ACCOUNTANCY

Graduates entering this profession who want a recognised qualification should expect to study for professional examinations whilst working. There are different routes to becoming a qualified accountant. The four major routes to qualifying are:

Chartered Accountants (ACA) – many graduates train with a public practice accountancy firm but it is becoming more common to find training opportunities in both large organisations and public sector organisations. For further information, visit The Institute of Chartered Accountants: careers.icaew.com

Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) – can opt to work in any sector and have the opportunity to train and work in a wide variety of organisations from large, multinational companies to small, local businesses. For further information, visit The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants: accaglobal.com

Chartered Public Finance Accountant (CIPFA) – is responsible for ensuring the effective operation of accounting and financial activities within public sector organisations. Increasingly, members are also working in industry and private practice firms. For further information, visit: cipfa.org

Chartered Management Accountant (CIMA) – tend to work in all types and sizes of industrial, commercial, and public sector organisations. For further information, visit: cimaglobal.com


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WHAT SORT OF ACCOUNTANT DO YOU WANT TO BE?

There are a variety of areas of accountancy that you could pursue. Some of the main options include:

- Audit
- Tax Accounting
- Management Accounting
- Financial Accounting
- Forensic Accounting
- Government Accounting

Find out more about these and other possibilities here: brightnetwork.co.uk/career-path-guides/accounting-audit-tax/types-of-accountancy/

FURTHER INFORMATION AND VACANCY SOURCES

Accountancy Age
accountacyage.com

Accountancy Careers
accountancycareers.co.uk

Target Jobs
targetjobs.co.uk/career-sectors/accountancy-and-financial-management

All About Finance Careers
allaboutfinancecareers.co.uk

EMPLOYER TIP

Most careers across Financial Services will require you to undertake further study for professional qualifications. It’s always worth checking with those offering your qualification to see if you may be exempt from taking some modules thanks to your studies at university. This could reduce the amount of professional study required to achieve your professional goals quicker.
BANKING AND INVESTMENT

Find jobs in banking and investment in lots of different business areas. Research occupations using the Prospects website: prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/accountancy-banking-and-finance/

Roles include:
Retail Banking - financial services provided by high-street banks and building societies for individual customers and small businesses.

Investment Banking - covers the provision of specialised financial services and advice to industrial, commercial and government clients.

Private Banking - specialist banks offering banking, investments and financial services to high net-worth individuals.

INSURANCE, ACTUARIAL SERVICES AND PENSION ADMINISTRATION

Potential roles include: Insurance Broker, Insurance Claims Handler, Chartered Loss Adjuster, Insurance Underwriter, Actuarial Analyst, Pension Scheme Manager, Pensions Consultant, and lots more.

Research these roles using the Prospects website: prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/browse-sector

The insurance industry offers a massive range of global possibilities. For further information, visit The Chartered Insurance Institute cii.co.uk

Actuaries evaluate, manage and advise on financial risks. For more information, visit The Actuary theactuary.com

OTHER VACANCY SOURCES

Financial Careers
efinancialcareers.co.uk
CityJobs Recruitment Website
cityjobs.com
Bank of England Jobs Pages
bankofengland.co.uk/careers
The Finance Job
thefinancejob.com
Top Financial Jobs
topfinancialjobs.co.uk
Pension Careers
pensioncareers.co.uk
Insurance Jobs
insurancejobs.co.uk

FURTHER INFORMATION AND VACANCY SOURCES

Financial Times Podcasts
ft.com/podcasts
The Banker
thebanker.com – the latest UK and International banking, finance and business coverage and analysis.
UK Finance
ukfinance.org.uk – includes information on training and qualifications and latest news
The Chartered Banker Institute
charteredbanker.com – The Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland (CI OBS). Includes information on banking and financial services qualifications
The Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment
cisi.org
Association for Financial Markets in Europe
afme.eu
London Institute of Banking and Finance
libf.ac.uk – a leading provider of financial education
Inside Careers
insidecareers.co.uk/professions/banking
The Institute of Asset Management
theiam.org – memberships organisation offering student members access to collaboration and networking with other professionals
The Investment Association
theinvestmentassociation.org – a trade association for the UK investment management industry
SEO London
seo-london.org – a charity that provides access for outstanding undergraduates from under-represented communities to secure internships and graduate programmes with leading graduate employers
WikiJob
wikijob.co.uk/content/industry/investment-banking/list-investment-banks - a list of investment banks
The Institute and Faculty of Actuaries
actuaries.org.uk/- the UK’s professional body for actuaries based in the UK and the rest of the world.
Lloyd’s
lloyds.com/about-lloyds/careers/early-careers - the centre of the UK insurance market

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