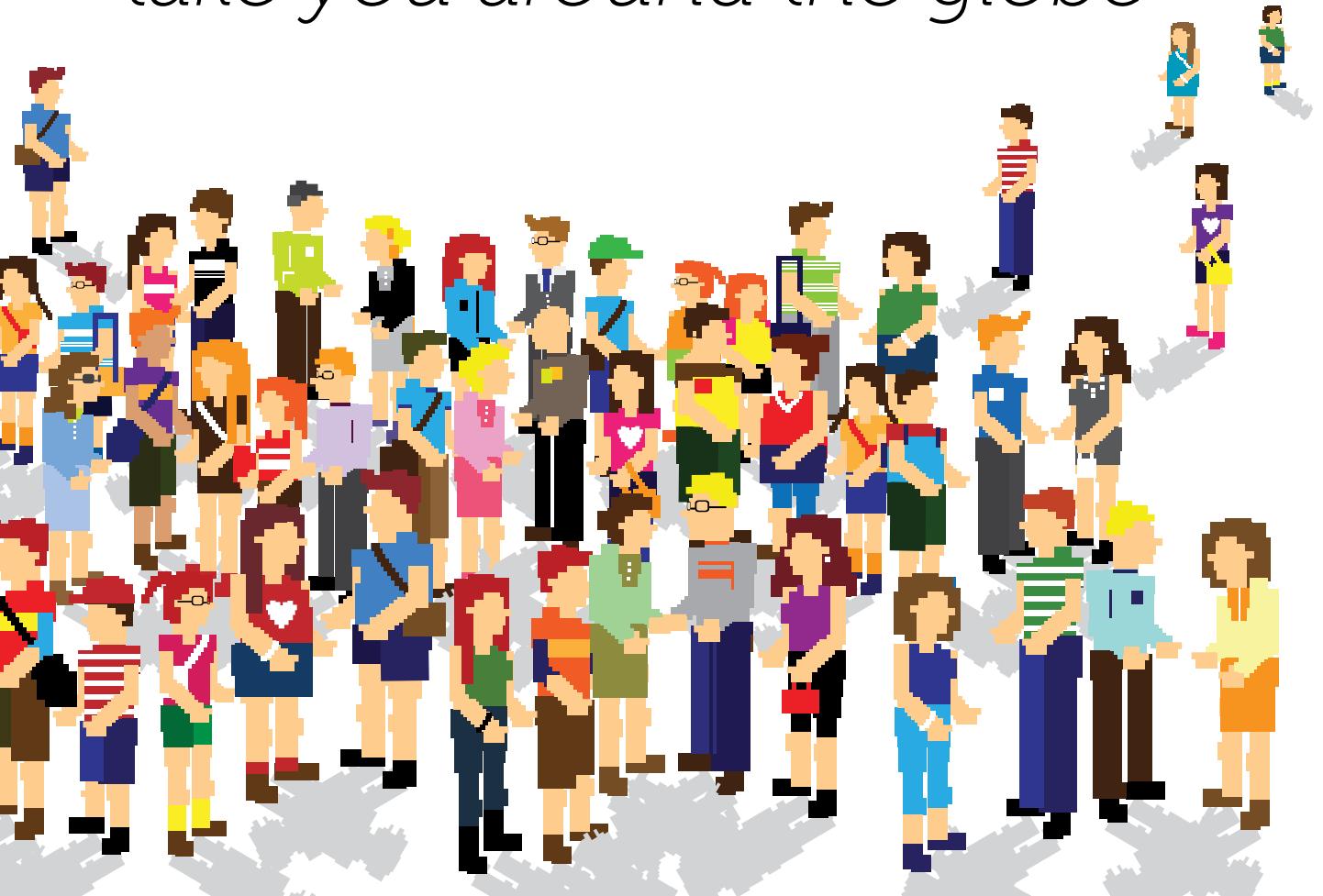
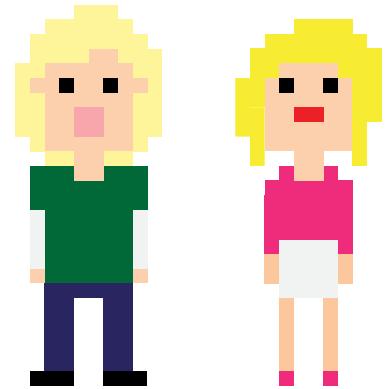


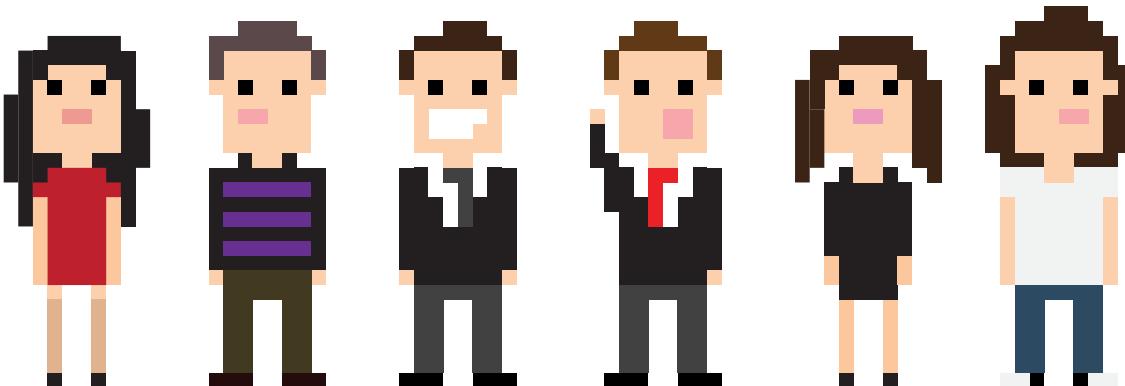
*a career in accountancy can
take you around the globe*





The GSCCA is the local accountancy society and we aim to represent and promote the profession in Guernsey.

This leaflet will provide you with an insight into the opportunities available to you in Guernsey and the advantages of training to be an accountant in the Island.



it's never just the numbers- it's about the people

Boring! That's what a lot of people think about accountancy. If you believe it is all about maths, city suits and short haircuts you could not be further from the truth! Accountancy is an exciting and challenging career with huge potential reflecting whatever is happening in the economy today.

Accountancy can be very rewarding, providing a challenging and exciting career as well as giving you a good income. If you work hard with determination and ambition you can enjoy a rewarding and exciting career, taking you to the top levels of business. Many leaders of industry first qualified as accountants.

Qualified accountants are people from many different backgrounds who are bright, ambitious and interested in business. It is not just about mathematics, in fact you don't necessarily need to be brilliant at maths; inter-personal skills are just as important.

The Channel Islands have the highest proportion of trainee and qualified accountants per capita in the British Isles.





why stay in guernsey?

Guernsey has many advantages as a place of work compared with London and other financial centres. There is a varied choice of jobs for accountants ranging from auditing, working in the finance industry, the States of Guernsey or in a wide range of businesses and industries which need accountants.

Accountants in Guernsey often get paid more than their UK counterparts. The very short commute to work enables you to take full advantage of the benefits of living in Guernsey.

why should i qualify?

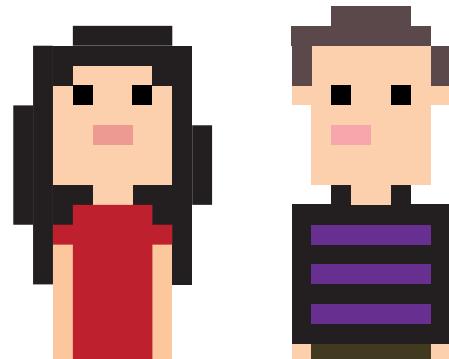
Many people work in accounting roles without being qualified accountants but a professional qualification will enable you to secure the best jobs with a good income anywhere in the world.

what kind of job could i do?

Accountancy doesn't restrict you to working in finance only and it is definitely not just a desk job. There are opportunities in any industry around the world, working in an accounting related post within that industry. From finance to an airline, a hospital, retail, a veterinary practice, the list is endless.

opportunities in guernsey?

There are high quality career opportunities for ambitious people who are looking to start training as an accountant. The accounting firms, other financial services and retail organisations take on a significant number of students every year. It is a fantastic opportunity to study towards a professional qualification and gain valuable experience.



here's some advice

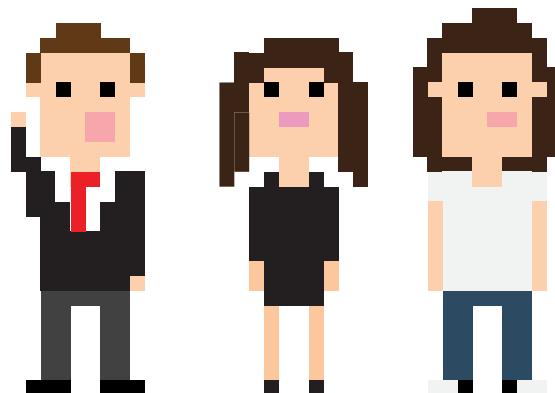
Find some work experience: This shows you have used your initiative and have a genuine interest in accountancy.

Firm Open Days: During the course of the year, many firms have open days. You can go along, meet key members of the firm and present yourself in person to get to know what the firms have to offer.

Commitment: Gaining a professional accountancy qualification is hard work with long hours but the rewards are limitless.

Find the right qualification: Investigate all of the qualifications which are available, you don't have to start with the hardest, make sure you believe you can achieve what you sign up for.

Interpersonal Skills: Most organisations looking to employ students who want to pursue a career in accounting aren't only seeking pupils with good grades, they are also looking for good interpersonal skills and people with a real passion for business.



the GSCCA

The Guernsey Society of Chartered and Certified Accountants was formed in 1972. Our membership totals over 1200 and extends to members and student members of various recognised accountancy bodies. The Society has benefited from the wisdom and leadership of some notable people who have taken their turn as President since the Society's formation.

From its launch, the Society has consistently played an important role in the Island of Guernsey. This role has not just been in respect of its representation of the accountants who are its members, but also by its participation in matters relevant to the Island's economic wellbeing, particularly in connection with the finance sector. The promotion of accountancy as a career and the education of the Island's young people in matters of business and accountancy continue to be important strands of the Society's activities.

entering the workforce

From School: There are some clear benefits to beginning your career straight after school allowing early progression up the career ladder and the chance to start earning whilst also achieving a great globally recognised qualification. You don't necessarily need a maths A-level to study accountancy.

From University: University can be of real value, offering motivated school leavers a chance to study at a higher level in a chosen subject whilst gaining excellent life skills. Although not a requirement, if you study a business related degree it will allow you certain exemptions from accountancy qualification exams.



some professional qualifications available to trainees

qualification	time	number of exams	work exp
ICAEW Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales	3-4 years	Certificate Level - 6 papers Professional Level - 6 papers Advanced Level - 3 papers	450 days
ICAS Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland	3-4 years	Competence Test - 6 papers Professional Skills Test - 4 papers Professional Experience Test - 1 paper	450 days
CIMA Chartered Institute of Management Accountants	4 years	Professional Level Assessments - 10 papers	36 Months
ACCA Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	3-4 years	Knowledge Level - 3 papers Skills Level - 6 papers Essentials - 3 papers Options - 2 papers	35 Months
ATT Association of Taxation Technicians	2 years	Personal Taxation Business Taxation and accounting principles Business Compliance or corporate taxation or IHT plus two assessments	24 Months
CTA Chartered Tax Adviser	3 years	Written Advisory - 2 papers Written Awareness - 1 paper Written Application and Interaction - 1 paper Plus two e-assessments on professional responsibilities and ethics	36 Months

institute entry

Any recognised degree awarded by a UK or Irish university or college

- *NVQ/SVQ level 4 qualifications including BTEC Higher National Certificates or Diplomas*
- *NVQ/SVQ level 3 qualifications including BTEC National Certificates and Diplomas*
- *GCSEs and A-levels – 2 A-level passes plus 3 GCSE passes at grades A-C*
- *2 Vocational A-levels or 1 double award plus 4 GCSE passes at grades A-C or one GNVQ intermediate award or BTEC first diploma (merit)*

Please note that local firms may have additional academic entry requirements for their trainee programmes.

For further information on institute entry requirements please visit the following websites:

- www.icas.org.uk
- www.accaglobal.com
- www.icaew.com
- www.tax.org.uk
- www.cimaglobal.com

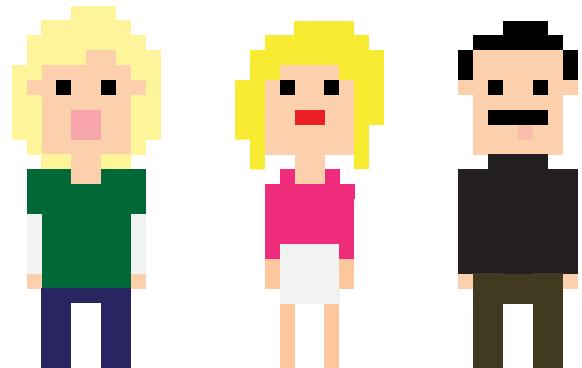
For further information on UCAS points and a list of qualifications and their equivalence visit www.ucas.ac.uk

the GSCCA bursary scheme

The GSCCA Bursary Scheme was launched in 2012 to help support Guernsey students pursuing business related degrees. The Bursary offers up to £5,000 each year for three years of studying at a recognised university in the United Kingdom. As a guide, students applying for the Bursary should have predicted grades of 3 Bs equivalent to 300 UCAS points.

The aim of the GSCCA is to make a real difference to the student who is awarded the Bursary and preference will be given to students who may otherwise struggle with the funding of their tuition and maintenance. In addition to the provision of this Bursary, a number of professional services firms will offer work experience and work placements to the Bursary holder during their time at university.

The closing date for application for the Bursary is 31 January annually. An application form and further information are available on the GSCCA website www.gscga.gg





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