

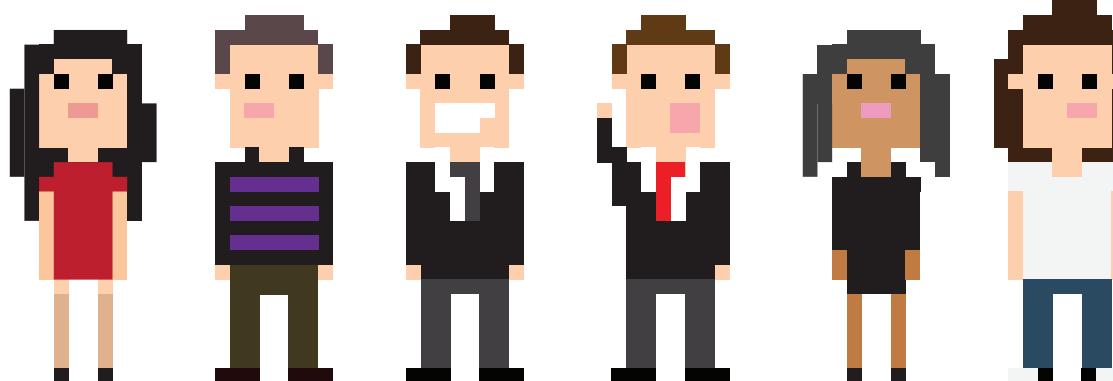
*A career in accountancy can
take you around the globe*





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

This booklet will provide you with an insight into the opportunities available to you in Guernsey and the advantages of training to be an accountant on 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, dark suits and sober 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 interesting 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; interpersonal 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.

The very short commute to work enables you to take full advantage of the benefits of living in Guernsey.



Why should I qualify?

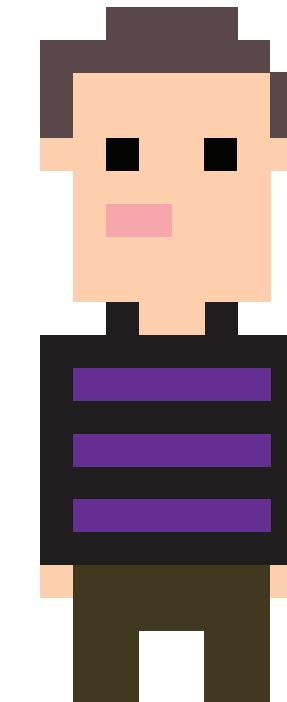
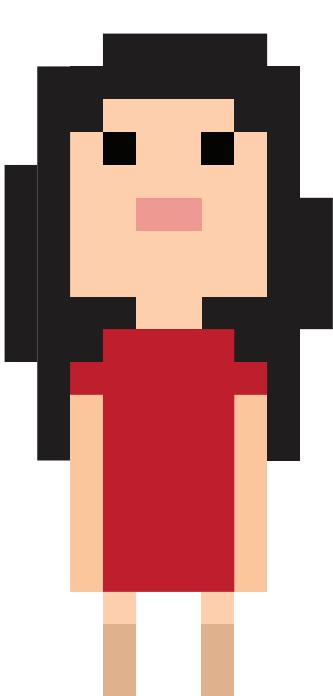
Many people work in accounting roles without being qualified accountants but a professional qualification will enable you to secure the best jobs with a good income anywhere in the world.

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 challenging and can involve long hours but the rewards pay off in the long term.

Find the right qualification: Investigate all of the options which are available, you don't need to start with a full professional qualification, a foundation level qualification can provide an excellent entry route.

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.

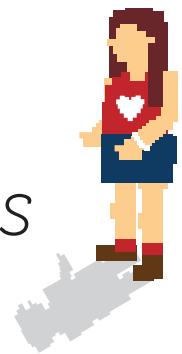


The GSCCA

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.

Some guidance on qualifications available to trainees



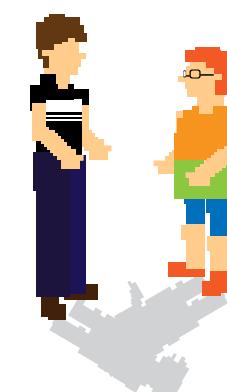
The information available to individuals looking at a career in accountancy or tax is vast and is subject to change. We recommend you look at the various accountancy qualification options which are detailed in the student area of the GSCCA website (www.gscca.gg). The information below is a guide to some of the options.

ICAEW Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

The ICAEW chartered accountancy qualification, the ACA, is one of the most advanced learning and professional development programmes available. Its integrated components provide students with an in-depth understanding across accountancy, finance and business. Combined, they help build the technical knowledge, professional skills and practical experience needed to become an ICAEW Chartered Accountant.

Foundation Courses

The ICAEW also offers the Certificate in Finance, Accounting and Business (ICAEW CFAB), which is an internationally recognised certificate teaching essential knowledge in business, finance and accounting. The ICAEW CFAB is a route into the ACA professional qualification.



ACCA Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Employers across the globe seek out ACCA-trained professionals because they know they have the strategic thinking, technical skills and professional values.

This qualification is extremely flexible. You can keep your studies broad or choose an area to specialise in. You can gain additional qualifications on your journey to membership, including

- BSc in Applied Accounting from Oxford Brookes University
- MSc in Professional Accountancy from the University of London

Foundation Courses

ACCA offer several foundation courses from their Foundations in Accountancy programme leading on to the Certified Accounting Technician award, this can lead into the professional ACCA qualification.

ICAS Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

The CA qualification is exceptional. It is a prestigious and internationally respected qualification which will provide you with the knowledge, skills and values to be highly regarded and sought-after business professional.

The CA qualification is comprised of professional study and relevant practical experience. To study for the CA qualification, you must meet ICAS' entry requirements for your chosen route.

CIMA Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

On completion of the CIMA professional qualification you will be awarded the Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) designation recognising your value and showcasing your professionalism, business and leadership skills ethics and commitment

Foundation courses

CIMA offer the Certificate in Business Accounting which will help students with little or no accounting experience gain core business and finance skills. The Cert BA is a qualification in its own-right and an entry route in to the CIMA professional qualification



CIOT Chartered Institute of Taxation

Tax affects everything - when you travel, when you eat, when you are paid. Tax is a part of government, business and everyday life. Capable tax professionals are always highly sought after.

The professional qualification in tax is the Chartered Tax Adviser (CTA).

Foundation courses

The Association of Taxation Technicians (ATT) qualification provides the tax pathway route for students who wish to specialise in this area and move on to CTA.

AAT Association of Accounting Technician

AAT offer several accounting qualifications. These qualifications provide training for a huge range of accounting and finance roles and are respected by employers worldwide. With AAT on your CV, you will demonstrate a level of excellence and work-readiness sought after by employees. AAT is a qualification in its own right and a highly respected foundation course giving you exemptions with all UK chartered and certified accountancy bodies.





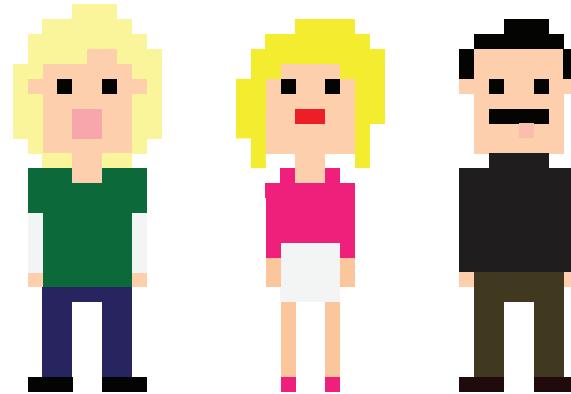
Entering the workforce

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.

Our website

Have a look at the student area of our website, there is masses of useful information. www.gscca.gg



GSCCA scholarship scheme

The GSCCA scholarship scheme was launched in 2012 to help support Guernsey students undertaking a degree at a recognised UK university with the intention of pursuing a career in accountancy. The Scholarship offers up to £5,000 each year for three years of studying. As a guideline, students applying for the Scholarship should have predicted A Level grades of 3 B's or International Baccalaureate equivalent equating to 120 UCAS points.

The aim of the GSCCA is to make a real difference to the student who is awarded the scholarship, and although no formal means-testing applies, preference will be given to students who may otherwise struggle with the funding of their tuition and maintenance.

In addition to the provision of the Scholarship, the GSCCA has received a commitment from a number of professional services firms to provide assistance with work experience and work placements to the Scholarship holder during their time at university.

Applications should be made on line in the year you intend to commence university.

The closing date is 31 January annually.

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Find out more here

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