

TAS Celebrates the launch of the EdgeOnline Version 2.0

1. Introduction

The EdgeOnline system is a user-friendly documentation system which can be used for all the required documentation for Trainee Accountants in the various ICAZ accredited training offices. The system was accredited by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Zimbabwe (ICAZ), early this year and there are 19 training offices currently registered on the system.

2. Basic Functionalities

EdgeOnline was developed by a team that works with ICAZ and its training offices. Basic functionalities in EdgeOnline include:

- Documentation of Technical Skills Review (TSR) and Professional Skills Review (PSR)
- Documentation of the Assessment Needs Analysis (ANA)
- Reports on progress for the different roles
- Highly secure information storage
- Alerts for complete records – for instance, when a TSR has been raised by a trainee, the system sends an email to the reviewer to notify them of the TSR

3. EdgeOnline Version 2.0

The system was initially developed in 2018. We made a commitment to continually develop the system and are living up to that commitment. As a result, there have been several improvements and developments done to the system to make it more user friendly. The numerous changes have been ushered into Edge version 2.0. This new version will be launched on Tuesday 17 November 2020 through a virtual demonstration of the system at 10am. To be a part of this exciting launch, contact Ropafadzo on ropa@tas.co.zw or 0242-335365-7 and you will be furnished with all the details you need for the launch, signing up onto Edge and any queries you may have.

The new features are:

- **Improved ANA Evidence Display**

We have improved the evidence structure for Trainee, Evaluator and Assessor profiles on ANA review. We have added more TSR and PSR details namely:

- ❖ Reviewer and Trainee comments.
- ❖ PSR/TSR list which shows the TSRs and PSRs included in a specific ANA.
- ❖ Rating Difference status.
- ❖ Web Address link to the PSR/TSR showing evidence in the ANA. If one clicks on the evidence rating shown in an ANA, they are taken directly to that specific PSR/TSR where the rating is extracted from.

- **Intelligent System Recommendation**

Edge Online is now smart enough to recommend a Development Plan for a trainee based on the performance of the trainee versus the expected training office ratings from the Generic training manual. The system automatically generates an assessment report.

- **Back to Trainee/Evaluator Function**

A Reviewer can now send back a PSR/TSR to trainee for a re-do before completion. An Assessor can also send back the ANA to Evaluator for correcting purposes before it is closed.

- **Improved Reporting Structure**

The Trainee, Reviewer, Evaluator, Assessor and Human Resources can now view the following:

- ❖ Trainee Progress report.
- ❖ Analysis Needs Report (Assessment of Needs).
- ❖ Timeline Report.

- **Knowledge Base**

There is a comprehensive knowledge base now available on our website

www.edgeonline.co.zw which includes the following:

- ❖ Articles
- ❖ Video tutorials
- ❖ How-to's instructions
- ❖ Answers to our clients' most frequently asked questions.

- **Dual Role Identification on ANA**

The system now automatically detects dual roles working on an ANA (i.e. same Assessor and Evaluator) and then automatically populates Assessor comments when working as Evaluator

We are very thankful to our users for feedback and for also trusting us with their training records. Thank you, Siyabonga, Tatenda.