

CPA Australia Accreditation

Chartered Practising Accountants (CPA) Australia, on July 16, 2018 has fully accredited the Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting programme offered by the University of Fiji. CPA Australia is a very prestigious and one of the largest professional accounting bodies in the world.

An accreditation from CPA Australia means that the Bachelor of Accounting programme at UniFiji is fully recognized by them and is on par with Australian and New Zealand tertiary accounting qualifications. The accreditation adds value to the Accounting programme at the University and shows that the accounting offerings at the Unifiji are second to none in the world. The accreditation also enhances credibility of the Accounting programme and those enrolled therein, demonstrating that the qualification is recognized internationally. The accreditation also depicts that the programme structure, the course contents, delivery and the resources are of a high standard.

Accounting is an ever-changing field with new ideas and ways to account always on the move in this complex world. The accreditation from CPA Australia will bring about various benefits to the University and its students including building networks, sharing of resources and keeping up to date through professional development of staff as well as students. Being associated with international bodies such as CPA Australia also allows for discounts and concessions on many resources, particularly for the members and the students.

CPA Australia Fiji Branch has kindly sponsored a medal for the best Accounting Student with a GPA of 4.0. The student will also receive a free lifetime associate membership to CPA Australia.

The Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting at UniFiji has also been fully accredited by the Fiji Institute of Accountants (FIA). The FIA also sponsors cash prizes for top Accounting graduates each graduation.

Speaking at the Press Conference, the Acting Vice-Chancellor (AVC), Professor Narendra Reddy, highlighted that universities were about education and value of education. He stated that when programmes were accredited, it brought in value to the University's programme.

He further commented that there were four types of accreditation for universities: national accreditation, accreditation from regulatory agency, international accreditation and accreditation from professional bodies such as other universities.

AVC also said that accreditation was not the final part of a journey; it was the beginning of a journey. He said that the journey included bettering the university programmes and facilities.

The accreditation is not forever; CPA Australia would renew the accreditation in 2022 while FIA renews accreditation every 3 years.