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ACCA Qualification

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ACCA Qualification structure

ACCA is a membership body for professional accountants and the route to membership and the protected title of 'Chartered Certified Accountant' is through the ACCA Qualification. ACCA supports more than 219,000 members and 527,000 students worldwide with a network of 110 offices and centres worldwide. ACCA works to achieve and promote the highest professional, ethical and governance standards and advance the public interest. ACCA is a founding member of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) and meets all the requirements of the IFAC International Education Standards.

The ACCA Qualification is structured to provide development and progression from entry level to completion of the Strategic Professional examinations at master's degree level.



ACCA STATUTORY RECOGNITION

ACCA's responsibilities to the UK Privy Council, under the Royal Charter granted by Her Majesty the Queen, and under statute, require it to act in the public interest. ACCA is recognised and regulated by the 'Financial Reporting Council' (FRC) in the UK, due to ACCA's statutory responsibilities, to qualify and supervise 'statutory auditors' in the UK. ACCA's official listing as a 'Recognised Supervisory Body' and 'Recognised Qualifying Body' for UK statutory auditors can be found on the [FRC website](https://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/professional-oversight/oversight-of-audit/recognition-of-recognised-supervisory-bodies-and-r) (<https://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/professional-oversight/oversight-of-audit/recognition-of-recognised-supervisory-bodies-and-r>). Through the European Union Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Statutory Audit directives, ACCA members can access similar regulated accountancy roles across Europe.

ACCA QUALIFICATION STANDARD

ACCA's External Examiner reports on the ACCA Strategic Professional examinations and ACCA Applied Skills examinations against the UK Framework for Higher Educational Qualifications (FHEQ) level descriptors, to ensure the examinations are set at the appropriate level.

ACCA QUALIFICATION	FHEQ	ACADEMIC BENCHMARK
ACCA Strategic Professional	7	Master's Degree
ACCA Applied Skills	6	Bachelor's Degree

NARIC

UK NARIC is the National Agency, managed on behalf of the UK Government, responsible for providing information, advice and expert opinion on vocational, academic and professional skills and qualifications from over 181 countries worldwide. UK NARIC equates the ACCA Qualification to a UK 'Taught Master's' degree.

QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK RECOGNITION

ACCA has secured recognition of the ACCA Qualification on a number of national and regional qualification frameworks. Official endorsement by education regulators is widely understood by employers, provides external assurance, and ensures that ACCA is leading on 'best practice' in qualification development and delivery.

FRAMEWORK RECOGNITION OF THE ACCA QUALIFICATION – STRATEGIC PROFESSIONAL	NATIONAL QUALIFICATION LEVEL	EUROPEAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (EQF) LEVEL	ACADEMIC BENCHMARK
Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF)	11	7	Master's Degree
Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)	9	7	Master's Degree
Malta Qualifications Framework (MQF)	7	7	Master's Degree

EDUCATION REGULATOR/Framework	NATIONAL QUALIFICATION LEVEL	ACADEMIC BENCHMARK
Higher Education Commission (HEC) Pakistan	MComm (16 yrs of education)	Master's Degree
South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA)	8	Post-graduate Level
The Education and Training Quality Authority, Bahrain	9	Master's Degree
The Mauritius Qualifications Authority (MQA)	9	Master's Degree

In the UK, ACCA is recognised as an 'Awarding Body' by the Scottish Qualifications Authority Accreditation (SQA Accreditation). All levels of the ACCA Qualification are recognised and credit rated on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF), which is one of the national qualification frameworks in the UK. The [SCQF database](http://scqf.org.uk/the-framework/search-database) can be viewed via the following link <http://scqf.org.uk/the-framework/search-database> and entering 'ACCA' in the 'Owner of Qualification' field.

Through this recognition on the SCQF, the ACCA Qualification is also referenced to the EQF at Level 7, master's degree level, and credit rated in the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS), with 90 ECTS credits for the Strategic Professional exams and 112 ECTS credits for the Applied Skills exams.

ACCA QUALIFICATION	SCQF QUALIFICATION TITLE	SCQF CREDITS	EQF LEVEL	ECTS CREDITS	ACADEMIC BENCHMARK
Strategic Professional	ACCA Strategic Professional at SCQF Level 11	180	7	90	Master's Degree
Applied Skills	ACCA Applied Skills at SCQF Level 10	225	6	112	Bachelor's (Hons) Degree

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

ACCA has a partnership with the University of London (UoL) to offer the MSc in Professional Accountancy in parallel with the ACCA Strategic Professional Level. The MSc in Professional Accountancy award is delivered through the University of London International Programmes, with programme direction being provided by University College London's world class faculty in the School of Management. Full details of the course can be found on our website.

OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

ACCA has a partnership with Oxford Brookes University (OBU) to offer the BSc (Honours) in Applied Accounting. This degree has been jointly designed by the University and ACCA to meet the requirements of a degree and consists of the ACCA Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills and a project. Full details of the course can be found on our website.

Find out more about formal recognition of the ACCA Qualification on our website.

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