

The University of Fiji's Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) Reaccredited by Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand



From left: Mr Mohammed Riaz Azam, Mr Aman Lal, Mr Shivneil Kumar Raj, Ms Zahra Khan, Head of Accounting and Finance Department, Ms Sandhiya Roy, and Dean, School of Business and Economics, Professor Ranasinghe Amaradasa.

The University of Fiji's Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) programme holds triple accreditation after receiving reaccreditation by the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (Chartered Accountants ANZ).

The Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) programme has also been accredited by The Fiji Institute of Accountants (FIA) and CPA Australia.

Ms Sandhiya Roy, Head of the Accounting and Finance Department said that the programme was unique and prestigious because the same programme at the other two universities in Fiji was only FIA and CPA Australia accredited.

CA ANZ has over 120,000 members in Australia, New Zealand, and around the world.

Following a thorough review process, the Department of Accounting and Finance received a confirmation letter on June 6, 2022. This programme's initial accreditation was obtained in 2018.

Ms Roy stated that this was a remarkable achievement for the University, indicating that the programmes were aligned with Australian and New Zealand standards, as well as the international accounting profession requirements.

"This reaccreditation has enhanced the credibility of this programme. The reaccreditation signposts that the Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) programme offered at the University of Fiji is updated to meet the contemporary demands of the accounting profession," she said.

The fundamental knowledge areas of this programme are financial accounting and reporting, auditing and assurance, taxation, business law, finance and financial management, management accounting, business acumen, information and communications technology, and quantitative methods. The programme also aims to develop the professional skills such as interpersonal and communication skills, ethical principles, professional values and integrity, and critical thinking skills.

Ms Roy stated that internationally recognized qualifications gave graduates the confidence to stand out in the workplace amongst other graduates.

"The programme is aligned with the new accreditation guidelines which means our graduates are adequately equipped with the capabilities they need in the future and in this dynamic business environment. With this, graduates are now presented with a broadened opportunity to explore job opportunities in the global market and also work towards becoming a Chartered Accountant through their professional experience, and get an internationally recognised designation," she concluded.