

# Quick guide to the Diploma in Public Accountability

## What are the Admission Requirements?

- An achievement of at least 3 (40%) in four recognised NSC subjects of which one must be English,

OR

- A minimum of 30% in the language of learning and teaching, plus an achievement of at least 3 (40%) in four other recognised NSC subjects, plus 3 years relevant work experience,

OR

- A recognised higher education qualific

## Can I apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT)?

It is possible to apply for **RPL and CAT** for credits obtained through the Municipal Regulations on Minimum Competency (MMC) training programme for up to 50% of the credits of the diploma. Contact the Programme Administrator for the RPL and CAT criteria.

## What does the Diploma in Public Accountability cost?

For cost information, please contact the Programme Administrator on 021 918 4134 or email: [dipaccountability@spl.sun.ac.za](mailto:dipaccountability@spl.sun.ac.za)

## How do you apply?

Apply online by clicking the "Apply" tab on [www.maties.com](http://www.maties.com)

If you have any queries about the Diploma in Public Accountability, contact the Programme Administrator on 021 918 4134 or email: [dipaccountability@spl.sun.ac.za](mailto:dipaccountability@spl.sun.ac.za)

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# DIP

## Diploma in Public Accountability NQF Level 6

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## Why is Public Accountability relevant?

Employees in public service organisations – such as municipalities, departments, and institutions – who are entrusted with public resources must be accountable to the public for both effectiveness and efficiency in service delivery and in transparency, in compliance with the regulatory framework.

This two-year, higher-education diploma has been designed to help you develop and improve the competencies and skills you need to follow a career in the public sector or in a public service environment.

The diploma gives you the opportunity to:

- Enhance your capacity to do the work required of you;
- Make a positive difference in the communities that you serve through enhanced competencies;
- Comply with the statutory public administration requirements and the management-competency requirements of your current and envisaged positions;
- Combine your studies with the demands of your workplace; and
- Gain a higher-education qualification that could start you on a path of progress in your career.

**Employees in the public sector must be effective and efficient in their service delivery.**

## What does the DIP consist of?

The content of the two-year diploma programme is structured as follows:

The following modules are compulsory:

Level 5 - 6 (HEQF) - The learning outcomes are achieved by means of seven modules in Year 1 and six modules in Year 2. 120 credits are obtainable per year. The modules are:

- Public Accountability 1 & 2
- Managing Institutional Capacity 1 & 2
- Managing Institutional Performance 1 & 2
- Managing Institutional Collaboration 1 & 2
- Institutional Conduct 1 & 2
- Compliance and Control 1: Budgeting
- Compliance and Control 1: Asset and Procurement Management

One of the following elective modules must be selected in Year 2:

- Compliance and Control 2 or
- Public Financial Accounting 2

The combined learning outcomes of the first and second-year modules correspond to the learning outcomes of the Unit Standards of the Municipal Regulations on Minimum Competency (MMC) levels (RSA, Government Gazette 29967, 2007), as amended (RSA, Government Gazette 41996, 2018) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003.

The combined learning outcomes of the second-year modules correspond with the learning outcomes of the Competent Level of Qualifications and of Knowledge and Expertise, as defined in Annexure B, Local Government Senior Management Framework of the Local Government: Regulations on Appointment and Conditions of Employment of Senior Managers (RSA, Government Gazette 36223, 2013).

This programme provides an access route to the Advanced Diploma in Public Accountability.

## How is the DIP taught?

Direct face-to-face contact time takes place in the form of 1 contact block per semester. That means four contact blocks over the course of the two years of study. These contact sessions are compulsory and are presented at the Bellville Park Campus of Stellenbosch University.

These classes may be repeated at other centers if there are enough students in a particular area in that academic year. Such classes can be arranged, for example, for employers who choose to enroll 20 or more students.

Contact time is supplemented by interactive telematic broadcasts and other electronic media. Telematic sessions are broadcast via satellite from Stellenbosch campus to decentralised classrooms throughout South Africa and these sessions can be attended at a venue closest to you.

The learning process is further supported by various forms of e-learning that you can do from the convenience of your home. It is for this reason that the learner package includes a computer device, e-learning material or hard copy books.

The medium of instruction for the Diploma in Public Accountability is English.

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