



Take us through your journey from graduating with your Diploma in Accountancy to now doing your CTA.

It has been the greatest thing, a memory I'll always revert to. It all started in 2018 when I decided to change courses from a BA in Humanities degree. Initially, I wanted to do the Ext BCom Accounting; however, because my Mathematical literacy was around 60 and they needed 70%+. So, the next closest course to do was the Diploma in Accountancy, which at the time I thought that 'doing a diploma in accounting was lowering my standards because I believed to be smarter than that'. Well, I registered for the Diploma in Accountancy in 2018. It was an interesting academic journey, I worked hard, had sleepless nights and made sure I get good grades. My second phase in the academic journey was when I registered for the Advanced Diploma in Accounting Sciences at UNISA, in 2021/2022,

I am currently registered for a Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Accounting Sciences (CTA Level 2). I like saying, 'Accounting Sciences is a different ball game', it required a different thinking framework, I had to work two times harder than I did during the diploma, and I guess the challenge I wanted initially, I got it.

How did you get into the AGSA LEAP programme? Tell us more about that and what the programme is about.

AGSA is one of the firms from which I received the SAICA training contract for 2024. As a result, I was invited to join them for the LEAP week. Basically, the LEAP (Limitless experience for audit pioneers) was about the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) explaining its mandate to the society and the country itself, as it is the supreme audit institution (SAI) of South Africa. It is the only institution that, by law, has to audit and report on how the government is spending the South African taxpayers' money.



This has been the focus of the AGSA as an institution since its inception in 1911. But when our Constitution came into effect in 1996, the role and responsibilities of the organisation were expanded even more, to enable the institution to fulfil its constitutional mandate. We were exposed to the firm, and the audit methodologies used, and the PFMA and AFMA. The nice part is, that in the third-year diploma, we did touch on both acts.

What keeps you motivated and driven to pursue your studies in accounting?

What keeps me motivated has to be the support structure I have. I am still in contact with the lecturers in the Department of Commercial Accounting, so the mentoring has extended beyond the borders of the University of Johannesburg. I have friends who also aspire to be CAs and my family keep the vehicle going. Lastly, the CA(SA) profession keeps me motivated as you become a highly respected professional who has deep financial expertise and broad business insight.

What are your future aspirations?

Short term is to finish my CTA, and in future qualify as a Chartered Accountant South Africa; thereafter, I am planning on coming back to academia and lecture, as I enjoyed tutoring during my time at UJ.