



Getting started with ACCA

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What is ACCA?

What does it take to become a chief financial officer? How do you control a £100 billion balance sheet at a bank? If you want to know the answers, then the ACCA qualification is for you.

ACCA is an accountancy qualification ideal for those who would like a rewarding career in finance, or wish to become a Chartered Certified Accountant.

During the ACCA qualification, you will study a broad range of topics that will help your career, including:

- ✓ financial management
- ✓ corporate reporting
- ✓ taxation and audit
- ✓ leadership and ethics

The skills you pick up from these topics will help you progress in your chosen field and open up new career paths in the future.





Why study ACCA?

ACCA is a globally respected qualification, with 110 years experience as a leading professional accounting body.

The qualification is based on international accounting standards, so employers around the world know that an ACCA qualification indicates professional excellence.



Over **252,500** members and **526,000** students in **180** countries.*



93% of employers agree the ACCA Qualification provides relevant skills for their organisations.**



Newly qualified members earn up to **£42,500** plus benefits in the UK.***

Where can ACCA take you?

From fashion to football, accountancy is essential in all industries, meaning ACCA can lead to a wealth of opportunity in almost any sector. After all, the success of a business is dependent on sound financial management.

The ACCA qualification also opens up many career opportunities in external auditing, banking and corporate finance.

And because of its global reputation, an ACCA qualification is your passport to work around the world.

Top three career achievements, according to ACCA Members.*

1 Leading a finance team.



2 Working in a specialist finance role.



3 Broadening horizons by working internationally.



Can I study ACCA?

Whether you've just finished school, want to change career, or already hold a financial qualification, there are lots of ways to start ACCA. The three main entry routes are highlighted below.

ACCA Foundations

The Foundation qualifications are designed for those who want to start in financial accounting, but don't have any previous relevant qualifications.

Entry requirements

None.

Applied Knowledge/Applied Skills

The first step toward ACCA membership, the Applied Knowledge Level, introduces you to both financial and management accounting techniques. The Applied Skills Level will then build on these skills further.

Entry requirements

Two A-Levels and three GCSEs (or equivalent), including English and maths. If you have a relevant Accounting or Finance degree, you may be able to start at the Applied Skills Level.

Strategic Professional Level

The final stage of the ACCA Qualification. But if you have previous relevant qualifications, you could skip ahead and start here.

Entry requirements

Completed Applied Skills Level, or a relevant degree from an ACCA-accredited university.

Myths and misconceptions

Many believe that they don't have the right qualifications or skills to start studying accountancy.

But whilst it does help to be comfortable with maths, English, and using a computer, most accountants today use spreadsheets or accounting software to do a lot of the calculations and processes.

So you certainly don't need to be a maths or IT genius.



What will it cost me?

ACCA offers a cost effective route into a high-paying, stable profession – making it an great alternative to other qualifications.

Pay Monthly

£55

Pay Quarterly

£150

Save £15*

Pay Yearly

£530

Save £130*

*Savings based on total monthly cost for the same time period





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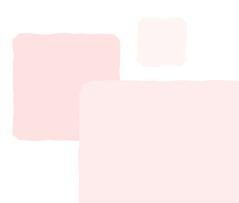
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ACCA

levels explained

To become a fully qualified Chartered Certified Accountant, you need to complete the three ACCA Levels previously mentioned – Applied Knowledge, Applied Skills, and Strategic Professional. Plus complete an Ethics and Professional Skills module and have 36 months of relevant work experience in an accountancy or finance role.

Applied Skills and Applied Knowledge

These two levels contain nine mandatory exams. The first three papers cover the Applied Knowledge section, with the remaining six covering Applied Skills. You can sit them in any order and once passed, you can move on to Strategic Professional.

What You Learn

A strong, broad, and practical knowledge of the world of finance. Topics include Law, Taxation, and Financial Reporting.

Time to Complete

24–30 months

Career Progression

Studying at this level gives you a wide range of job opportunities to choose from, such as a finance trainee, trainee business analyst and internal auditor.

Strategic Professional Level

Within this Level, there are two mandatory subjects – Strategic Business Leader and Strategic Business Reporting. You must then take an additional two specialist subjects from a choice of four.

What you Learn

At this level of the ACCA Qualification, you'll learn the dynamic skills and strategic vision that all great businesses and financial leaders need. It also gives you the opportunity to specialise in areas that best suit your career ambitions via the specialist subjects. When you are choosing your specialisms, think about which exams best reflect your strengths and which exams best reflect the experience you have gained or the career you want to have.

Time to Complete

12–18 months

Career Progression

With experience, your qualification could lead to very senior positions such as a financial manager, chief financial officer or a partner in a professional firm.



How do I progress?

On average, it takes most students three to five years to pass all the exams that make up the ACCA professional qualification.

You can sit most ACCA Applied Skills and Strategic Professional exams four times during the year – March, June, September,

and December. How you decide to use these sittings is completely up to you, but it means you need to plan your studies carefully. ACCA Applied Knowledge exams are on demand and can be sat at a time that suits you.

ACCA qualification structure

Applied Skills/Knowledge Level

Knowledge Module

Accountant in Business **(AB)**

Management Accounting **(MA)**

Financial Accounting **(FA)**

Applied Skills Module

Corporate and Business Law **(LW)**

Performance Management **(PM)**

Taxation **(TX)**

Financial Reporting **(FR)**

Audit and Assurance **(AA)**

Financial Management **(FM)**

Strategic Professional Level

Essentials Module

Strategic Business Leader **(SBL)**

Strategic Business Reporting **(SBR)**

Specialisms (choose two)

Advanced Financial Management **(AFM)**

Advanced Performance Management **(APM)**

Advanced Taxation **(ATX)**

Advanced Audit and Assurance **(AAA)**

Your ACCA checklist

We know that starting ACCA can be overwhelming, so we've put together a handy checklist below to guide you through the process from start to finish. **Follow these steps and you'll be qualified in no time!**

1

Choose your course

Make sure ACCA is right for you, and find out which level you should start with.

2

Choose your subscription

You can choose to pay for your course monthly, quarterly or yearly – whatever suits your budget.

3

Register with AAT

In addition to subscribing to Eagle, you also need to [register as an ACCA student](#) with the institute itself. Otherwise you can't take your exams!

4

Start studying

You should now have everything in place to be able to start your training, and schedule your first exam when you feel ready!

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