

ABOUT US

ICPAR is the Professional Accountancy Organization (PAO) mandated by Law number 11/2008 of 06/05/2008 to regulate and grow the accountancy profession in the Republic of Rwanda. It is the only body authorised by law to register and grant practicing certificates to Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) in Rwanda. Certified Public Accountants/Accounting Technicians Certificate holders - members of ICPAR are entitled to the CPA(R), CAT(R) designation. The institute endeavors to serve the public interest.



Our Vision

A strong, relevant and sustainable profession.



Our Mission

To build a strong and engaged professional accountancy organisation that anticipates stakeholder expectations and acts in the public interest.



Core Values

Our Core values are the glues that hold the institute together and provide the cultural basis for communicating how, in conducting business, ICPAR will deal with stakeholder expectations - guiding decisions and actions towards effectiveness at public interest, and these are: **Integrity, Public Interest, Professionalism, and Innovation (IPPI).**



What We Do

- We regulate the accountancy profession
- We preserve the integrity of the accounting profession
- We promote the competence and the capacities of our members
- We deliver accounting qualifications, programs and examinations
- We promote compliance with professional standards

ICPAR has developed an internally benchmarked syllabus for the Professional Accounting Qualification program (CPA) and the Certified Accounting Technician program (CAT) for Rwanda.

Upon successful completion of the program, one is recognized as a professional accountant and is granted the right to use the title CPA(R) or CAT(R) after one's name.

ICPAR QUALIFICATION PROGRAMS

1. CAT Qualification

The Certified Accounting Technicians (CAT) Qualification is for persons who wish to qualify and work as middle-level accountants and technical support specialists in auditing, taxation, and other related fields.



CAT Entry Requirements

- Senior Six Examination score of 15 points or more;
- Senior six examination certificate with at least two years of relevant work experience;
- Certificates from recognized institution such as TVET Certificate III in accounting (RTQF level 3);
- Certificates from other recognized professional examination bodies;
- Mature Entry route:
 - Ordinary level with at least three years' work experience;
 - More than 7 years of relevant work experience with a proof from a recognized employer for candidates with qualifications different from the ones cited above.

CAT Qualification Paper Stages

CAT Qualification Stage 1
S1.1 Recording Financial Transactions
S1.2 Principles of Costing
S1.3 Effective Working in Accountancy and Finance
S1.4 Computerized Accounting Software

CAT Qualification Stage 2
S2.1 Preparation of Basic Accounts
S2.2 Managing Costs and Cash Flows
S2.3 Professional Ethics in Accounting and Finance
S2.4 Spreadsheet Software

CAT Qualification Stage 3
S3.1 Financial Accounting
S3.2 Management Accounting
S3.3 Taxation
S3.4 Audit and Assurance

CAT Qualification Specializations
Option 1 S3.5 Credit Management
Option 2 S3.6 Public Finance Management

2. CPA Qualification

The Certified Public Accountants (CPA) Qualification is for individuals aspiring to become professional accountants, auditors, tax experts, and financial consultants, equipping them with the expertise to excel in accounting, finance, and related fields.



CPA Entry Requirements

- Senior Six Certificate with two (2) principal passes or its equivalent OR
- Certified Accounting Technician (CAT) Certificate from ICPAR or its equivalent OR
- Bachelor's degree from a recognized university OR
- Diploma in Accounting or Accounting Certificate from a recognized University OR
- Professional Accountancy body plus two (2) years' work experience OR Second Year University Students specializing in Accounting or Business Studies
- Such other certificates or diplomas as may be approved by ICPAR.

CPA Qualification Paper Levels

CPA Qualification Foundation Level 1
F1.1 Business Mathematics and Quantitative Methods
F1.2 Introduction to Law
F1.3 Financial Accounting
F1.4 Business Management, Ethics, and Entrepreneurship

CPA Qualification Foundation Level 2
F2.1 Management Accounting
F2.2 Economics and Business Environment
F2.3 Information Systems
F2.4 Taxation

CPA Qualification Intermediate Level
I1.1 Managerial Finance
I1.2 Financial Reporting
I1.3 Company Law
I1.4 Auditing

CPA Qualification Advanced Level 1
A1.1 Strategy and Leadership
A1.2 Audit Practice and Assurance Services
A1.3 Advanced Financial Reporting

CPA Qualification Advanced Level 2
A2.1 Strategic Corporate Finance
A2.2 Strategic Performance Management
A2.3 Advanced Taxation

Tuition Providers & Study Materials

Currently, tuition providers accredited by ICPAR to provide tuition for the ICPAR qualifications are as follows: University of Rwanda (UR), University of Kigali (UoK), Adventist University of Central Africa (AUCA), Kibogora Polytechnic (KP), Cornerstone & Luthien Advisory, INES Ruhengeri, The Finacco Hub Ltd, MAT ABACUS Business School, University of Technology and Arts of Byumba (UTAB), Catholic

University of Rwanda (CUR) and East African University of Rwanda (EAUR).

For further details regarding accredited tutors, tuition providers, examination centers and study materials, please visit www.icparwanda.com.

Examination & Registration Dates

There are four (4) examination sittings each year, i.e. February, May, August and November.

Sitting	Registration Deadline	Examination Period
February	24 January 2025	24 - 28 February 2025
May	18 April 2025	26 - 30 May 2025
August	18 July 2025	25 - 29 August 2025
November	20 October 2025	24 - 28 November 2025

Career Opportunities

After successful completion of the program, the following avenues are available: Accounting, Auditing, Tax Consultants, Management Consultants, Finance Directors, Budget Analysts, Risk Managers, Lecturers, CEOs, CFOs, Finance Managers, among many others.

Exemptions & Retention of Credits

Exemptions may, upon formal request, be given to registered students who are holders of certain degrees, certificates and diplomas recognized by ICPAR and are granted on a paper-by-paper basis.

General Fees

Details	CPA		CAT	
	FRW	USD	FRW	USD
Registration	100,000	100	50,000	50
Student ID Card	5,000	5	5,000	5
Annual Subscription	50,000	50	50,000	50
Reinstatement	50,000	50	50,000	50
To Whom it May Concern	5,000	5	5,000	5

CAT Examination & Exemption Fees per Paper

Details	Fees	
	FRW	USD
Stage 1	65,000	65
Stage 2	65,000	65
Stage 3	65,000	65
Remarking Fees	100,000	100

CPA Examination & Exemption Fees per Paper

Details	Fees	
	FRW	USD
Foundation Levels	65,000	65
Intermediate Level	75,000	75
Advanced Levels	85,000	85
Remarking Fees	100,000	100



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