



New course

Public sector governance

Chartered Secretaries Southern Africa is delighted to announce the launch of a public sector governance module. The public sector occupies an important place in our society. Because many people depend on the services provided by the public sector such as education, health, security, and electricity it goes without saying that public sector governance is essential to the general well-being of our society. There are many types of public sector entities such as state-owned companies, national and provincial departments, and municipalities. The governance of all of these entities is critical. However many officials in these entities have never been trained in good governance. They are expected to acquire this knowledge without adequate preparation. This course aims to fill this gap in exposing public sector officials to a thorough understanding of what good governance entails.



The public sector governance module is at NQF 8 level, which develops individual knowledge while enhancing decision-making skills. Through the programme, students will be provided with theoretical and practical competencies in public sector governance.

Who will benefit?

Employees in the public sector in state-owned companies, national and provincial government departments, and municipalities.

Employees in the private sector who deal with the public sector.

What does it cover?



The structures and processes of government

Key decision-making and executive structures in government; the doctrine of collective responsibility; types of public sector entities.



Principles of good governance within the public sector

King Codes; accountability and transparency; governance models, ethics, values and consequences.



The role of decision-makers

Structure of public sector entities; charters; CEOs and DGs; boards and directors.



Shareholders and stakeholders

Stakeholder theory; the government as shareholder; performance agreements.



Public sector accountability mechanisms

The Auditor General and National Treasury; ombudsmen, commissions, supply chain management; PFMA and MFMA.

How do I apply?

Applicants must have a tertiary qualification, such as the CSSA Professional Advanced Qualification in Management and Administration or a Bachelor's degree. Applicants must have the ability to learn independently. This module can be taken as a stand-alone module or as part of the Post-Graduate Professional Qualification: Corporate Secretaryship and Governance (NQF8, SAQA ID 60654), which includes the following modules:

Corporate Secretaryship

Corporate Financial Management

Corporate Administration

The cost of the course is R2 170. Most public sector entities offer bursaries to their employees.

Assessment

Assessment is by way of a written 3 hour examination.

Completion of the full qualification allows the holder to become a member of Chartered Secretaries Southern Africa and hold the prestigious title of Chartered Secretary.

Further details can be found on the website:
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Applications for admission and any queries should be addressed to students@chartsec.co.za