

10 fresh graduates to study CPA for free

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Audrey Nshabire receives a CPA starter book from the president of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda, Fredrick Kibedi in Kampala last week. Photo by Promise Twinamukye

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Twenty five-year-old Audrey Nshabire, a Bachelor's of Business Computing graduate at Makerere University Business School could not believe that she would get the scholarship she had applied for hesitantly. And she has had to bear five months of waiting in anxiety for the results from the application.

“I first saw fliers around university but did not pick interest thinking I would never stand a chance among the many people who may have applied. Weeks after my graduation in February, a friend sent me the newspaper advert. I decided to give it a try,” Nshabire said.

Informing her that she had been awarded the scholarship was a dream come true. “I wanted to pursue an accounting career but knew that it was expensive since I was told sitting for a paper is about Shs200,000, in addition to tuition. Luckily, this scholarship covers everything,” she said.

And just like that, Nshabire and nine others get to study at the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda for free.

ICPAU is the national regulator of professional accountants in Uganda. In partnership with Multitech Business School and MAT ABACUS Business School, ICPAU awarded the 10 fresh graduates, six of whom are female in Kampala last week.

Going forward

This year’s beneficiaries are the pioneers of the scholarships that will be given every year.

The institute intends to help fresh graduates from different public and private universities around Uganda undertake the CPA qualification in order to professionalise accountancy in Uganda.