

Call for nominations to serve on the *IRBA's Accreditation Committee (ACCOM)*; and on the panel of Subject Matter Experts that supports the ACCOM.

The Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (IRBA) is a statutory body established in terms of Section 3 of the Auditing Profession Act (Act No. 26 of 2005), as amended. As part of its functions, the IRBA considers and decides on any accreditation applications by professional bodies. After its consideration, the IRBA then grants such accreditation either in full or in part, as set out in Section 5(b) and Section 32 (2) of the Act.

Accordingly, the IRBA has established the **ACCOM** as an ad hoc subcommittee of the Education, Training and Professional Development Committee (EDCOM) to assist the EDCOM in fulfilling this function. Furthermore, ACCOM's evaluation process includes inputs from a panel of **Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)**. The evaluation of the current accreditation application from the **ACCA** is underway, and vacancies have arisen in both the ACCOM, and the panel of SMEs.

Therefore, the IRBA calls for nominations for members to serve on a the ACCOM and on the panel of SMEs that support the ACCOM in its evaluation process, as detailed below.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

ACCOM consists of members who have expertise, experience and interest in the field of education, training and professional development of professional accountants and auditors. ACCOM members are required to evaluate the full application for accreditation against the requirements of [Accreditation Model](#). Its responsibilities also include the development and execution of the required project plan.

Required skills and experience

An ACCOM member with extensive experience relating to **Audit and Assurance** is specifically required. This may include skills and experience relating to the following areas:

- Academia;
- Practical experience;
- Audit quality;
- Training programmes; and/or
- Accreditation and monitoring

Professional body membership is not a requirement.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS PANEL

SMEs are required to evaluate the application for accreditation submitted by the professional body against the required competencies of Registered Auditors, as set out in the IRBA's competency framework and contained within the [Accreditation Model](#).

Subject matter experts are required in the following areas:

1. Audit and Assurance (A Registered Auditor);
2. Taxation (Academic); and
3. South African Corporate and Business Law (Academic).

Required skills and experience

1. Audit and Assurance SME: Registered Auditor

Applicants are required to have the relevant skills and experience as set out below:

- Extensive practical experience at a senior level in the performance of independent audits in terms of the Audit Profession Act.
- A good working knowledge of the competencies required of an RA.
- A good working knowledge of the IAASB and IRBA Standards and Codes.

2. Taxation SME: Academic

Applicants are required to have the relevant skills and experience as set out below:

- Extensive experience and interest in the education, assessment, curriculum development and/or competency framework evaluation for accountants and auditors, with a specific focus on Taxation.

3. South African Corporate and Business Law SME: Academic

Applicants are required to have the relevant skills and experience as set out below:

- Extensive experience and interest in the education, assessment, curriculum development and/or competency framework evaluation for accountants and auditors, with a specific focus on Law.

Other information

The ACCOM and panel members' term of office shall come to an end on completion of the project relating to the specific professional body's application for accreditation.

ACCOM and its SMEs shall undertake its functions in line with the IRBA Code for Board and Committee Members as well as the principles outlined in Section 4 of the IRBA's Accreditation Model. As the IRBA strives to ensure that members of its committees are independent, the panel of subject matter experts requires members who are objective. This is further managed through the balance of committee members in terms of their qualifications, experience and designations across the ACCOM and its related structures, for evaluating the pre-determined requirements within the accreditation model.

ACCOM and its SMEs are an integral part of the IRBA's accreditation evaluation process, and have an important opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the auditing profession, in the public interest, at a national level through the generous contribution of their expertise.

In making its decision on who should serve on the ACCOM and the SME panel, the EDCOM and ACCOM shall consider, among others, the following:

- Independence in mind and appearance;

- Skills and experience.
- Qualifications;
- Professional affiliations;
- Race;
- Gender; and
- Geographical representation.

Eligible persons who meet the criteria, and who wish to be considered for appointment, are invited to submit their applications by email to:

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Each application must include:

1. A curriculum vitae detailing the applicant's knowledge, experience and suitability as an ACCOM or SME panel member, specifically detailing the subject areas in which the applicant has experience, the type of experience and the NQF level to which this experience relates (if applicable); and
2. A completed nomination form, which can be downloaded from the IRBA website at www.irba.co.za.

Applications that meet the criteria set out above will be evaluated by the EDCOM, the committee that will make the final decision.

For any further queries regarding the nomination process, please call or email the department using the abovementioned contact details.

Application closing date: 16 August 2021

(subject to extension if the required membership is not fulfilled)