



DIPLOMA IN TAXATION



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Diploma in Taxation

NQF LEVEL 6

SAQA ID: 105731

Qualification Code: DITAXI (Mainstream)

DITAFI (Extended Curriculum Programme -ECP)

Location: Ritson Campus (Block C: 2nd Floor)

Description of the Programme

The Mainstream Diploma (DITAXI) is a 3-year programme whereas the Extended Curriculum Programme (DITAFI) includes additional literacy modules and is therefore a 4-year programme in the Faculty of Accounting and Informatics. The program is designed to provide students with knowledge of Taxation and Auditing.

The purpose of this qualification is to enable qualifying learners to:

- Recognize, integrate, and manage the enterprise's accounting and taxation function within the broader scope of Enterprise Governance and Risk Management. This is in response to and in compliance with South African Taxation laws, collections, and administration, legislation.
- Establish an ethical framework in accordance with prevailing standards and good business practices, which will guide the qualifying student's decision-making abilities when faced with technical and other complexities within the work and professional environment.
- Provide the learner with a global outlook on business operations and their role therein as taxation professionals.

Career opportunities

This qualification serves as the academic progression toward the membership with South African Institute of Professional Accountants. Students can work as Tax practitioners or be employed in financial departments.

Explanation of Points scale:

SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC)		
SYMBOL	HIGHER GRADE	STANDARD GRADE
A	8	6
B	7	5
C	6	4
D	5	3
E	4	2
F	3	1

NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC)		
%	LEVEL	POINTS
90-100	7	8
80-89%	7	7
70-79%	6	6
60-69%	5	5
50-59%	4	4
40-49%	3	3
30-39%	2	2
20-29%	1	1

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A person will only be considered for registration for an instructional programme approved by the Institution's Senate if the person complies with:

- The minimum admission requirements stated in the DUT general handbook (refer to the DUT website for the general handbook).
- Institutional faculty, departmental and/or instructional programme specific rules; and

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS SUB-FRAMEWORK (HEQSF)

G7 rule: For Diploma:

"a National Senior Certificate (NSC) as certified by the Council for General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi), with a minimum of achievement rating of 3 for English and a minimum achievement rating of 3 in four recognised NSC 20-credit subjects."

Entry Requirements: Diploma in Taxation

NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) (01 January 2009)		SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) (PRE 2009)			NATIONAL CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL (NCV)	
NSC DIPLOMA ENTRY		SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC)			(NCV) – LEVEL 4	
Compulsory Subjects	NSC Rating Code	Compulsory Subjects	HG	SG	Compulsory Subjects	Mark
English OR	3	English	E	C	At least 50% in three fundamental subjects including English and Mathematics	50%
English (1 st additional)	4					
Mathematics OR	3	Mathematics OR	E	D		
Mathematics Literacy OR	5	Accounting	D	C		
Accounting	4					
And TWO 20-credit subjects (exclude Life Orientation or more than ONE language)	3				At least 60% in THREE compulsory vocational subjects	60%
In addition: ONE recognized NSC 20 credit subject as per G7 rule as stated above.	3					

Please note: this requirement represents the minimum requirement and students applying will be ranked according to a points system. To determine points, English and the next five best results should be selected for calculation.

Selection Procedure: Meeting the minimum entry requirements does not automatically guarantee acceptance. It depends on the number of applicants and a number of places allowed by DUT. A ranking system is used for admission to the Department of Auditing and Tax. Applicants are selected in order of merit, based on the subject list above, on a first- come first-served basis and may include an interview.

Please Note:

Those applicants who meet the minimum requirements but whose overall points rating could put them at risk could still be placed on the extended curriculum programme as they would be considered underprepared and at risk of not coping with the demands of the regular programme. The **extended curriculum programme (ECP)**, through a purposeful and structured set of learning experiences will provide these students with the academic foundations necessary for them to succeed on the regular programme.

OR

Admission Requirement based upon Work Experience, Age and Maturity

For admission to entry-level diploma and certificate studies:

A person may, subject to such requirements as the Senate may determine, be admitted to the Institution even if such a person is not in a possession of a National Senior Certificate, Senior Certificate, or an equivalent certificate, provided that:

- The person shall have reached the age of 23 in the first year of registration and shall have at least:
 - Three years' appropriate work experience; and/or
 - Capacity for the proposed instructional programme, which shall be assessed at the discretion of the respective Head of Department by a Senate-approved admission assessment comprising of a DUT Standardised Assessment Test for Access and Placement (SATAP), Academic Literacies (Al) & English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and/or an appropriate subject or programme specific written assessment designed and marked by the relevant Department; and
- The relevant Faculty Board shall be satisfied that the person's standard of communication skills, ability to study successfully and/or work experience is such that the person, in the opinion of the relevant Faculty Board, should be able to complete the proposed instructional programme successfully. If required, the communication skills and study skills should be tested; and
- The person's application for admission in terms of work experience, age and maturity **is approved before registration**.

Applicants intending to gain admission through work experience, age and maturity must submit their applications to the relevant department at least four months before the commencement of the academic year inclusive of the date of scheduling writing a requisite eligibility assessment.

Tuition Fees

To assist you with your planning, the **2025** fees have been indicated. An increase for next year to accommodate the inflation rate can be expected.

Please Note: DUT cannot be held liable for the fees in this brochure as the **2026** fees are not yet final.

Diploma in Taxation Curriculum

First Year Curriculum				
Semester One	Subject Code	HEQSF Level	SAQA Credits	2025 Fees
Business Fundamentals 1	BUFU101	6	12	R3710.00
Commercial Law 101	COLA101	5	12	R3500.00
Cornerstone 101	CSTN101	5	12	R3910.00
Financial Accounting 101	FIAC101	5	12	R3590.00
Internal Auditing 101	INAU101	5	12	R3590.00
Introduction to Microeconomics	INME101	5	12	R3330.00
TOTAL				R21630.00
Semester Two				
Business Calculation	BUCA101	5	12	R3500.00
Commercial Law 201	COLA201	6	12	R3500.00
Financial Accounting 102	FIAC102	5	12	R3590.00
Internal Auditing 102	INAU102	5	12	R4110.00
Introduction to Macroeconomics	INME102	5	12	R3520.00
TOTAL				R18220.00
TOTAL CREDITS SEMESTER 1&2			132	
Second Year Curriculum				
Semester One				
Business Fundamentals 2	BUFU202	6	12	R3820.00
Commercial Law 202	COLA202	6	16	R3500.00
Financial Accounting 201	FIAC201	6	12	R5540.00
Internal Auditing 201	INAU201	6	12	R4110.00
Principles of Taxation 201	PRTA201	6	12	R4070.00
TOTAL				R21040.00
Semester Two				
Financial Accounting 202	FIAC202	6	12	R3590.00
Internal Auditing 201	INAU202	6	12	R4110.00
Principles of Taxation 202	PRTA202	6	12	R4070.00
Managerial Accounting and Finance 101	MAAF101	6	12	R3500.00
Values in the workplace	VWKP101	5	8	R2600.00
TOTAL				R17870.00
TOTAL CREDITS SEMESTER 1&2			120	
Third Year Curriculum				
Semester One				
Entrepreneurial Spirit	ENSP101	6	12	R4050.00
Financial Accounting 301	FIAC301	7	12	R2990.00
Managerial Accounting and Finance 201	MAAF201	6	12	R3500.00
Taxation 301	TAXA301	6	12	R4320.00
The Entrepreneurial Edge	TENE101	6	8	R2600.00
World of Work	VWRK101	5	8	R2260.00
TOTAL				R20060.00
Semester Two				
Business Informatics 101	BUIN101	6	12	R4480.00
Corporate Procedures	CRPP302	6	12	R2960.00
Financial Accounting 302	FIAC302	7	12	R2990.00
Taxation 302	TAXA302	6	12	R4320.00
Taxation 303	TAXA303	6	12	R4070.00
TOTAL				R18820.00
TOTAL CREDITS SEMESTER 1&2			124	

Diploma in Taxation (4 Year Extended Curriculum Programme- Durban)

First Year Curriculum				
Semester One	Subject Code	HEQSF Level	SAQA Credits	2025 Fees
Accounting Literacy 101	ACOL101	5	12	-
Quantitative Literacy	QULI101	5	12	-
Introduction to Microeconomics	IAEC101	5	12	R3 490.00
Cornerstone 101	CSTN101	5	12	R3 910.00

Total				R7400.00
Semester Two				
Accounting Literacy 102	ACLI02	5	12	-
Business Calculation I	BUCA101	5	8	R3500.00
Internal Auditing 101	INAU101	5	8	R3590.00
Introduction to Macroeconomics	ICRE101	5	12	R3490.00
Total				R10580.00
TOTAL CREDITS SEMESTER 1&2			88	
Second Year Curriculum				
Semester One				
Financial Accounting 101	FIAC101	5	8	R3590.00
Business Fundamentals	BUFU101	6	8	R3710.00
Internal Auditing 102	INAU102	5	8	R4110.00
The Entrepreneurial Edge	TENE101	6	8	R2600.00
Total				R14010.00
Semester Two				
Internal Auditing 201	INAU201	6	8	R4110.00
Financial Accounting 102	FIAC102	5	8	R3590.00
Commercial Law I	COLA101	6	8	R3500.00
Managerial Accounting and Finance 101	MAFA101	6	12	R3460.00
Taxation I	TAXA101	6	12	-
Total				R14660.00
TOTAL CREDITS SEMESTER 1&2			80	
Third Year Curriculum				
Semester One				
Financial Accounting 201	FIAC201	6	12	R5540.00
Principles of Taxation 201	PRTA201	6	8	R4070.00
Business Fundamentals 2	BUFU202	6	12	R3820.00
Managerial Accounting and Finance 201	MAFA102	6	12	R3460.00
Commercial Law 201	COLA201	6	12	R3500.00
Total				R20390.00
Semester Two				
Value in the workplace	VWKPI01	5	8	R2600.00
Financial Accounting 202	FIAC202	6	12	R3590.00
Internal Auditing 202	INAU202	6	8	R4110.00
Principles of Taxation 202	PRTA202	6	8	R4070.00
Commercial Law 202	COLA202	6	12	R3500.00
Total				R17870.00
TOTAL CREDITS SEMESTER 1&2			112	
Fourth Year Curriculum				
Semester One				
World of Work	VWRK101	5	8	R2260.00
Financial Accounting 301	FIAC301	7	12	R2990.00
Taxation 301	TAXA301	7	12	R4320.00
Entrepreneurial Spirit	ENSP101	6	12	R4050.00
Total				R13620.00
Semester Two				
Taxation 302	TAXA302	6	12	R4320.00
Financial Accounting 302	FIAC3012	7	12	-
Taxation 303	TAXA303	7	12	R4070.00
Corporate Procedure	CRPP302	6	12	R2960.00
Business Informatics	BUIN101	6	12	R4480.00
Total				R15830.00
TOTAL CREDITS SEMESTER 1&2			104	

Application

Applicants who wish to enroll for the programme must apply through the CAO system by no later than 30 September of the previous year.

For CAO Online Application visit: <http://www.cao.ac.za>

CAO Contact Details

Private Bag X06
Dalbridge

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Tel: (031) 2684444

Fax: (031) 2682244

CAO Code: DU-D-DTA (Mainstream)
DU-D-DT6 (ECP)

Closing Date for applications: 30 September 2025

For More Information Contact:

Contact the Department of Auditing and Taxation Ritson Campus

Block R4 2nd Floor

Durban 4001

Tel: (031) 373 5610

Financial Aid:

For Financial Aid application for a DUT programme please apply online at www.nsfas.org.za or call the NSFAS call centre on 0860 067 327.

For an explanation on how to fill out the application form, please go to www.nsfas.org.za or contact the call centre on the number above.

Please note: Completing a form does not guarantee Financial Aid. For further assistance, please consult the Department of Financial Aid and Scholarships on (031)373 2931/2557/2054.