

**Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants** 



# Accounting Education in The Public Sector

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### **ABOUT ZICA**

- Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants (ZICA) is a self regulated membership Institute established by an Act of Parliament, the Accountants Act 1982 which was repealed by the Accountants Act 2008.
- Membership base of about 7,158 as at 31st December 2021
- Student base of about 6,746 as at 31st December 2021







#### WHO WE ARE



"A reputable leader in developing finance and business professionals"



"To protect public interest through the regulation of the accountancy profession to the satisfaction of stakeholders"



Integrity, Professionalism, Customer Centricity, Innovation, Excellence, Accountability



## IN-SERVICE SKILLS TRAINING Central Government Support - (IPSAS)

**ZICA** provides the following support to the Public Sector;

- Technical support to GRZ IPSAS implementation team sitting at the Accountant General's Office.
- Annual workshop/Training to Public Sector Accountants.
- Training support to trainers in the Provinces.
- These events brings together more than 400 public sector accountants.











### IN-SERVICE SKILLSTRAINING Local Government support

The annual event brings together Town Clerks/Council Secretaries, Heads of Finance Departments and Heads of Internal Audit Functions with focus on enhancing financial management in Local Authorities. This workshop covers topics on

- Corporate Governance
- Public Finance Management Act
- Internal Controls and;
- Latest economic developments

This event brings together about 400 public workers











### **Accountants Forum Discussions**

This is a virtual monthly event which brings together Accountants from both Public and Private Sector with focus on upskilling Members on contemporary issues as it relates to the profession.



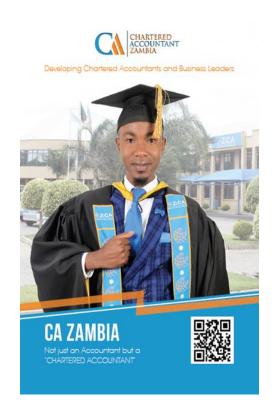


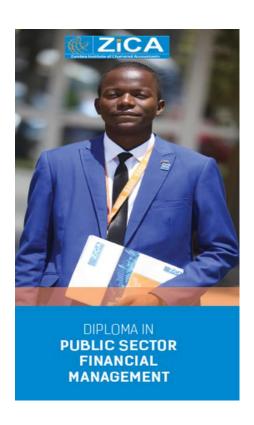






### ZICA QUALIFICATIONS CA Zambia and PSFM Diploma





ZICA offers two qualification to address the training needs in the public sector

- CA Zambia with a public sector route
- Specialist Diploma in Public Sector Financial Management

Both these are summative assessed through written examinations







### CA ZAMBIA PROGRAMME

CA Certificate in Accountancy (ZQF Level 4) (Technician)	CA Application Advanced Diploma in Accountancy (ZQF Level 7) (Licentiate)	CA Advisory Professional in Accountancy (ZQF Level 9) (Graduate)
1. Financial Accounting	2.1 Financial Reporting	3.1 Advanced Financial Reporting
2. Business Mathematics	2.2 Management Accounting	3.2 Advanced Audit & Assurance
3. Business Economics	2.3 Audit	
4. Commercial and Corporate Law	2.4 Taxation	Choose <u>any one of</u> the following routes:
5. Management Theory & Practice	2.5 Financial Management	Public Practice Route
6. Business Communication	2.6 Strategic Business Analysis	3.4 Advanced Taxation
		3.7 Public Sector Audits and Assurance
		<b>Business Route</b>
		3.5 Advanced Management Accounting
		3.6 Advanced Financial Management
		<b>Public Sector Route</b>
		3.7 Public Sector Audits and Assurance
		3.8 Public Sector Financial Management

The training programme is 3 years. The practical training can be completed or recognised prior to, during or after the completion of the CA Advisory Professional in Accountancy examinations.

### PSFM PROGRAMME

#### **Diploma in Public Sector Financial Management (ZQF Level 6)**

**PFM1 Public Sector Accounting** 

PFM2 Legal Aspects of Public Sector Finance and Administration

**PFM3** Governance and Management in the Public Sector

**PFM4** Public Sector Financial Management

**PFM5** Public Sector Audits

**PFM6** Financial Reporting Framework for Public Sector Entities

#### **CONCLUSION**

- There is a lot that still needs to be done in upskilling Public sector Accountants
  who may not have as many training opportunities as their counterparts in the
  private sector.
- Further, it must be noted that Zambia has not yet implemented full IPSAS.
   Currently migration to full IPSAS in scheduled for 2024.
- In the meantime, there is a great demand to help this process to actualize by that date.







### **THANK YOU**







