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PRESS RELEASE

ZICA INTRODUCES E-CERTIFICATES TO ENHANCE MEMBERSHIP COMPLIANCE AND VERIFICATION

LUSAKA, Zambia – 16th July 2025 – The Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants (ZICA) is pleased to announce the launch of its new **Electronic Membership Certificates (E-Certificates)**, a significant milestone in the Institute’s ongoing digital transformation agenda.

As per the Accountants Act of 2008, ZICA is mandated to regulate the practice of accountancy as one of its roles. This Act further prescribes that anyone who wishes to take up employment or offer services as an accountant, auditor, tax consultant or any such like term must register with the Institute.

The introduction of E-Certificates is part of our commitment to improve operational efficiency and enhance service delivery to our members and stakeholders. The key objectives of this initiative are:

- **To drive membership compliance** by ensuring that only paid-up members are issued with valid annual membership certificates.
- **To provide external stakeholders**—including employers, regulators, and the general public with a **simplified and secure way to verify the membership status** of ZICA professionals.

Each E-Certificate will feature a unique QR code that links directly to the Institute’s verification portal, allowing stakeholders to confirm the authenticity and validity of the member’s certificate in real-time.

This innovation reinforces ZICA’s commitment to promoting professional integrity, transparency, and accountability within the accountancy profession in Zambia.

We encourage all stakeholders to utilize the verification feature when engaging professionals who claim to be members of the Institute. **The Institute will stop issuing physical certificates on 30th September, 2025.** For more information on how to verify a member’s status or access E-Certificates, please visit our website at www.zica.co.zm.

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ABOUT ZiCA

The Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants (ZICA) is a self-regulated membership body whose mandate is to promote the accountancy profession through regulation of the accountancy education and practice in Zambia. The Institute is a member of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), Pan African Federation of Accountants (PAFA) and Chartered Accountants Worldwide.

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