTING YOUR PATHWAY TO APC SUCCESS

Built around you, APT delivers flexible learning, real-life case studies and personalised guidance to build critical thinking, professional competence, and ethical leadership required for APC success. Our programme builds these skills through a combination of methods, including but not limited to:

↙ The Learning Manager

A role unique to APT - ensures the continuous development of technical and professional skills essential for APC success. Providing support, guidance and accountability, the Learning Manager keeps you on track and fully engaged in your learning journey.

↙ Learning and Development

Our Learning & Development approach is driven by seven fresh, APC-aligned case studies, structured into building blocks to support continuous skills development. Ongoing online assessments, aligned with these case studies, are provided for completion and are accompanied by continuous feedback to sharpen and strengthen your skills.

↙ Simulation of the Pre-Release Period

Experience a simulated pre-release period with small-group sessions, mirroring real APC groupwork. Develop the skills to conduct insightful industry research, identify key issues, and apply technical concepts to solve them. Together with this, receive guidance on ethical decision-making, alongside auditing and critical thinking skills to strengthen both technical and pervasive skills.

↙ Assessments

Test and elevate your skills through three formative and summative assessments, each with individualized feedback, plus a group submission featuring a hands-on case study with real-time feedback. Strengthen critical thinking, problem-solving, and e-writing skills, while expert guidance ensures you know exactly how to improve.

↙ Guided Marking Sessions

Develop the ability to self-reflect on your scripts and pinpoint areas for improvement. After each assessment, our team provides detailed feedback, analyzing pre-release information and IOD, reviewing sample scripts, and demonstrating what it takes to achieve professional competence.

↙ Excellent Marking Team

Our team, including experienced SAICA APC markers, delivers consistent, expert feedback. Beyond grades, they provide personalised guidance on strengths, areas for improvement, and clear steps to achieve professional competence.

↙ Focus Groups

After each assessment, small focus groups guided by presenters allow candidates to interact with each other and reflect on performance, tackle challenges and develop strategies for improvement through facilitator guidance and peer learning.

↙ Beyond Balance (Mentoring and Coaching)

Our programme supports candidates who are struggling to achieve competence in assessments by providing coaching, accountability, motivation, mental preparedness, and wellness support ultimately enabling you to develop the confidence and resilience needed for APC success.

↙ Conquer e-Writing with Expert Guidance

We are the leaders in e-Writing preparation, offering hands-on sessions that help you master the software and optimise your skills and time management. To reinforce your learning, we also provide a mock e-Writing exam that allows you to practice using the software under the support of a dedicated help desk, giving you the confidence and readiness needed for the APC.

Eligibility Requirements:

To register for the APT Programme, candidates must have:

- Passed the IAC
- Completed 20 months of traineeship (second year) by the day before the APC

CIMA Members – Pathway to CA Qualification:

The conversion route is available to candidates who:

- Hold ACMA, CGMA, or FCMA, CGMA designations
- Possess a bachelor's degree (Level 7 NQF, minimum 3-year programme with ≥ 360 credits) or a SAQA-assessed equivalent
- Completed CIMA education, examinations, and practical experience requirements

Catch-Up Programme

For candidates writing the IAC in June 2026, we offer a tailored catch-up programme to ensure smooth progression to the APC.



For more information, visit:

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Join the APT Family

The Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) written each December, is the final qualifying examination for Chartered Accountants under SAICA, ICAN and ICAZ. To be eligible, candidates must successfully complete a Professional Programme accredited by one of these bodies - and the APT Programme is accredited by all three.

Programme Starts:

03 March 2026

Enrolment Closes:

28 February 2026

Programme Fee:

R13,920 (excl. VAT)
Instalment options available online.

Enrol Online



2026 Calendar

03 MAR	Beyond Balance	06 JUL	Workshop 7 - Critical Thinking
10 MAR	Workshop 1 - Needs Analysis	08 JUL	Workshop 8 - Assessment 2 Debrief - Online Guided Grading Session
11 MAR	Workshop 1 - Needs Analysis	13 JUL	Workshop 9 - Audit
12 MAR	Workshop 1 - Needs Analysis	15 JUL	Public Sector Information Session
24 MAR	Workshop 2 - Live Group Presentations	22 JUL	e-Writing Workshop
25 MAR	Workshop 2 - Live Group Presentations	23 JUL	e-Writing Workshop
26 MAR	Workshop 2 - Live Group Presentations	25 JUL	e-Writing Mock Exam
07 APR	Workshop 3 - PRI & IOD	28 JUL	Workshop 10 - Reflection On Professional Competence
08 APR	Workshop 3 - PRI & IOD	29 JUL	Workshop 10 - Reflection On Professional Competence
09 APR	Workshop 3 - PRI & IOD	30 JUL	Workshop 10 - Reflection On Professional Competence
14 APR	Networking Event	03 AUG	Assessment 3 Information Session
20 APR	ChatGPT Session	12 AUG	Assessment 3 [Summative Assessment]
21 APR	Workshop 4 - Online Guided Grading Session	19 AUG	Workshop 11 - Assessment 3 Debrief Guided Grading Session
23 APR	Workshop 4 - Online Guided Grading Session	02 SEP	Workshop 12 - Assessment 3 Debrief Guided Grading Session
12 MAY	Assessment 1 Q&A Session 1: Completeness Of Issues	09 SEP	Workshop 13 - Assessment 3 Debrief Guided Grading Session
19 MAY	Assessment 1 Q&A Session 2: Completeness Of Work Done	21 SEP	Workshop 14 - Supplementary Intervention
26 MAY	Exam Information Session: Assessment 1	10 OCT	Assessment 3 Supplementary
30 MAY	Assessment 1 [Simulated Mock Assessment]	11 OCT	Assessment 3 Supplementary [Deferred Assessment]
31 MAY	Assessment 1 [Simulated Mock Assessment] Deferred	14 OCT	Workshop 15 - Online Guided Grading Debrief For Supplementary
15 JUN	Exam Information Session: Assessment 2	19 OCT	Workshop 16 - Online Guided Grading Debrief For Supplementary
20 JUN	Assessment 2 [Formative Assessment]	21 OCT	Workshop 17 - Online Guided Grading Debrief For Supplementary
21 JUN	Assessment 2 [Formative Assessment] Deferred	31 OCT	Workshop 18 - Online Feedback Session - Past APC Case Study [Session 1]
24 JUN	Workshop 5 - Assessment 2 Debrief Guided Grading Session	07 NOV	Workshop 19 - Online Feedback Session - Past APC Case Study [Session 2]
01 JUL	Workshop 6 - Assessment 2 Debrief Guided Grading Session	24 NOV	Send-Off Session