

From trainee to citizen - enter Saica's Trainee Trailblazer competition today

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Are you a Saica trainee with a passion for citizenship or do you know a Saica trainee who is? Don't underestimate yourself, your achievements or your desire to change the world. If you're making a real difference in society, you have what it takes to be the first Saica Trainee Trailblazer.



The poster features a central image of a young Black man with short curly hair, wearing a patterned shirt and a dark vest, looking directly at the camera. The background is a dark purple with abstract geometric shapes. Text elements include:

- TRAINEE** (small, white, uppercase)
- TRAILBLAZER** (large, light blue, uppercase, split across two lines)
- FROM CA TO CITIZEN** (red, uppercase, with 'CA' and 'TO' in smaller font)
- ENTER NOW!** (white, uppercase, inside a red rectangular box)
- SAICA** (large, white, uppercase)
- THE SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS** (small, white, uppercase)
- develop. influence. lead.** (small, white, lowercase)

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Saica's new Trainee Trailblazer Competition is an initiative that recognises and rewards aspiring chartered accountants [CAs(SA)] and Associate General Accountants [AGAs(SA)] who are trailblazing their way to making a real and tangible impact on society.

"As future members or associates of Saica, trainees are expected to become responsible leaders who behave ethically and create sustainable value for a wide range of stakeholders. This acumen is known as 'citizenship' and it recognises that individuals and organisations have a responsibility to the communities in which they function as Personal, Business, Professional and Global Citizens," explains Tonia Jackson, Saica Project Director: Training.

With a focus on Citizenship, the 2020 Trainee Trailblazer Competition will showcase, encourage and share how trainees have stepped up and contributed, in this challenging year, to the lives of their peers, families, friends, communities and training offices." continues Jackson.

How do trainees enter?

The Trainee Trailblazer competition is open to all trainees who are currently completing a training contract at a Saica-accredited training office.

To enter, trainees need to visit <https://ca2025.co.za/ca2025/trainee-trailblazer>, submit a video that is between 30 seconds and 2 minutes long summarising their contribution, together with a brief biography.

Once entries close, Saica will notify the top 20 selected trainees who will be required to prepare and submit a longer five-minute video summarizing their contribution in more detail. These videos will be judged by a panel of Citizenship role models, who will select the Top 5 candidates. These individuals will then be invited to deliver a 20-minute presentation detailing their citizenship contribution at the online Trainee Trailblazer awards ceremony on 29 October 2020 where they will compete for the coveted title of Trainee Trailblazer 2020, a cash prize, money towards a community project/charity of their choice; money towards training in a skill/acumen relevant to CA2025; a one-on-one mentorship session with a member of the selection panel and much more.

Entries for the 2020 Trainee Trailblazer Competition are now open and close on 4 September 2020.

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