



Postgraduate Diploma in Finance and Accounting

Faculty of Commerce

School of Finance & Accounting

2 Years Distance Postgraduate Diploma | NQF Level 8
120 Credits | SAQA ID: 120561 | PDF A0801

→ **Online**

Qualification Description

Each organisation needs competent finance professionals to assist with internal decision-making and control, as well as external financial reporting. This skill shortage in the national and international finance profession is widely publicised.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Finance and Accounting qualification will equip students to render professional financial and accounting services to various role players, including private and public companies, governmental and non-governmental organisations, and professional service firms.

Who Is This Qualification Aimed At?

This path is ideal for students seeking careers as finance professionals who support internal decision-making, oversee financial control processes, and contribute to accurate and compliant external financial reporting.



How Will Emeris Support Your Online Learning as a Distance (Online) Student, and How Will It Help Prepare You for the Working World?

Our distance teaching and learning approach is designed to allow you the freedom to self-govern your learning experiences according to your individual needs. You are at the centre of your own learning journey, and by offering curated engagement opportunities, we partner with you to:

- Engage with subject material
- Build understanding
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Manage your work, life and studies
- Succeed in your personal, professional, and academic goals.

DISTANCE (ONLINE)

CONTACT FULL-TIME

Admission Requirements

Minimum Admission Requirements	Notes	
	An appropriate HEQSF Level 7 Bachelor's degree; OR An appropriate Advanced Diploma; OR An equivalent NQF Level 7 qualification With Accounting at third year level OR Financial Management at third year level AND Accounting at second year level.	
	International	A SAQA Evaluation Certificate with NQF L7 equivalence in an appropriate field.

Scan the QR Code to learn more about Alternate Admission requirements for:
 RPL | Mature Age Exemptions | USAf International Students | One module
 outstanding from a Higher Certificate *If applicable



Curriculum Structure

Year 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
IPC08111	Internal Planning and Control	8	15	RIMA8112	Risk Management	8	15
PBMG8111	Business Performance Management	8	15	BSTR8112	Business Strategy	8	15
Year 2							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
MANA8111	Management Accounting	8	15	CASM8112	Case Study Methodology	8	15
FREB8111	Financial Reporting	8	15	FIST8112	Financial Strategy	8	15

Study Further Pathways

The Postgraduate Diploma in Finance and Accounting qualification will enable a student to apply for exemptions for certain CIMA exams. Please consult the CIMA Global website for more information.

Career Opportunities

This Postgraduate Diploma qualification will open up an attractive range of career options; this diploma is a perfect stepping stone to a diverse and exciting range of career opportunities.

- Risk Manager
- Management Accountant
- Financial Manager
- Strategic Consultant
- Financial Accountant
- Risk Consultant
- Financial Controller
- Internal Auditor

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System and Software Requirements

- Reliable internet connection (we recommend 5-10 GB of data per month and an internet speed of at least 0.15 Mbps)
- Desktop PC or laptop with at least an i3 processor and 4GB RAM memory
- Windows 11 or macOS 10.15 (Microsoft Office 365 is available as a free download for Emeris students), and Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge Chromium or Firefox
- A working webcam and microphone
- An uninterrupted power supply is also highly recommended.

Exams are written at an exam centre and in some instances online. These details will be specified in your Programme Assessment Schedule (PAS).

Graduation and Completion Requirements for This Qualification

In order to be awarded this qualification, you must have achieved a minimum final year mark of fifty percent (50%) for all 8 modules in the curriculum.

As a distance (online) student, this qualification is structured to be completed over 2 years. The maximum time for completing a qualification full-time is double the minimum time associated with the qualification, and for part-time an additional year is allowed.

Where Assessments Are Written in Person

- For students based in South Africa, online students may select any Emeris campus as their Examination Centre.
- An alternative examination centre is only permissible for students studying abroad and those located in a province of South Africa where there is no campus. If there is no campus within reach, an alternative venue will need to be sourced by you. For non-Emeris venues, there is an alternative venue levy per module.

What Are the Benefits of a Distance (Online) Qualification?

The distance (online) delivery mode provides you with the agility of studying towards a tertiary qualification asynchronously, at different times from different locations. Distance students need to commit to approximately 20-25 hours a week for distance engagement (most of which is after hours) with material and assessments to succeed.

Here are some of the benefits you can expect:

- A sequenced online learning environment that allows you the ability to manage your learning experiences flexibly and autonomously.
- A learner guide designed to lead you through the module material and learning outcomes, empowering you to effectively pace your learning in preparation for assessments.
- Our Learning Management System is designed to break up your learning units into manageable sections which include various activities to support learning.
- Module expert online lecturers that facilitate module teaching and learning support through various technology enhanced mediums.
- Student Relations Specialists provide administrative and operational guidance and support throughout your academic journey.
- A professionally registered Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor available for short-term, primary counselling services. Additionally, the Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor hosts various webinars and virtual talks on topics that promote a balanced lifestyle as you pursue your academic goals.

Apply Online

After your application is submitted, we will review your documentation and provide an outcome regarding your chosen study.



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