



Public sector governance

The public sector governance course aims to provide public sector officials with a thorough understanding of what good governance entails. 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. Hardly a day goes by without the media reporting on yet another example of poor governance, state capture and corruption. Many officials in these entities have never been trained in good governance. They are expected to acquire this knowledge without adequate preparation.



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.

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 Occupational Certificate: Governance Professional, which includes the following modules:

Applied Governance

Corporate Law

Finance for decision-making

Risk and Compliance

Enterprise Risk Management

The cost of the course is R2 560 per module. Most public sector entities offer bursaries to their employees.

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 Governance Professional.

Further details can be found on the website:
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