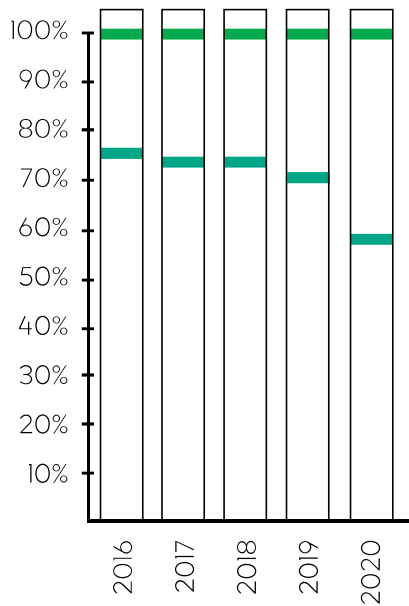
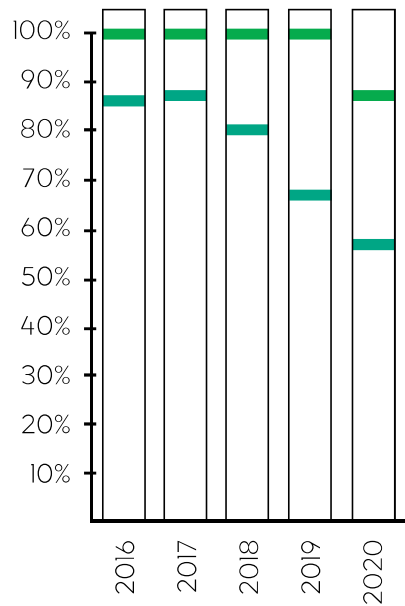


ACHIEVEMENTS



ITC PASS RATE
NATIONAL AVERAGE



APC PASS RATE
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ITC TOP ACHIEVERS

Joanna Taylor

(2019 eighth place ITC)

Chris Powels

(2019 ninth place ITC)

Rob Anderson

(2018 fourth place ITC)

Kate Stephens

(2017 third place ITC)

Greg Rowan

(2017 tenth place ITC)

Rainer Steinhagen

(2016 sixth place ITC)

APC TOP ACHIEVERS

Rob Anderson

(2020 APC honours roll)

Greg Rowan

(2019 APC honours roll)

Mark Champion

(2019 APC honours roll)

Nicki Berrange

(2018 APC honours roll)



Rob Anderson

HEAR FROM OUR TOP ACHIEVER

HOW DID YOU GO ABOUT PREPARING FOR THE APC EXAM?

First things first, I had to choose my study group and select one of the board courses (either UCT or APT). I was very fortunate to be part of a strong, successful group, as evidenced by our 100% pass rate in the final APC exam. In choosing your study group, I strongly believe that the work ethic, attitude and reliability of your peers are far more important than which training office a person works for. Following those decisions, I made an effort to stay up to date with the board course lectures and tasks, however, it wasn't always possible given the demands of work and life. I used each 'mock' assessment as a learning opportunity and tried not to focus too much on my result, but rather on the feedback I received and identifying where I could improve for the next assessment in my preparation and on the day. It is worth noting that I never achieved 'High Competence' for any of the mock assessments, hence my final mark was a result of applying all the learnings I had obtained throughout the APC journey.

HOW DID NEDBANK SUPPORT YOU LEADING UP TO THE APC EXAM?

The Nedbank CA Training Programme organised group training sessions with Atcor to specifically cover auditing and APC exam technique skills with us. In addition, Nedbank gave us 15 days of study leave over the course of the year for the board course and final APC exam (approximately five days per exam). Finally, the third-year trainees (who had all just passed the APC) provided invaluable advice on what to expect and how to approach the exam. Nedbank also paid for our board courses and the final exam – so thank you Nedbank!

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS YOUR DIFFERENTIATING FACTOR?

Strong preparation and the ability to adapt to and apply new information on the day is the key to success in the APC. While I was fortunate to belong to a very strong group that prepared well, I always ensured that I understood an issue at its most basic level before considering how the issue could evolve on the day into what we would call 'what if' scenarios. It's critically important to get the basics right to be assessed as 'Competent', and once you have bedded those down in your response, you can look to include the insights that demonstrate levels of 'High Competence'.