

# CPA Australia has new tech-focused courses for S'pore professionals

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## Singapore

PROFESSIONAL accounting body CPA Australia has launched two new technology-focused training programmes in Singapore for accounting and finance professionals to stay competitive, as more businesses undergo digital transformation.

Partnering the Singapore Management University, CPA Australia will offer a Graduate Certificate in Digital Finance targeted at C-suites and mid-level management.

The programme – Finance Game Changer Series – consists of six modules over two years focusing on the new wave of technologies and how businesses can harness them. Singaporeans and permanent residents are entitled to SkillsFuture funding for this course.

The second initiative is a training programme called Digital in Finance, launched in partnership with NTUC and the Employment and Employability Institute (e2i).

The programme comprises 20 courses that will span evolving areas in key accounting standards, taxation, business valuation and lean finance. The courses will also provide knowledge and application of new technologies such as data analytics, data forensics and design thinking.

It is aimed at professionals progressing from junior-mid level positions to management roles. Over 40 per cent of the course fees will be subsidised for Singaporeans and permanent residents.

In his keynote speech at the event, Senior Minister of State for Transport,

and for Communications and Information Janil Puthuchery, who was guest of honour, spoke of a bright outlook for Singapore's accountancy sector.

The "overall shift in our global economic centre of gravity, moving towards a growing Asia" would bolster the growth of professional services such as accountancy in the region, according to Dr Janil.

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Furthermore, the need for, and the increasing complexity of, financial regulations to foster macroeconomic stability would also ensure demand for accountancy, he said.

Finally, he also noted an increasing demand for new services in corporate governance, sustainability practices, compliance, risk management, and business valuation.