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Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors



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number-crunchers?**

**Then you're in for a surprise!**

# Accountancy could be the professional career you never knew you wanted

A career in accountancy can unlock the door to opportunities you never imagined could be within reach.

## What do accountants do all day?

Accountants work within private practices, advising firms large and small on a wide range of matters. They also work within businesses, helping to develop strategy and managing finances. Accountants are often also found on the boards of the world's largest companies as Financial Directors, Chief Finance Officers, or even as CEOs.

No two days in accountancy are ever the same. One day you could be advising a budding small business on how it can grow and thrive, the next you could help charity staff get to grips with managing their finances, while another day you could be presenting to businesses on the latest tax changes.

## Ok, so how do I become an accountant?

Unlike some other professions, there are several different routes into accountancy and a number of different qualifications are recognised in the sector.

Most accountants will embark on their careers either from school, college or as a university graduate, joining an accountancy firm as a trainee.

If you opt to start your career straight after your GCSEs or A Levels you would need to complete the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) qualification first before moving onto studying to become a Chartered or Chartered Certified Accountant.

As a university graduate or with the AAT qualification, you can move on to study for the ACA qualification to become a Chartered Accountant or the ACCA qualification to become a Chartered Certified Accountant. Depending on the route you take, you will normally be a qualified accountant in three to five years. Each of the qualifications involves a combination of on-the-job experience, classroom-based learning and exams.

From there, you can follow your own ambitions, whether that is to become a Partner or Director in private practice, or to make your way through the ranks of the corporate world or the public sector.

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