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MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING

VICTORIA BUSINESS SCHOOL

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To assist in meeting the growing demand for accounting graduates both in New Zealand and internationally, the School of Accounting and Commercial Law at Victoria University of Wellington offers the Master of Professional Accounting (MPA).

The MPA is designed to provide students with the skills and understanding required of accounting professionals. The programme satisfies the academic requirements of the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (formerly the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants (NZICA)), CPA Australia, and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

THE PROGRAMME

The University’s MPA was the first of its type to be offered by a New Zealand university. The programme is designed to be completed in four trimesters of full-time study (approximately 16 months) or in up to four years of part-time study. The programme will equip graduates for leadership in the accounting profession through their knowledge of accounting issues and understanding of professional practice, ethics, and procedures. Its graduates will have strong research, analytical, and problem-solving skills.

SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTING AND COMMERCIAL LAW

The School of Accounting and Commercial Law is part of Victoria Business School and is one of the foremost centres in Australasia for research in accounting and commercial law. Its staff are accountants and lawyers, and it is a ‘professional’ school.

The School enjoys strong links with the profession and the public sector through its teaching staff, which includes a former auditor-general, current and former members of the accounting standard-setting bodies as well as former partners in major chartered accounting firms.

Victoria Business School is the first business school in New Zealand to have obtained accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) in both Business and Accounting; very few business schools worldwide hold this distinguished hallmark of excellence. AACSB International was founded in 1916 and is the largest global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, Master’s and doctoral degrees in Business and Accounting.

Victoria Business School is among a small group of business schools worldwide that hold the triple crown of international accreditation from the European Quality Improved System (EQUIS), AACSB, and Association of MBAs (AMBA).

Victoria University of Wellington has been awarded five stars overall in the QS global university ratings. In addition, the University received five stars in each of the eight categories.
PROGRAMME

Full-time students in the MPA are normally enrolled for at least four trimesters. There are two entry points for students each year: in November (the start of the third trimester) and in February/March (the start of the first trimester).

The MPA programme comprises 14 core courses and either two elective courses/special topics or a research course.

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WORKLOAD

Full-time MPA students can expect the workload to be equivalent to 60 hours per week (15 hours per course each week).

STAIRCASES WITHIN THE MPA

If you do not wish to complete the MPA, or cannot complete it, a postgraduate certificate and a postgraduate diploma are embedded in the degree. The postgraduate certificate requires four courses, including MMPA 501 and MMPA 502.

The postgraduate diploma requires eight courses, including MMPA 501 and MMPA 502 and two courses from MMPA 506–510.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Admission to the MPA programme requires:

- an undergraduate degree with good academic performance
- acceptance as a candidate by the MPA director.

HOW TO APPLY

Domestic students may apply for entry to the programme online.

🔗 www.victoria.ac.nz/apply
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Students come to study at Victoria University from all over the world—each year students from more than 100 countries make up the student population. There are many large communities in the city—Malaysian, Thai, Indonesian, Japanese, Chinese—that help to make international students feel at home in their new learning environment. As New Zealand’s capital city, Wellington is host to the world’s embassies and consulates, each adding to their own country’s cultural and social presence.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PROCEDURES
International students should apply through Victoria International. You may also be interviewed by telephone or in person in your home country.

www.victoria.ac.nz/international-apply

When applying for the MPA, you will need to provide evidence of a high level of English language skills (see Competence in English, below).

If your application is successful, you will be advised of all subsequent procedures, such as obtaining a student visa. Information is also available from New Zealand diplomatic or trade offices.

COMPETENCE IN ENGLISH
If your first language is not English, you must show evidence of competence in English by taking a recognised test of English language proficiency (such as TOEFL or IELTS) no more than two years before beginning study at Victoria University. For admission to the MPA, a score of 580 in TOEFL plus a score of 5 or higher on the Test of Written English or 6.5 in IELTS is required. If you need to study English before beginning the MPA, it is highly recommended that you attend the November–February English Proficiency Course at the English Language Institute on campus.

VICTORIA INTERNATIONAL
Victoria International looks after the needs and welfare of international students, provides support and advice and will meet you at the airport and introduce you to the University and Wellington.

Victoria International runs an orientation programme one or two weeks before the beginning of each trimester. This includes a tour of Wellington and an introduction to Kiwi culture.
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