

ACCOUNTANCY, BANKING AND FINANCE RELATED CAREERS

INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE. FIGURE OUT THE BEST CAREER FIT FOR YOU. DISCOVER YOUR OPTIONS WITH PROSPECTS:

www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/accountancy-banking-and-finance/how-to-become-an-accountant

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: www.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: www.accaglobal.com

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

FURTHER INFORMATION AND VACANCY

Accountancy Age: www.accountancyage.com
For information about the profession, plus a jobs board

Accountancy Careers:
www.accountancycareers.co.uk
Specialists in niche finance careers

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

All About Finance Careers:
www.allaboutfinancecareers.co.uk

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:

<https://www.brightnetwork.co.uk/career-path-guides/accounting-audit-tax/types-of-accountancy/>

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](#):

www.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, investment 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:

www.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: www.cii.co.uk

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

OTHER VACANCY SOURCES

Financial Careers: www.efinancialcareers.co.uk

CityJobs.com recruitment website:
www.cityjobs.com

Bank of England Jobs Pages:
www.bankofengland.co.uk/careers

The Finance Job: www.thefinancejob.com

Top Financial Jobs:

www.topfinancialjobs.co.uk Pension

Careers: www.pensioncareers.co.uk

Insurance Jobs: www.insurancejobs.co.uk

Insurance Careers:

<https://www.insurancecareers.co.uk/>

FURTHER INFORMATION AND VACANCY SOURCES

Financial Times Podcasts:

www.ft.com/management-podcast

The Banker: www.thebanker.com - the latest UK and International banking, finance and business coverage and analysis

The British Bankers' Association: www.bba.org.uk - includes information on training and qualifications and latest news

The Chartered Banker Institute:

www.charteredbanker.com - The Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland (CIOBS). Includes information on banking and financial services qualifications

The Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment:
www.cisi.org

Association for Financial Markets in Europe:
www.afme.eu

London Institute of Banking & Finance:

www.libf.ac.uk - a leading provider of financial education

Inside Careers:

www.insidecareers.co.uk/professions/banking

The Institute of Asset Management:

www.theiam.org - membership organisation offering student members access to collaboration and networking with other professionals

The Investment Association:

www.theinvestmentassociation.org - a trade association for the UK investment management industry

SEO London: www.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: www.wikijob.co.uk/content/industry/investment-banking/list-investment-banks - list of investment banks

The Institute and Faculty of Actuaries:

<https://www.actuaries.org.uk/> - the UK's professional body for actuaries based in the UK and the rest of the world

Lloyd's Market:

<https://lloydsemergingtalent.com/emerging-talent> - the center of the UK insurance market