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ACCA Announces Redesign of Qualification for a Redefined Accountancy Profession

Introducing digital technology and sustainability to align with the needs of a new generation of society and businesses

ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) has announced a redesign of its gold standard ACCA Qualification, to be introduced from mid-2027. The redesigned qualification places an emphasis on employability, reflecting the increasing role of accountants in driving the widening value needed for business success, combining profitability with ethics, sustainability, the ability to leverage new technology and the agility to deal with economic volatility.

As a globally recognised professional accountancy body, the ACCA Qualification has always been the gold standard and highly valued by society and businesses. Responding to and anticipating the evolving needs of employers, ACCA is introducing a redesign of its qualification. This includes the new Employability Modules at each of the qualification's three levels, providing simulated work experiences on topics such as digital tech, ethics, sustainability and business management. Building on the current strengths of the ACCA Qualification, the new design introduces a more integrated learning and assessment experience, including AI-enhanced learning journeys. For the first time, it will feature a Data Science Professional exam which students can choose as an option at the final 'Strategic Professional' level.

Helen Brand, chief executive of ACCA, said: 'Accountancy is being redefined. Accountants are drivers of sustainable business, promoters of social value, and enablers of new technologies. They are sharpening their financial and ethical skills for a changed world of ever-shifting opportunities and challenges. They innovate with new business models and fresh thinking about what success looks like. They focus on people, planet and prosperity to create value for all. The changes we're making will equip the next generation for this exciting new future that will bring wider and more varied opportunities.'

ACCA has prepared a smooth transition for all students currently on, or about to start, their ACCA journey. Existing achievements will be recognised and there will be no disadvantage in terms of progression and the cost to complete the qualification. ACCA students will continue to benefit from the opportunity to attain a world-leading academic qualification alongside their ACCA studies with our new BSc (Hons) Professional Accountancy collaboration with the University of London. ACCA is known for its focus on inclusion and opportunity. A redesigned 'Foundations' route requiring no prior qualifications provides those not meeting the entry criteria for the ACCA Qualification with a way to meet it.

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Over the past 75 years since its establishment, ACCA Hong Kong has been rooted locally while maintaining a global outlook, evolving with the times and growing alongside the city's accounting and finance profession, driving continuous advancement of the profession. Looking ahead, the ACCA Qualification will remain as rigorous, relevant, and future-focused as ever, with an even sharper focus on employability, designed to equip the next generation with the professional skills and technical expertise they need to succeed in a dynamic and volatile world.

Find out more at www.accaglobal.com/hk/en/campaigns/accountancy-redefined.html

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About ACCA

We are ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants), a globally recognised professional accountancy body providing qualifications and advancing standards in accountancy worldwide.

Founded in 1904 to widen access to the accountancy profession, we've long championed inclusion and today proudly support a diverse community of over **252,500** members and **526,000** future members in **180** countries.

ACCA now has over **29,000** members and **125,000** future members in China, with representative offices and contact points in 11 cities including Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu, Shenyang, Qingdao, Wuhan, Changsha, Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR.

Our forward-looking qualifications, continuous learning and insights are respected and valued by employers in every sector. They equip individuals with the business and finance expertise and ethical judgment to create, protect, and report the sustainable value delivered by organisations and economies.

Guided by [our purpose and values](#), our vision is to develop the accountancy profession the world needs. Partnering with policymakers, standard setters, the donor community, educators and other accountancy bodies, we're strengthening and building a profession that drives a sustainable future for all.

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