

Postgraduate Diploma in Corporate Governance **The Independent Institute of Education (The IIE)**

The IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Corporate Governance (PGDip (Corporate Governance)) is designed to enable understanding, implementation and interpretation of the critical role of corporate governance in business sustainability and economic growth. This is especially relevant because the relationships between corporations, their stakeholders and the societies in which they function are complex and ever changing. This is the case across the public and private sectors. There is a strong focus on internal corporate governance and internal corporate governance mechanisms, as these mechanisms are used by shareholders to mitigate the conflict between managers and shareholders such that firm value is maximized.

This programme is academically rigorous and enables students to gain the appropriate knowledge and analytical skills than can be applied in a variety of organisational settings, including the corporate, governmental and non-profit sectors. The programme enables those seeking either entry or profession in their career to extend their skills and knowledge base to better comprehend, critically evaluate and interpret the workings of doing business in Africa and internationally.

What is this Postgraduate Diploma’s accreditation status?

The IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Corporate Governance (PGDip (Corporate Governance)) is accredited by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) and is registered by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) as a 120-credit qualification on level 8 (SAQA ID: 101974).

Who is the Postgraduate Diploma aimed at?

This qualification focuses on both policy and strategic challenges, for senior managers working with boards or dealing with governance issues and directors within private and government entities. Ultimately the degree focuses on enhancing and equipping students with skills in practicing corporate governance in public and private sectors.

What entry requirements will I need to study this Postgraduate Diploma?

To be registered you must have satisfied the admission requirements as set out below:

Minimum Admission Requirements		Notes
An appropriate HEQSF Level 7 Bachelor’s degree		
International	A SAQA Evaluation Certificate with NQF L7 equivalence in an appropriate field	

Students who do not meet the admission requirements may be eligible for admission via alternate means such as RPL. Please enquire at the campus for assistance.

Please note, requirements for entry to this qualification are correct at the time of printing, however, these may change.

How is this PGDip (Corporate Governance) structured at The IIE MSA?

There are 8 Modules of 15 credits each for the PGDip (Corporate Governance). Each module is offered over a period of 10 weeks with five contact sessions which are scheduled for every second Saturday. Contact session dates will be availed to students upon registration. This is followed by further continuous study and assignment submissions via the Learning Management System (LMS). On campus contact sessions are further supported by structured group discussions through Skype/Zoom etc. between classes. The teaching model centres on contact with students and extended contact sessions that run parallel to a student's self-directed studies with a practical focus, using case studies and business simulations as well as discussion within syndicate groups. We accommodate shifting dynamics within the environment in our curriculum to be contextual relevant.

Please note that in line with academic practice, The IIE's curriculum is reviewed annually thus changes may occur in module structure and sequence in order to ensure that the qualification remains relevant. The exit level outcomes of the programme do not change. Registered students receive an updated programme curriculum on an annual basis.

What about timetables?

The IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Corporate Governance can be completed in 2-years full-time or 3-years part-time. The academic year runs from February to November.

As far as possible timetabling is designed to accommodate student needs, but timetables remain subject to change throughout the year. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee that timetable structures will remain the same during the course of your studies. Class attendance is compulsory.

Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

It is expected that students complete case studies and projects to apply learning into practice and various assignments.

What must I pass in order to graduate with this Postgraduate Diploma?

In order to be awarded this qualification, you must have achieved a minimum final year mark of fifty percent (50%) for each module of the programme; and have met all the Work Integrated Learning requirements, where applicable.

How long do I have to complete this qualification?

Students have a maximum of 3 years to complete this qualification.

With what qualification will I graduate?

You will graduate with The IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Corporate Governance (SAQA ID: 101974).

Career opportunities: what career areas can I pursue once I have completed this qualification?

This degree is an enhancement to any field in business and any role in organisational leadership, particularly at senior management and board director level. Specific prospects in Corporate Governance as a field include:

- Corporate Governance Manager
- Legal and Compliance Manager
- Corporate Governance Consultant
- Company Secretary
- Risk Advisor
- Internal Control

Would it be possible to study further and obtain a postgraduate qualification once I have completed The IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Corporate Governance degree?

The qualification is a learning pathway for working professionals in possession of any bachelor degree or equivalent qualification registered on level 7 on the National Qualifications Framework. It presents opportunities for learners aspiring to elevate their portfolio of governance responsibility in their places of work and opportunities for those who would like to transition from one discipline (especially those that are technical) to another (especially those that are managerial). Learners who successfully complete the qualification are eligible for acceptance in the Master of International Business offered on this campus, or similar level 9 qualifications.

It is important to remember that your academic results remain a key factor when applying for further studies.

Call the IIE MSA campus to discuss your career options with one of the following:

- Student Advisers: +27 11 950 4009, [Email: enquiries@iiemsas.co.za](mailto:enquiries@iiemsas.co.za) or

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British Accreditation Council

The IIE is not only accredited in South Africa but its dedication to providing quality education also led to it being accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC) in 2014. The British Accreditation Council is an independent authority in the United Kingdom that accredits private providers globally, including Greece, Switzerland, Singapore, India, Mauritius and the United Arab Emirates. In 2017 The IIE had its accreditation status confirmed by the BAC as an Independent Higher Education Institution confirming our confidence in the international comparability of our standards.



“South African students need to know, when they select a private higher education institution, that the standards offered are equivalent to those of a public University. Our students get this from our extensive local accreditation and registration. The students also benefit from knowing that we meet international standards too. The IIE is accredited as an Independent Higher Education Institution by the British Accreditation Council. Locally and internationally we have demonstrated the quality of what we offer,” said Dr Coughlan, Director, The Independent Institute of Education.

IIE MSA students can be confident that their IIE learning experience meets international best practice standards.