

## EXAMINATION CANDIDATES WORKSHOP 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATES

#### 1.0 Development of Examination Scheme (Syllabi, Learning Materials and Examination and Training By-laws)

##### 1.1 Syllabi

The review of the NBAA ATEC and Professional Syllabi has been completed. The exercise started in December 2022 where questionnaires were circulated to different Stakeholders (Tuition Providers, Higher Learning Institutions, Employers, Auditing Firms, Ministries, Prominent Individuals and Regulatory Bodies. We received a good number of responses that enabled the Board to come up with the Revised Syllabi. Most of the Stakeholders were satisfied with the current Syllabi Structure. Therefore, the major work in the review process lied on updating the syllabi outlines. The assignment of reviewing the Syllabi outlines was undertaken by subject specialists and then subjected for moderation process. In this case the work of reviewing the Syllabi outlines has been completed from 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The Table below shows in a nutshell on what was done regarding the review of the Syllabi outlines.

EXAMINATION LEVEL	GENERAL OVERVIEW
Accounting Technician Level I & II (T01 – T08)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The names of all eight subjects have been maintained.</li><li>- Action verbs have been improved in all subjects</li><li>- There some minor amendments in some of the topics/sub topics</li></ul>
Foundation Level (A1 – A6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Some topics have been dropped and new topics introduced in A3 Accounting subject</li><li>- Some topics on Auditing have been introduced in A3 subject to impart auditing skills to the candidates at Foundation Level. The name of the subject has been maintained as ‘A3 Accounting’ as the topics on Auditing do not carry similar weight as Accounting topics.</li><li>- New topics on Taxation have been added in A6 Economics subject to impart knowledge on Economics to the candidates at the Foundation Level. The name of the subject has been maintained as ‘A6 Economics’ as the topics on Taxation do not carry similar weight as Economics topics.</li><li>- Other subjects in the Foundation Level (A1, A2, A4 and A4) have been maintained with some improvements in the topics and action verbs.</li></ul>
Intermediate Level (B1 – B6)	<p>In all subjects: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Naming of the subjects have been maintained</li><li>- There were improvements in the topic contents</li><li>- Learning outcomes have been improved</li><li>- Some new topics have been added while redundant topics deleted</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action verbs have been improved</li> </ul>
Final Level (C1 – C4)	<p>In all subjects: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Naming of the subjects has been maintained except in C3. It has been proposed to be renamed as Multinational Finance instead of Corporate Finance</li> <li>- There were improvements in the topic contents</li> <li>- Learning outcomes have been improved</li> <li>- Some new topics have been added while redundant topics deleted</li> <li>- Action verbs have been improved</li> </ul>

### **1.2 The Review of the NBAA Learning Materials**

The review of the NBAA Learning Materials followed immediately after the completion of the review of the Subject outlines. The work started on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and it is now at the final stage. The major work has already been accomplished and now the remained work is on editing and formatting.

### **1.3 The Review of the Education and Training By-laws**

After the approval of the new NBAA ACT (2021) it was followed by the review of the By-laws including those of Education and Training. The process of reviewing the By-laws has been completed awaiting to be gazetted. The new Education and Training By-laws are expected to come up with some changes including the period/duration for sitting NBAA examinations among others.

### **1.4 The Effective Date**

The Revised Syllabi together with the Learning Materials will be launched in December 2023 and put into use from January 2024. They shall be tested with effective from November 2024 examination session.

## **2.0 The Review of Examination Fees**

Due to the increasing costs of running the Board's examinations the Board is expecting to review its examination fees. The revised rates shall be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024. However, the Board shall continue to maintain reasonable and affordable fee rates.

## **3.0 New examination centre at Singida**

Candidates are informed that the Board opened a new Examination Center in Singida with effective from May 2023 examination session. This makes a total of 11 upcountry Examination Centers.

## **4.0 Guide to the Examination Candidates**

Examination Candidates are urged to:-

**4.1 Visit NBAA website and individual accounts regularly:** NBAA website has remained as a major platform of communication. Candidates are advised to visit the website regularly in order to see the updates on various announcements, updates on new standards and legislations, examination timetables and other important issues.

**4.2 Review classes as required:** Candidates are reminded to ensure that they attend review classes in order to improve their performance in the Board's examinations.

**4.3 Counting of examination sessions:** From November 2022 examination session the Board has

started to use the duration of three years for a candidate to complete his/her examination level. In this case the counting of session has now ceased. Candidates are given a period of three years or 36 months to complete an examination level.

**xxx**