

# Getting started in Accountancy



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# Why study accountancy?

Do you want to help produce the next Hollywood blockbuster? Or control a £100 billion balance sheet at a bank? Or maybe you want to start your own business selling handmade cupcakes? Whatever your passion, chances are an accountancy qualification will help.

Often unfairly seen as a 'boring' job, accountancy is in fact a diverse career with unlimited potential for progression and change.

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

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## So what makes accountancy so great?



### Flexible

As one of the most flexible professions, accountancy can help you achieve the perfect work-life balance. Part-time roles and career breaks are possible, as well as plenty of self-employment opportunities.



### Dynamic

Accountancy isn't just about numbers. It employs a wide range of other skills such as communication, teamwork, strategy, leadership and problem-solving. Choose a global organisation and you could also benefit from some incredible travel opportunities.



### Rewarding

Accountancy can be extremely rewarding. Senior roles often attract high value salaries and benefits packages, with huge scope for progression.



### Respected

You benefit from being part of a prestigious profession that is respected and trusted by organisations and communities.

# What does an accountant do?

The term 'accountant' can apply to so many careers – no wonder it is often misunderstood. Check out these common specialisms to find out more.



## Management Accountant

Are you a strategic thinker who has a knack for looking at the bigger picture? As a management accountant, you'll provide financial and strategic information to help organisations prosper.



## Forensic Accounting

You don't have to be a detective to solve crimes. As a forensic accountant, you can use your skills and expertise to follow the paper trail of corruption. You may even be asked to give expert evidence in court.



## Bookkeeper

Being a bookkeeper is the best of both worlds; a secure, well-paid career, with the added benefit of stable hours and a great work-life balance.



## Tax Technician

Tax is intrinsic to the financial universe – affecting governments, businesses, and individuals worldwide. As a tax technician, you'll be on hand to advise on big decisions such as investments, restructures or mergers.



## Financial Accountant

As a financial accountant, you'll be the go-to person for all things financial. You'll need strong organisational skills and attention to detail to summarise and report on a company's financial transactions.



## Production Accountant

We did say you could work in Hollywood! Production accountants are a vital part of film and television production management.

## Can I study accountancy?

Absolutely! You don't need any previous experience or qualifications to start studying AAT or Foundations in Accountancy, just a willingness to learn.

So whether you've just finished school, want to change career, or already hold a financial qualification, there are lots of ways to get started.

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

However, 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!



## Changing career? You're not alone!

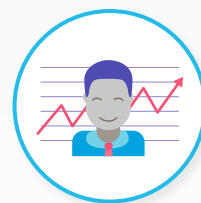
Accountancy is one of the most popular choices for people who want a new career path, with new accountants coming from all walks of life. **Research shows:**



Accountants earn, on average, **17.5% more** once AAT-qualified with their job\*



**96%** of employers think ACCA is a respected qualification\*\*



**96%** of FTSE 100 firms employ CIMA accountants\*\*\*

# Which qualification should I study?

We offer AAT, ACCA, and CIMA for budding accountants to study – here's a breakdown of the qualifications.

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Approved

The Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) is one of the most popular qualifications to study if you're new to accountancy and finance, or simply looking to progress your career.

You'll learn practical real-world skills, such as: interpreting financial statements and managing budgets.

AAT is ideal for you if you have no experience and want to start your accountancy career.

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ACCA is a globally recognised qualification, ideal for those who would like a rewarding career in finance or wish to become a Chartered Certified Accountant. The ACCA qualification also opens up many career opportunities in external auditing, banking and corporate finance.

ACCA is ideal if you're looking to progress your career and become a chartered accountant, or work in an accountancy, audit or tax firm.

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CIMA is a globally recognised qualification, perfect for those who are keen to progress into a senior management position. You'll learn how to work at a strategic level, how to lead teams, and other topics.

CIMA is ideal if you're interested in leading finance departments or working in a consultancy role, advising other companies.

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## What will it cost me?

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Monthly: £45

Quarterly: £120 (Save £15)\*

Yearly: £430 (£115)\*



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Quarterly: £150 (Save £15)\*

Yearly: £530 (£130)\*

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

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\*Within our opening hours of 9:00am to 5:30pm.



# Your study checklist

We know that starting a new qualification can be overwhelming, so we have 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 qualification

Make sure you find the course that is right for you. Find out which level and institute 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 your institute

Separate to Eagle, you also need to register as a 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 – now hit those books and schedule your first exam when you feel ready!

## Contact us

If you have any questions about starting your course with Eagle, please feel free to get in touch:

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