MICPA MALAYSIA

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS Australia + New Zealand

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MICPA x CA ANZ QUALIFYING PROGRAMME

ADVANCED STAGE EXAMINATION

* The MICPA x CA ANZ Qualifying Programme is awarded by MICPA. Completion of the MICPA x CA ANZ Qualifying Programme can lead to eligibility for CA ANZ membership if requirements are met

Why MICPA?

Established as the only Malaysian professional accountancy body since 1958, The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) has been developing professional accountants in Malaysia through its professional examinations since 1963, & has been a founding member of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) since 1977. Since its inception, MICPA has played a key role in the setting of accounting standards & technical advisory for the Malaysian regulatory bodies responsible for carving out the business and financial landscape of this nation.

In 2009, MICPA entered into an agreement with Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand (CA ANZ), then known as the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia, to offer a joint Programme which leads to 2 professional qualifications awarded by both bodies, & access to the Global Accounting Alliance (GAA). Graduates of the MICPA x CA ANZ Qualifying Programme will be entitled to apply for memberships with MICPA & CA ANZ upon fulfilling all requirements & can subsequently carry the titles – *Certified Public Accountant (Malaysia) & Chartered Accountant (ANZ)*.

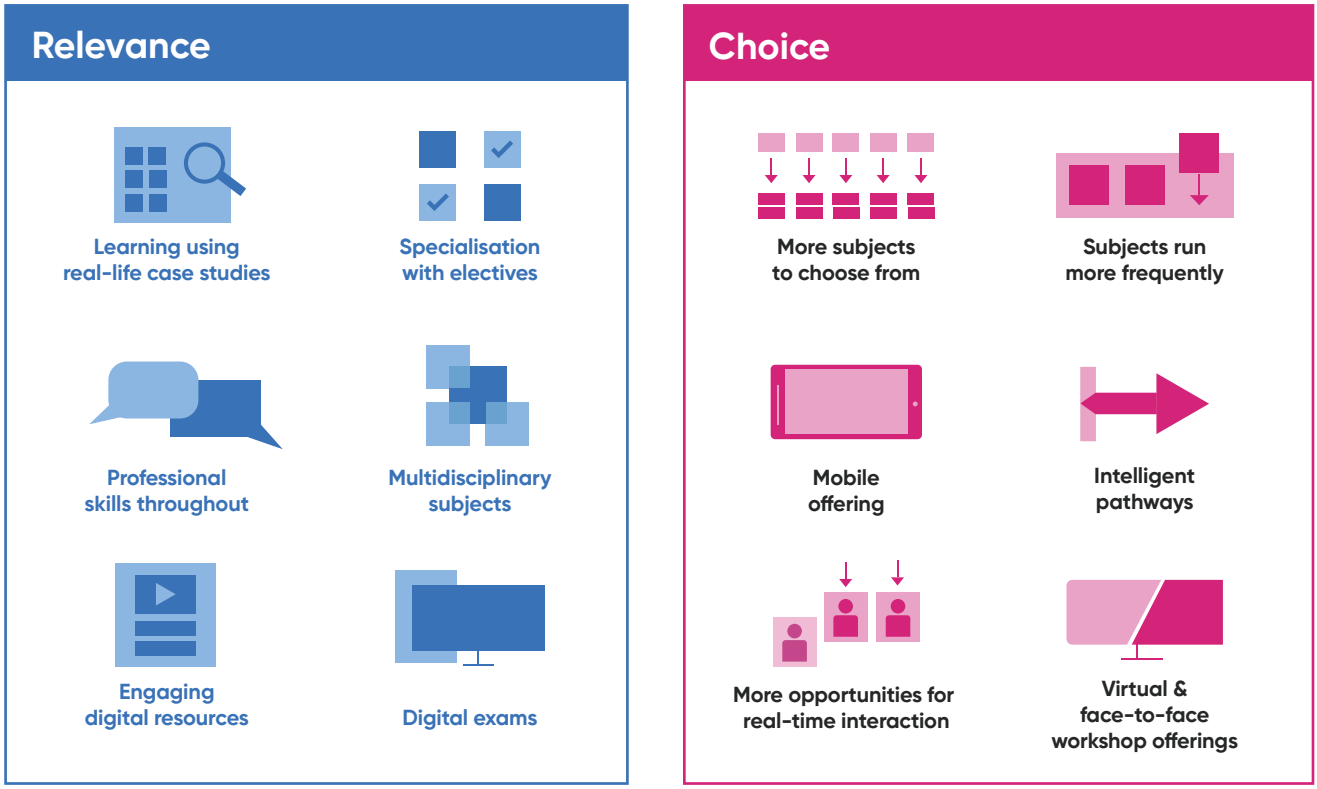
As a MICPA member, you will be kept up-to-date on the standards, statutes, laws & other regulatory requirements, as well as any international implications that matter to businesses & your clients operating in Malaysia. Outside of Malaysia, you would require the same level of local technical support in the country you are in, & that's where CA ANZ comes in for Australia & New Zealand, & the GAA for 10 other countries across the globe.

- **Dual qualification – CPA(M) & CA(ANZ)**
- **Global recognition**
- **Access to the Global Accounting Alliance (GAA)**
- **Strong technical support & representation locally & globally**
- **Access to MIA membership**

The MICPA x CA ANZ Qualifying Programme – Advanced Stage Examination (ASE)

MICPA is renowned for its rigorous professional programme that has developed many reputable luminaries in industry over the decades. The ASE jointly offered with CA ANZ is known to be a holistic one that doesn't just focus on technical knowledge, but also in developing well-rounded professionals with strong analytical, critical thinking & problem-solving skills, as well as heightened soft skills brought out through group work & team presentations. This makes our Programme truly unique by incorporating all these elements, & developing professionals who are highly sought-after by employers & well-received in industry.

In keeping up with the times, we were pleased to launch the MICPA x CA ANZ Qualifying Programme (ASE) in 2022 which includes the addition of technology-based subjects into the Programme, & showcases a revolutionary method of delivering content through fully coursework-based modules & minimal invigilated examinations – aimed to ensure a deeper understanding of key concepts & theories underpinning an accountant's work.



The MICPA x CA ANZ Qualifying Programme provides:

- Greater learning flexibility allowing candidates to balance work & study efficiently.
- More impactful learning through a blend of digital & face-to-face options.
- Rigorous & authentic assessments based on real-world scenarios that integrate technical & professional capabilities.
- Computational thinking helps candidates understand the relevance of technologies & making use of digital platforms & tools used to analyse complex financial models.

For employers, the revised Programme is designed to provide:

- Learning flexibility & a staggered exam timetable that reduces resourcing strains on firms during peak periods.
- Targeted content that creates better trained graduates & reduced training costs.
- Learner support that improves the employee experience & boosts retention.

Supportive entry

Encouraging diversity & setting candidates up for success

Intelligent pathways
Pathways supporting diverse educational backgrounds & broad intakes

Knowledge expectations
Upfront & defined assumed knowledge requirements

Filling knowledge gaps
Diagnostics & access to assumed knowledge support material during the Programme

Ethics & Business
A 2-week introduction experience to frame & preview the ASE

Flexible journey

Opportunities for candidates to personalise their experience

Flexible timetabling
More convenience with Core subjects available more often

Specialisation with electives
Candidates specialise by selecting 1 elective rom the pool of electives offered

Collaborative workshops
Collaborative sessions accessed in-person or virtually

Fast-track option
Greater opportunities for concurrent study with more scheduling options

Engaging, experiential learning

Social, active & authentic challenges that drive learning

Inquiry-led with realistic challenges
Realistic case study challenges forming the backbone of all subjects

Engaging digital resources
Searchable, mobile-friendly content using rich & interactive media

Multidisciplinary subjects
Progressively integrated subjects culminating in ICAP

Professional skills throughout
Integrating professional skills throughout including communication, collaboration & ethics

Streamlined, rigorous assessments

Assessing real world challenges that integrate technical & professional capabilities

Digital exams
Digital process for a modern, streamlined experience

Prioritising academic integrity
Building greater academic integrity – from updated policies & procedures tosecurity software solutions

Authentic challenges
Assessments & exams based on realistic tasks, reports & presentation

Increasing stakes
3 assessment points within each subject with progressively higher stakes

Requirements for the MICPA x CA ANZ Qualifying Programme - ASE

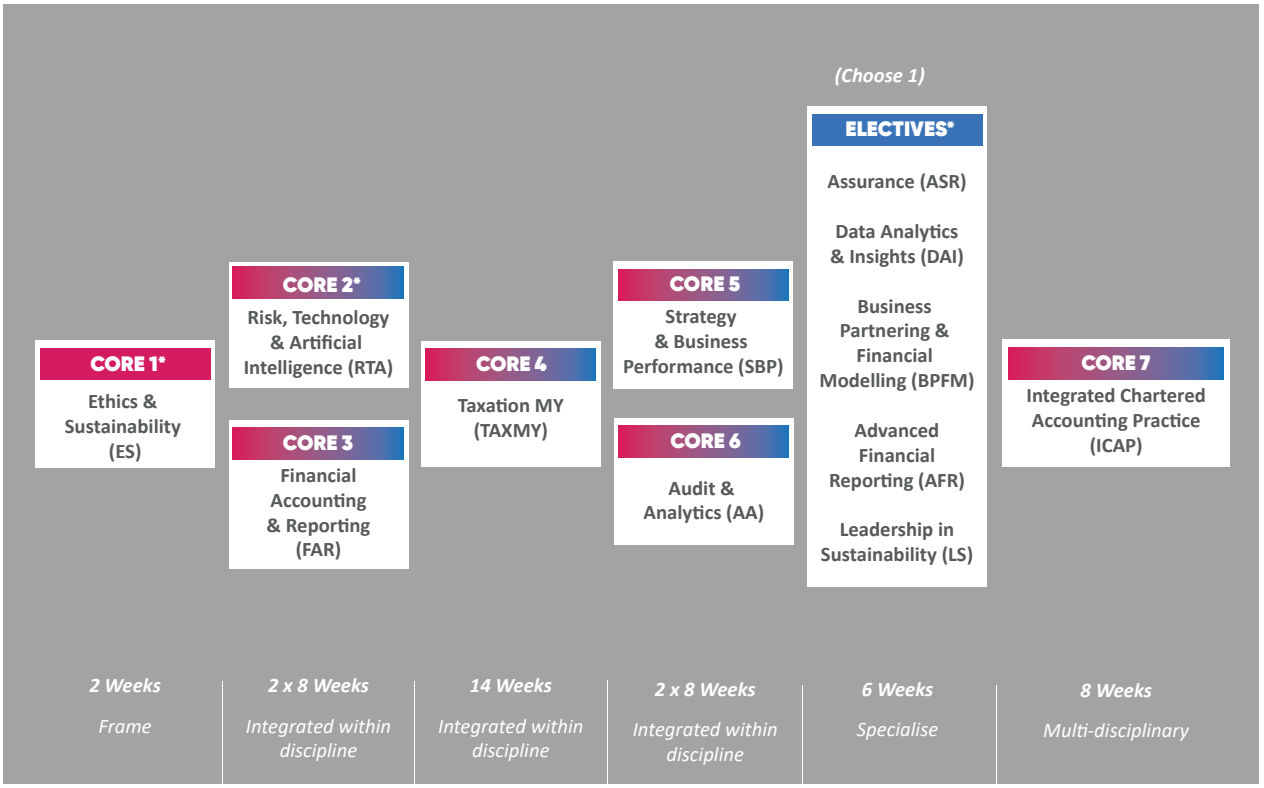
Admission into the ASE	Candidates must have taken one of these routes: • Possess a Degree in Accounting or other disciplines accredited by MICPA or CA ANZ • Completed the Professional Stage Examination (PSE) (Accredited Diploma in Accounting holders) • Completed the MICPA Conversion Programme (MCP) (Non-accounting degree holders)
Practical Experience	Candidates must fulfil 3 years of mentored practical experience with an Approved Training Employer (ATE) in a relevant field of work.

Candidates who complete the MICPA x CA ANZ Qualifying Programme but have yet to fulfil the practical experience requirement are eligible to apply to become a Provisional Member of MICPA.

Upon fulfilling both requirements above, candidates may apply for full membership of MICPA & CA ANZ bearing the titles CPA(M) & CA(ANZ).

The Programme Structure

The MICPA x CA ANZ Qualifying Programme offers a balanced curriculum between technical & professional capabilities, as well as the introduction of future priorities for the accounting profession. It allows for greater specialisation through elective content, & hours have been adjusted for personalised, & impactful learning.



Key features:

- 4 terms offered per year (*Refer to Scheduling on the MICPA website*)
- Full-time or part-time study
- Can complete all subjects within 1 year for full-time study, or within 2 years or more for part-time study
- Candidates may commence the Programme in the final year of an accredited Degree. (*Terms & conditions apply*)
- Self-study or tuition support available (*Refer to Tuition Service Providers on the MICPA website*)
- Open book assessments train candidates to think critically & analytically, to problem-solve & provide workable solutions
- Workshops & group work encourage development of people skills, teamwork & self-confidence in a safe environment
- *Fully coursework-based subjects
- Subjects with an invigilated exam component will have the exams conducted online & invigilated remotely
- In Malaysia, the Taxation subject is based on Malaysian taxation laws
- For each subject, candidates receive the Study Guide digitally
- Subject Discussion Forums: Discussion forums are where candidates can ask questions & contribute to discussions in the learning portal. This is especially useful for those on a self-study mode.

- Candidates may complete up to 2 subjects per term in addition to Ethics & Sustainability (ES)
- Candidates are given a time limit of 8 years to complete all subjects
- Assumed knowledge feature which allows candidates to complete quizzes for each subject to gauge their current understanding of knowledge on the perspective subject matter.

Candidates should also adhere to the following co-requisite & pre-requisite requirements when planning which subjects to take:

Subject	Pre-requisite or Co-Requisite
Upon commencement of the Programme	Core 1: Ethics & Sustainability (ES)
Core 2: Risk, Technology & Artificial Intelligence (RTA)	Core 1: Ethics & Sustainability (ES)
Core 3: Financial Accounting & Reporting (FAR)	Core 1: Ethics & Sustainability (ES)
Core 4: Taxation MY (TAXMY)	Core 1: Ethics & Sustainability (ES)
Core 5: Strategy & Business Performance (SBP)	Core 1: Ethics & Sustainability (ES) Core 2: Risk & Technology (RT)
Core 6: Audit & Analytics (AA)	Core 1: Ethics & Sustainability (ES) Core 3: Financial Accounting & Reporting (FAR)
Core 7: Integrated Chartered Accounting Practice (ICAP)	All Core Subjects
Elective: Assurance (ASR)	Core 1: Ethics & Sustainability (ES) Core 6: Audit and Risk (AR)
Elective: Data Analytics & Insights (DAI) Elective: Business Partnering & Financial Modelling (BPFM) Elective: Leadership in Sustainability (LS)	Core 1: Ethics & Sustainability (ES)
Elective: Advanced Financial Reporting (AFR)	Core 1: Ethics & Sustainability (ES) Core 3: Financial Accounting & Reporting (FAR)

Core 1: ***Ethics & Sustainability*** is listed as a pre-requisite & co-requisite for Core 2: ***Risk, Technology & Artifical Intelligence***, Core 3: ***Financial Accounting & Reporting***, & Core 4: ***Taxation (MY)*** which means candidates can enrol in ***Ethics & Sustainability*** alongside with one of those other subjects. If a candidate fails ***Ethics & Sustainability*** they will be allowed to continue to complete the co-requisite core subject, but will need to pass ***Ethics & Sustainability*** before commencing any subject that requires it as a pre-requisite.

Assessments

5 SUBJECTS WITH INVIGILATED EXAM	CORE 3 Financial Accounting & Reporting (FAR)	CORE 4 Taxation MY (TAXMY)	CORE 6 Audit & Analytics (AA)	CORE 5 Strategy & Business Performance (SBP)	CORE 7 Integrated Chartered Accounting Practice (ICAP)
Assessments	• Written assignment • Invigilated exam	• Written assignment • Invigilated exam	• Written assignment • Workshop contribution • Invigilated exam	• Written assignment • Workshop contribution • Invigilated exam	• Workshop activities • Group presentation & individual reflections • Invigilated exam
Exam Component	60% weightage	60% weightage	60% weightage	60% weightage	60% weightage
Duration	8 weeks	14 weeks	8 weeks	8 weeks	8 weeks

3 COURSEWORK-BASED SUBJECTS	CORE 1 Ethics & Sustainability (ES)	CORE 2 Risk, Technology & Artificial Intelligence (RTA)	ELECTIVES
Assessments	• Workshop tasks • Recorded group presentation	• 2 Written assignments	• Written assessment • Recorded presentation
Duration	2 weeks	8 weeks	6 weeks

When & How to Register

As there are 4 terms offered each year, candidates have the flexibility to decide which term they wish to enrol for their subjects.

The Programme timetable can be found on the Institute's website under "Scheduling" & the enrolment open & close dates of the first subject to be taken, i.e. Ethics & Sustainability (ES) should be taken note of to ensure sufficient time to first register as a MICPA candidate. Once registered, candidates may enrol for the subjects.

As part of the registration process, Student Affairs will review the candidate's academic transcript to ensure that prerequisite subjects have been completed & that they hold an accredited qualification.

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APPENDIX
The MICPA x CA ANZ Qualifying Programme Fee Schedule
(Valid for 2026)

Item	Fee (RM)	Remarks
Student Registration Fee	300	One-off
Student Annual Fee	350	Annual
Exemption Fee	250 per exemption (maximum of 4 exemptions)	One-off
Module Fees		Includes online resources
Ethics & Sustainability (ES)	810	
Risk, Technology & Artificial Intelligence (RTA)	2,150	
Financial Accounting & Reporting (FAR)	2,150	
Taxation (MY) (TAXMY)	3,100	
Strategy & Business Performance (SBP)	2,150	
Audit & Analytics (AA)	2,150	
Integrated Chartered Accounting Practice (ICAP)	2,150	
Electives	1,800 per module	