KASNEB

GENERAL GUIDELINES ON EXEMPTIONS FOR QUALIFYING DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS UNDER THE REVISED SYLLABUSES (UPDATED 30 JULY 2015)

Introduction

The KASNEB policy on exemptions provides that exemptions will be granted on a paper by paper basis. In addition, applicants for exemptions will be required to demonstrate that they have covered to a sufficient degree the content of the papers in which they seek exemptions in their respective qualifications.

A comprehensive policy on exemptions under the revised examination syllabuses is in the process of development and will incorporate the various qualifications offered by recognised institutions in Kenya and outside Kenya. The institutions of higher learning have been requested to submit their curricular to facilitate the development of the comprehensive exemption policy.

The following qualifications have so far been analysed and considered for grant of exemptions as analysed below. Students with the underlisted qualifications are however advised that the exemptions will not be automatic and each application will be considered on its own merit based on specific units covered. Students are also advised that coverage of introductory papers only, for instance in Financial Accounting, will not be considered for exemption purposes. In addition, in economics, for instance, candidates will be required to have covered both micro-economics and macro-economics, ideally as two distinct papers before consideration for exemption in the Economics paper.

QUALIFICATION	EXEMPTIONS				
	СРА	cs	СІСТ	CIFA	ССР
(i) Bachelor of Commerce/ Business Management (Accounting option)	 Section 1: Financial Accounting Commercial Law Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: Economics Management Accounting Section 3: Company Law (Note: Elective in Daystar University) Financial Management Nb: Exemptions in the Public Finance and Taxation paper will only be considered if an applicant has covered an equivalent paper or a paper with a bias in taxation. (ii) Graduates with a minor in Information Technology, as indicated on the degree certificate, will also be exempted in the Management Information Systems paper. 	Section 1: • Organisational Behaviour • Commercial Law • Business Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting Section 3: • Company Law (Note: Elective in Daystar University) • Financial Management Nb: (i) Exemptions in the Public Finance and Taxation paper will only be considered if an applicant has covered an equivalent paper or a paper with a bias in taxation.	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Financial Accounting • Financial Mathematics • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics • Financial Institutions and Markets Section 3: • Corporate Finance Nb: Exemptions in the Public Finance and Taxation paper will only be considered if an applicant has covered an equivalent paper or a paper with a bias in taxation.	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting Section 3: • Company Law (Note: <i>Elective in</i> Daystar University) • Financial Management Nb: (i) Exemptions in the Public Finance and Taxation paper will only be considered if an applicant has covered an equivalent paper or a paper with a bias in taxation.

I. EXEMPTIONS FOR VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF DEGREES

		 (ii) Graduates with a minor in Information Technology, as indicated on the degree certificate, will also be exempted in the Management Information Systems paper. 			(ii) Graduates with a minor in Information Technology, as indicated on the degree certificate , will also be exempted in the Management Information Systems paper
(ii) Bachelor of Commerce/ Business Management (Finance Option and Micro-Finance Option)	 Section 1: Financial Accounting Commercial Law Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: Economics Management Accounting Section 3: Company Law (excluding Micro-Finance option, and Elective in Daystar University) Financial Management Nb: Exemptions in the Public Finance and Taxation paper will only be considered if an applicant has covered an equivalent paper or a paper with a bias in taxation. (ii) Graduates with a minor in Information Technology, as indicated on the degree certificate, will also be exempted in the Management Information Systems paper. 	 Section 1: Organisational Behaviour Commercial Law Business Communication Section 2: Economics Principles of Accounting Section 3: Company Law (excluding Micro-Finance option and <i>Elective in</i> <i>Daystar</i> <i>University</i>) Financial Management Nb: Exemptions in the Public Finance and Taxation paper will only be considered if an applicant has covered an equivalent paper or a paper with a bias in taxation. (ii) Graduates with a minor in Information Technology, as indicated on the degree certificate, will also be exempted in the Management Information Systems paper. 	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Financial Accounting • Financial Mathematics • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics • Financial Institutions and Markets Section 3: • Corporate Finance Nb: Exemptions in the Public Finance and Taxation paper will only be considered if an applicant has covered an equivalent paper or a paper with a bias in taxation	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting Section 3: • Company Law (excluding Micro-Finance option, <i>Elective</i> <i>in Daystar</i> <i>University</i>) • Financial Management Nb: (i) Exemptions in the Public Finance and Taxation paper will only be considered if an applicant has covered an equivalent paper or a paper with a bias in taxation. (ii) Graduates with a minor in Information Technology, as indicated on the degree certificate, will also be exempted in the Management Information Systems paper
(iii) Bachelor of Economics and Finance	Section 1: • Financial Accounting • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics Section 3: • Company Law (only in selected cases where paper covered) • Financial Management	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Business Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting Section 3: • Company Law (only in selected cases where paper covered) • Financial Management	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Principles of Accounting	 Section 1: Financial Accounting Financial Mathematics Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: Economics Section 3: Corporate Finance 	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting Section 3: • Company Law (only in selected cases where paper covered) • Financial Management

(iv) Bachelor of Financial Economics	 Section 1: Financial Accounting Commercial Law Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: Economics Section 4: Quantitative Analysis 	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Business Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Financial Accounting • Financial Mathematics • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics Section 4: • Quantitative Analysis	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting Section 4: • Quantitative Analysis
(v)Bachelor of Science (International Business Administration) – Finance Concentration/ Major	 Section 1: Financial Accounting Commercial Law Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: Economics Section 3: Financial Management 	Section 1: • Organisational Behaviour • Commercial Law • Business Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting Section 3: • Financial Management	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication	Section 1: • Financial Accounting • Financial Mathematics • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics • Financial Institutions and Markets Section 3: • Corporate Finance	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting Section 3: • Financial Management
(vi) Bachelor of Arts (Economics)	Section 1: • Financial Accounting • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics	Section 1: • Organisational Behaviour • Business Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Financial Accounting • Financial Mathematics • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting
(vii) Bachelor of Science in Economics and Statistics	 Section 1: Financial Accounting Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: Economics Section 4: Quantitative Analysis 	Section 1: • Business Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Financial Accounting • Financial Mathematics • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics Section 4: • Quantitative Analysis	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting Section 4: • Quantitative Analysis
(viii) Bachelor of Arts (General)	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication • Commercial Law (only in selected cases where paper covered)	Section 1: • Organisational Behaviour • Business Communication • Commercial Law (only in selected cases where paper covered)	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication • Commercial Law (only in selected cases where paper covered)
(ix) Bachelor of Education (Arts)	 Section 1: Financial Accounting Commercial Law Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: Economics 	Section 1: • Organisational Behaviour • Commercial Law • Business Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Financial Accounting • Financial Mathematics • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting

(x) Bachelor of Commerce (Actuarial Science)	 Section 1: Financial Accounting Commercial Law Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: Economics 	Section 1: • Organisational Behaviour • Commercial Law • Business Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Financial Accounting • Financial Mathematics • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting
(xi) Bachelor of Science (Actuarial Science) - JKUAT	 Section 1: Financial Accounting Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: Economics Section 4: Quantitative Analysis 	Section 1: • Business Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Financial Accounting • Financial Mathematics • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics Section 4: • Quantitative Analysis	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting Section 4: • Quantitative Analysis
(xii) Bachelor of Science (Management Science Option)	 Section 1: Financial Accounting Commercial Law Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: Economics Section 4: Quantitative Analysis 	Section 1: • Organisational Behaviour • Commercial Law • Business Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Financial Accounting • Financial Mathematics • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics Section 4: • Quantitative Analysis	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting Section 4: • Quantitative Analysis
(xiii) Bachelor of Purchasing and Supply Chain Management	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics * Financial Accounting - certain cases only upon further review of application	Section 1: • Organisational Behaviour • Commercial Law • Business Communication Section 2: • Economics * Principles of Accounting - certain cases only upon further review of application	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication * Principles of Accounting - certain cases only upon further review of application	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics * Financial Mathematics and Principles of Accounting - certain cases only upon further review of application	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics * Principles of Accounting- certain cases only upon further review of application
(xiv) Bachelor of Business Administration (Management Option)	Section 1: • Financial Accounting • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics	Section 1: • Organisational Behaviour • Commercial Law • Business Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting Section 3: • Principles and Practice of Management	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Financial Accounting • Financial Mathematics • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting

(xv) Bachelor Commerce (Marketing Option)	 Section 1: Financial Accounting Commercial Law Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: Economics 	Section 1: • Organisational Behaviour • Commercial Law • Business Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Financial Accounting • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics • Principles of Accounting Section 3: • Marketing and Public Relations
(xvi) Bachelor of Science in Mathematic s and Computer Science	 Section 1: Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 4: Management Information Systems Quantitative Analysis 	Section 1: • Business Communication Section 4: • Management Information Systems	Section 1: • Introduction to Computing • Entrepreneurship and Communication • Computer Mathematics Section 4: • Database Systems • Systems Analysis and Design	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication • Financial Mathematics Section 4: • Quantitative Analysis	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 4: • Management Information Systems • Quantitative Analysis
(xvii) Bachelor of Science in Mathematics	 Section 1: Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 4: Quantitative Analysis 	Section 1: • Business Communication	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication • Financial Mathematics Section 4: • Quantitative Analysis	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 4: • Quantitative Analysis
(xviii) Bachelor of Laws (LLB)	 Section 1: Financial Accounting Commercial Law Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 3: Company Law Nb: Advocates of the High Court of Kenya, or those who demonstrate sufficient coverage of Financial Accounting at degree level, will also be considered for exemption in the Financial Accounting paper. Applicants who have undertaken papers in micro and macro economics at degree level will also be considered for exemption in the Economics paper. 	 Section 1: Organisational Behaviour Commercial Law Business Communication Section 3: Company Law Nb: (i) Advocates of the High Court of Kenya, or those who demonstrate sufficient coverage of Financial Accounting at degree level, will also be considered for exemption in the Principles of Accounting paper. (ii) Applicants who have undertaken papers in micro and macro economics at degree level will also be considered for exemption in the Economics at degree level will also be 	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Nb: Advocates of the High Court of Kenya, or those who demonstrate sufficient coverage of Financial Accounting at degree level, will also be considered for exemption in the Principles of Accounting paper.	 Section 1: Entrepreneurship and Communication Nb: Advocates of the High Court of Kenya, or those who demonstrate sufficient coverage of Financial Accounting at degree level, will also be considered for exemption in the Financial Accounting paper. Applicants who have undertaken papers in micro and macro economics at degree level will also be considered for exemption in the Economics paper. 	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Economics Section 3: • Company Law Nb: (i) Advocates of the High Court of Kenya, or those who demonstrate sufficient coverage of Financial Accounting at degree level, will also be considered for exemption in the Principles of Accounting paper. (ii) Applicants who have undertaken papers in micro and macro economics at degree level will also be considered for exemption in the Economics paper.

Nb: Other degrees will be incorporated once the applications for exemptions are received from students, together with transcripts and other supporting evidence, and analysed.

II. Exemptions for various categories of Diploma qualifications offered by KNEC and KIM

Exemptions will be granted to holders of diplomas from the Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) and the Kenya Institute of Management (KIM). The exemptions specified below are **not automatic** and will be granted on a paper by paper basis based on review of each application. An applicant can only qualify for exemptions to a maximum of 50% of the six papers in Part I of the professional examinations (that is, three papers) awarded progressively from Section 1 to Section 2, as follows:

QUALIFICATION	EXEMPTIONS				
	СРА	CS	СІСТ	CIFA	ССР
(i) Diploma in Accountancy and Diploma in Banking and Finance	Section 1: • Financial Accounting • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Business Communication Section 2 • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Principles of Accounting	Section 1: • Financial Accounting • Entrepreneurship and Communication Nb: Consideration may be given for exemption in the Financial Mathematics paper if applicant has attempted an equivalent paper.	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication Section 2: • Principles of Accounting
 (ii) Diploma in Business Administration Diploma in Management - Purchasing and Supplies Diploma in Human Resources Management 	 Section 1: Commercial Law Entrepreneurship and Communication Nb: 	 Section 1: Commercial Law Business Communication Nb: Exemption in Organisational Behaviour may be considered where candidate has passed an equivalent paper. Alternatively, exemption in Principles of Accounting may be considered where the candidate has passed an introductory and subsequent paper in Accounting, such as Finance and Cost Accounting I and II. (maximum number of exemptions: 3 papers) 	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Nb: Exemption in Principles of Accounting may be considered where the candidate has passed an introductory and subsequent paper in Accounting, such as Finance and Cost Accounting I and II.	Section 1: • Entrepreneurship and Communication Nb: Exemption in Financial Accounting may be considered where the candidate has passed an introductory and subsequent paper in Accounting, such as Finance and Cost Accounting I and II.	Section 1: • Commercial Law • Entrepreneurship and Communication Nb: Exemption in Principles of Accounting may be considered where the candidate has passed an introductory and subsequent paper in Accounting, such as Finance and Cost Accounting I and II.

III. Exemptions for KASNEB graduates wishing to sit for other examinations offered by KASNEB

(a) CPA graduates

(i) Exemptions in CS

- Commercial Law
- Business Communication
- Economics
- Principles of Accounting
- Public Finance and Taxation
- Company Law
- Financial Management
- Principles and Practice of Management
- Management Information Systems
 (Total: Nine papers).

(ii) Exemptions in CICT

- Introduction to Computing
- Entrepreneurship and Communication
- Principles of Accounting (Total: Three papers)

(iii) Exemptions in CIFA

- Financial Accounting
- Financial Mathematics
- Entrepreneurship and Communication
- Economics
- Public Finance and Taxation
- Corporate Finance
- Financial Statements Analysis
- Quantitative Analysis
 - (Total: Eight papers)

- Commercial Law
- Entrepreneurship and Communication
- Economics
- Principles of Accounting
- Public Finance and Taxation
- Company Law
- Financial Management
- Management Information Systems
- Quantitative Analysis (Nine papers)

(b) CPS graduates

- (i) Exemptions in CPA
 - Financial Accounting
 - Commercial Law
 - Entrepreneurship and Communication
 - Economics
 - Public Finance and Taxation
 - Company Law
 - Financial Management
 - Management Information Systems
 - Strategy, Governance and Ethics (Total: Nine papers).

(ii) Exemptions in CICT

- Introduction to Computing
- Entrepreneurship and Communication
- Principles of Accounting
- Strategy, Governance and Ethics (Total: Four papers)

(iii) Exemptions in CIFA

- Financial Accounting
- Entrepreneurship and Communication
- Economics
- Public Finance and Taxation
- Regulation of Financial Markets
- Corporate Finance
- Strategy, Governance and Ethics (Total: Seven papers)

- Commercial Law
- Entrepreneurship and Communication
- Economics
- Principles of Accounting
- Public Finance and Taxation
- Company Law
- Financial Management
- Management Information Systems
- Strategy, Governance and Ethics (Total: Nine papers)

(c) CICT graduates

- (i) Exemptions in CPA
 - Financial Accounting
 - Entrepreneurship and Communication
 - Management Information Systems (Total: Three papers).

(ii) Exemptions in CS

- Business Communication
- Principles of Accounting
- Principles and Practice of Management (Total: Four papers)

(iii) Exemptions in CIFA

- Financial Accounting
- Entrepreneurship and Communication
 (Total: Two papers)

- Entrepreneurship and Communication
- Principles of Accounting
- Management Information Systems
 (Total: Three papers)

(d) CSIA graduates

- (i) Exemptions in CPA
 - Financial Accounting
 - Entrepreneurship and Communication
 - Economics
 - Public Finance and Taxation
 - Financial Management
 - Management Information Systems
 - Quantitative Analysis
 - Advanced Financial Management
 (Total: Eight papers).

(ii) Exemptions in CS

- Business Communication
- Economics
- Principles of Accounting
- Public Finance and Taxation
- Financial Management
- Principles and Practice of Management
- Management Information Systems
- Financial Markets Law (Total: Eight papers)

(iii) Exemptions in CICT

- Introduction to Computing
- Entrepreneurship and Communication
- Principles of Accounting (Total: Three papers)
- Exampliance in CCD

- Entrepreneurship and Communication
- Economics
- Principles of Accounting
- Public Finance and Taxation
- Financial Management
- Management Information Systems
- Quantitative Analysis
 (Total: Seven papers)

(e) CCP graduates

(i) Exemptions in CPA

- Financial Accounting
- Commercial Law
- Entrepreneurship and Communication
- Economics
- Public Finance and Taxation
- Company Law
- Financial Management
- Management Information Systems
- Quantitative Analysis
 - (Total: Nine papers)

(ii) Exemptions in CS

- Commercial Law
- Business Communication
- Economics
- Principles of Accounting
- Public Finance and Taxation
- Company Law
- Financial Management
- Principles and Practice of Management
- Management Information Systems (Total: Nine papers)

(iii) Exemptions in CICT

- Introduction to Computing
- Entrepreneurship and Communication
- Principles of Accounting (Total: Three papers)

(iv) Exemptions in CIFA

- Financial Accounting
- Entrepreneurship and Communication
- Economics
- Public Finance and Taxation
- Corporate Finance
 (Total: Six papers)

NB: For technician graduates, please refer to the brochure with the guide to examinations.