
To	Academic Approvals Committee	From	APM Post Graduate Applied Business Liz Rainsbury
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Notification

That the Academic Approvals Committee receive notification of the late change to the Master of Professional Accounting programme.

The late change to the Master of Professional Accounting has been to provide an Internship course in the last semester of the programme. The initial programme proposal was to allow students to get some work experience in the course ACTY9045 Research Project. After considering the AAC readers question about the oversight and supervision of students work experience and graduate feedback that the current MAP(PA) programme needed more practical skills and internships, it was decided to create a separate internship course. It was considered that this would also give a unique difference from other MPA's offered in New Zealand and improve the appeal of the programme.

This change has resulted in the course ACTY8109 Business Finance being replaced with an ACTY8109 Internship course. The business finance content has been reduced, but still meets minimum professional accounting body accreditation requirements, and incorporated into ACTY8107 and renamed Business Finance and Economics. The Business Environment content in ACTY8107 is now included in ACTY8108 Business Law and Business Environment. Table 1 summaries the changes while Tables 2 and 3 show the full programme structures before and after the changes.

Table 1: MPA Programme Structure Changes

	Before		NOWe
ACTY8107	Economics and the Business Environment	ACTY8107	Business Finance and Economics
ACTY8108	Business Law	ACTY8108	Business Law and the Business Environment
ACTY8109	Business Finance	ACTY8109	Internship

Table 2: MPA Programme Structure BEFORE

CODE	TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	SEM 1	SEM 2	SEM 3
ACTY8101	Financial Accounting	8	15	✓		
ACTY8102	Advanced Financial Accounting	8	15		✓	
ACTY8103	Strategic Management Accounting	8	15	✓		
ACTY8104	Taxation	8	15		✓	
ACTY8105	Audit and Assurance	8	15		✓	
ACTY8106	Accounting Information Systems	8	15	✓		
ACTY8107	Economics and the Business Environment	8	15		✓	
ACTY8108	Business Law	8	15			✓
ACTY8109	Business Finance	8	15	✓		
ACTY9045	Research Project	9	45			✓

Table 3: MPA Programme Structure NOW

CODE	TITLE	LEVEL	CREDITS	SEM 1	SEM 2	SEM 3
ACTY8101	Financial Accounting	8	15	✓		
ACTY8102	Advanced Financial Accounting	8	15		✓	
ACTY8103	Strategic Management Accounting	8	15	✓		
ACTY8104	Taxation	8	15		✓	
ACTY8105	Audit and Assurance	8	15		✓	
ACTY8106	Accounting Information Systems	8	15	✓		
ACTY8107	Business Finance and Economics	8	15		✓	
ACTY8108	Business Law and the Business Environment	8	15	✓		
ACTY8109	Internship	8	15			✓
ACTY9045	Research Project	9	45			✓