



ASISA Academy Newsflash – September 2020

Given the extraordinary challenges that the Covid-19 epidemic continues to present us with, achieving goals in 2020 seems to require more than the usual perseverance and self-discipline. We would therefore like to recognise the perseverance displayed by 14 of the interns currently on the ASISA Academy's [IFA Internship](#) who have written their RE5 exams.

Not only did the 2020 IFA interns have to adapt to remote working environments less than a month into their internships, but they were also expected to study for their RE5 exams. These exams test candidates' knowledge of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services (FAIS) Act and the Financial Intelligence Centre Act (FICA). The RE5 certificate together with the experience gained on the IFA internship provide interns with a strong foundation on which to build should they wish to pursue the board exams that qualify them to become fully-fledged advisors.

We would like to acknowledge the following IFA interns who recently received their RE5 certificates:



Top left: Emmanuel Muhumuza, Shashika Singh, Ngimphiwe Mchunu, Phindile Klaas, Petronella Mothamaha, Emile Leyane and Asiphe Matyumza



Top left: Justin Alexander, Malefeela Khatlisi, Siyanda Rixana, Agreement Mphakane, Sharon Hlagala, Sipho Nxuthu and Thembelihle Mtshali

Investment Sprints

The ASISA Academy [Investment Sprints](#) series continues to grow in popularity. Since April we have reached more than 140 delegates with these engaging 2-hour online workshops. During September, five of the Investment Sprints were delivered as bespoke workshops for Sanlam's Chartered Accountant Trainee programme, while four workshops were attended by delegates from a number of ASISA member companies.

We presented the following in-house Sprints to the Sanlam CA trainees:

- Introduction to the South African savings and investment sector
- The investments governance landscape
- Fundamentals of retirement funds and life insurance
- Investment management ethics
- Responsible investing

Upcoming Investment Sprints open to all members can be viewed [here](#). Should your company require a set of Sprints exclusively for your team, do contact us at Learn@asisaacademy.org.za.

Retirement Fund Trustee Education (RFTE)

Despite the challenges of the past six months, we were able to reach 120 retirement fund trustees with our online [RFTE workshops](#). In total, some 300 trustees participated in our educational workshops this year alone. In September we engaged with delegates from the following:

- Federation of Unions of SA (Fedusa)
- Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) Provident Fund
- Political Office-Bearers Pension Fund

On 23 October, we will be launching our newest online Trustee Education workshop which will focus on [Infrastructure Investing](#). This will be a half-day workshop running from 9h00 to 12h30. Please [email](#) us if you are interested in enrolling in this workshop.

UCT Claims Assessors' Short Course

The 22 delegates attending the ASISA Academy powered UCT Life Insurance [Claims Assessors' Short Course](#) have just over a month to go before they write their final exams on 11 November. For the past three months, these delegates have been joining programme champion Phumla Motsa and her line-up of expert presenters every Wednesday. The course aims to equip claims assessors with certification and skills in the complex field of assessing long-term insurance claims.

Upcoming courses

There are two more opportunities this year to participate in our popular [UCT Collective Investment Schemes \(CIS\)](#) Short Course, scheduled for 13 to 29 October and again for 10 to 26 November. There are limited spaces left for both courses.

The [Consumer Financial Education \(CFE\) Practitioner Blitzcamp](#) has been scheduled for the mornings of 8, 15 and 22 October 2020. We are able to accommodate a few more delegates.

In closing

We invite you to [contact us](#) to discuss how we can support your learning requirements. As always, we also welcome suggestions and proposals.

Please visit our new [website](#) for more information and like our [Facebook page](#) for regular updates. We also invite you to interact with us on [LinkedIn](#).

Best wishes
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