A career in accountancy with ACCA

A guide for parents
Why study ACCA?

What is most important to you about your child’s future? That they are successful and have job security? That they are well respected? Or that they are rewarded with a challenging role and good salary?

A career in accountancy offers all of these and more. Whatever their ambition, your son or daughter can follow their dreams because accountants can be found in every industry and sector – including the ones which are of interest to your child. No matter where they want to work, they will be in worldwide demand with employers because we are respected and recognised globally. So they can work in an industry and place that suits them – and change to another later in life if they so choose.

The ACCA Qualification syllabus is broad enough to offer them flexible career options.

ACCA is an investment in your child’s future
Which level should they start at?

We offer different entry levels to start your son or daughter’s journey in accounting and finance. So whatever your child’s education, they can start with us at the right level to suit their ability.

What is their level of education?

Where can they start their journey with ACCA?

NO QUALIFICATIONS
Foundation level

SCHOOL LEAVER
Foundation level or ACCA Qualification if they have the equivalent of three GCSEs and two A-levels in five separate subjects.

GRADUATE
ACCA Qualification
Our Foundation-level qualifications – Foundations in Accountancy – include certificates and a diploma that can be achieved along the way. So as your son or daughter works their way through the awards, they’ll have proof of their hard work – keeping them on track and motivated.

**Foundations in Professionalism**
Foundations in Professionalism is our online, interactive module that will help your son or daughter understand what it means to work and act professionally and ethically. They will need to complete this module in order to receive the certificates for the Foundation-level awards they complete.

If your son or daughter does not have the minimum entry requirements to start at the ACCA Qualification, they can start studying ACCA at our Foundation level. It’s the perfect place to begin for those starting out in accountancy.

The ACCA Qualification opens up a whole world of opportunity – by providing them with skills and knowledge relevant to any business. This means they’ll be able to work in any accountancy role in any organisation – so they’ll always be in demand.

And if they are a graduate, they may be exempt from some or all of the first nine exams (called the Fundamentals level) depending on their degree subject. This means they will have a faster route to becoming an ACCA member.
Practical Experience Requirement (PER)
A key part of gaining ACCA membership is getting three years’ relevant practical experience in the workplace. This experience will mean your son or daughter will be fully prepared for a challenging career as a professional accountant.

Professional Ethics module
Professional ethics is at the heart of the ACCA Qualification. The Professional Ethics module underpins your child’s studies by introducing them to a range of ethical ideas so that they will act professionally in the workplace.
If they study with a tuition provider, we have a global network of tuition providers who are approved by us – and who meet our high standards. These are called Approved Learning Partners (ALPs) and there’s a full list of them on the ACCA website.

**BSc degree from Oxford Brookes**
If they are not a graduate, the ACCA Qualification gives your child the opportunity to achieve a BSc degree from a UK university. All they have to complete is a report as well as their ACCA exams – it’s as simple as that. So they’ll be awarded a degree by Oxford Brookes University without doubling their workload.

ACCA offers flexible study options. So your son or daughter can study ACCA full-time or study part-time around full-time work. They can learn with a tuition provider or choose distance learning.

Accountancy – a career to be proud of
“ACCA offers a well-established exam scheme and has an outstanding global reputation. The qualification offers a reliable professional status within the industry, both at a local level and internationally. Being equipped with the ACCA Qualification accelerates the growth in your career. It provides you with a solid technical foundation, international mobility and the highest ethical standards.”

KELLY CHAN
Financial controller, Diageo
Hong Kong Ltd

“I felt that accountancy was a great way for me to get involved in business and ACCA would provide me with a unique qualification that would deliver a broad knowledge base, which is important as I wanted to work in industry. The ACCA Qualification has opened many doors to roles that would not have been otherwise possible.”

HOWARD MILLAR
Chief financial officer and deputy chief executive, Ryanair Holdings plc, Ireland
Want to find out more?
The information in this brochure is just a sample of what ACCA and a career in accountancy can offer your son or daughter. To see the full picture, visit www.accaglobal.com

Any questions?
If you or your son or daughter still have questions after visiting our website, you can contact us. We are available – day or night – every day of the year, to answer your questions by email or by phone. Contact ACCA Connect – our global customer service centre – and one of our advisers will be happy to help.

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Applying to study ACCA
If you’re already convinced that ACCA is the right choice for your child, our online form will make registering them for ACCA quick and easy.
Please visit www.accaglobal.com/applynow