

The ACCA logo is a red square with the letters 'ACCA' in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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**An introduction to
ACCA for parents
and guardians**

A photograph of a middle-aged man with a grey beard and a young woman with long brown hair, both smiling and looking at a tablet computer. They are sitting at a wooden desk with a laptop and a notebook. The background is a blurred green outdoor scene.

Go further.

Think Ahead

Why choose a career in accountancy and finance?

Technology is moving forward at lightning speed. Globalisation is shrinking the world. Social progress continues at pace. Your children will live and work in a time of exciting and challenging change.

What's the constant in all the change?

Accountancy and finance professionals already play a vital and thriving role in every enterprise and in every sector around the world. Right from architecture and fashion to film making and banking. They will remain the constant in all the change.

So what do you want for your son or daughter?

We all want our children to be happy and healthy. We also want them to feel fulfilled and reach their full potential while achieving their ambitions, so they are successful and respected in whatever career path they choose to follow.

Studying with ACCA and obtaining the transferable skills employers need will help them to achieve their career goals.



How studying with ACCA delivers success

A career as an accountant brings challenging, stimulating and interesting career opportunities. It's a chance for your son or daughter to excel and be well rewarded.

Finance plays a central role in every organisation – from charities to the well-known corporate giants. This includes all those fun and funky brands young people love.

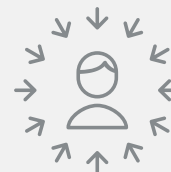
ACCA qualified accountants and finance professionals are recognised, respected and in demand right across the world. It's a qualification and role that means your son or daughter can change employer, career direction and even country with ease.

It is a popular and empowering qualification that offers young people total flexibility in every aspect of their studies. From how, where and at what level they begin from, to their desired pace of study.

About ACCA



A network of
486,000
students



365 days a year
support service



Global reach in
180 countries



Flexible learning
options



Over **300**
Approved
Learning
Providers

**ACCA is a proven
investment in your
son or daughter's future.**

With ACCA, there's an entry level for everyone

We recognise that we're all individuals – with differing capabilities and qualifications. That's why ACCA has more paths to success than any other professional organisation. We offer a variety of entry levels to ensure your son or daughter gets off to the right start.

Whatever your son or daughter's education, they can begin their qualification and career journey with us at the right level to suit their ability.

LEVEL OF EDUCATION

No formal qualifications

Foundation level

University-entrance level*
or non-relevant degree

Foundation level or at the
'Applied Knowledge' level
of the ACCA Qualification

ACCA Diploma in
Accounting and Business
or relevant accounting
or finance qualification*

ACCA Qualification at the
'Applied Skills' level

Fully accredited degree*

ACCA Qualification at the
'Strategic Professional' level

*See accaglobal.com for details



An overview of our qualification

Whatever path your son or daughter chooses, they're at the start of an exciting journey. From exams and ethics to experience, we'll prepare them to enter the workplace ready to make a difference in today's fast-paced business world.

Foundation level

Our Foundation level qualifications provide an exceptional introduction to the finance sector and teaches a variety of essential skills and techniques. There are no formal qualifications to get started and for those at the very beginning of their journey, there are a range of roles they could undertake while studying, such as trainee bookkeeper, administrator and accountant.

Foundations in Professionalism

To gain any of the awards at the Foundation level and receive a certificate, your son or daughter must complete the online ethics module, Foundations in Professionalism. This interactive module is designed to help your son or daughter develop their understanding of what it means to act professionally and ethically at work.

How long will it take?

It's possible to complete all of the Foundation level exams within a year. However, all of the exams are available as on-demand computer-based assessments, so students are free to work at their own pace.

Applied Knowledge

From the accountant's role in business, to key capabilities such as financial and management accounting, our Applied Knowledge syllabus builds on your son or daughter's existing understanding of essential accounting techniques.

How long will it take?

The Applied Knowledge level can be completed in as little as 12 to 18 months. From here your son or daughter can go on to take the Applied Skills exams.

Applied Skills

The Applied Skills level gives your son or daughter a broad understanding of the practical finance capabilities required of a future strategic professional accountant.

The syllabus includes a wide range of subjects including corporate and business law, audit and assurance, taxation, financial management, and performance management.

With exams being updated annually, to ensure the ACCA Qualification is the most relevant available, they reflect the most recent changes to accounting standards, technology and employer demands.

How long will it take?

This Applied Skills level can be completed in as little as 12 to 18 months. From here your son or daughter can go on to take the Strategic Professional exams.

Strategic Professional

The Strategic Professional level is the final stage of the ACCA Qualification. Depending on their degree subject, your son or daughter may be exempt from the first nine exams and have a faster route to becoming an ACCA member.

They'll learn the dynamic skills and strategic vision that all successful business and financial leaders need. It gives them the widest range of opportunities to specialise in areas that best suit their career ambitions. It could lead to senior positions, such as a financial manager, chief financial officer or a partner in a professional firm.

How long will it take?

By combining their studies and work experience, they could gain their ACCA Qualification and be a member in as little as three years.

What will it cost?

The cost of their qualification will depend upon a number of factors. There's a one-time registration fee that all students pay on registering with ACCA, which is followed by an annual subscription that keeps their student status open, allowing them to enter for exams and progress through the qualification.

For each exam they sit they'll have to pay an exam entry fee. If they're eligible for exemptions, they'll also be a fee payable to claim these. And, depending on their chosen method of study, they'll need to pay for any tuition delivered by a learning provider.



Twice the qualifications, without doubling workloads

If your son or daughter is not a graduate, the ACCA Qualification gives them the opportunity to achieve a BSc degree from a UK university – Oxford Brookes. Once they've completed a report as well as their ACCA exams they'll be awarded a degree without doubling their workload.



A career without limits

ACCA qualified accountants are driving enterprise forward in all business sectors.

'The ACCA Qualification has been key to my understanding of the role of finance in business. In my first job, I needed to pick up some basic accounting principles very quickly in order to contribute to my team, and the ACCA courses really helped.'

**Sam Wragg, Finance Business Partner,
British Airways**

'Finance and accountancy is a career that allows you to use the facts to confidently make the best business decisions and deliver optimum value. I chose ACCA because it's a globally recognised brand for finance professionals and can support me with my international career.'

**Angela Dong, Global Vice President –
GM of Greater China, Nike**

'When new accountants join the company, I can tell whether they're an ACCA graduate or not. ACCA graduates are very well qualified, they have a very broad knowledge of accounting standards and frameworks, and strong professional skills – which is important for distinguishing yourself, alongside your technical know-how.'

**Jeffrey Chew, Group CEO,
Paramount Corporation Berhad**

Learning around lifestyles

Flexible and supportive – these are the two words our students most use to describe the experience of studying with ACCA. We make sure that whatever your son or daughter’s qualifications, lifestyle and commitments, there’s a way for them to reach their goals with ACCA.

Young people can study with us on a full-time or part-time basis. Not only that, we have a variety of ways to study, too:

- Find an ACCA-approved tutor, via our global network of Approved Learning Partners (ALPs)
- Self-study using ACCA-X, our high quality online learning programme
- Learn through a combination of methods.

Even our exam timetables are flexible and convenient

When?

We offer four exam sessions – March, June, September or December – every year, so your child can schedule their exams at a time and pace that suits them.

Where?

We have over 500 exam centres in more than 148 countries – and if anyone lives somewhere particularly remote, we may be able to arrange an alternative exam centre to suit them.

How?

Some of our exams are traditional paper exams but some are available as on-demand computer-based exams (CBEs). These can be sat at any time of the year, in any of our licensed CBE centres. Results are received instantly, and they can be re-taken as needed.

Real-world skills for today and tomorrow

Studying and taking exams is a vital part of gaining the ACCA Qualification, enabling your son or daughter to stay ahead in an ever-changing world. But for them to become a fully-equipped finance professional, work experience is equally important.

There's nothing quite like developing the knowledge, skill and expertise our young people need at the sharp end, on the job.

Practical Experience Requirement (PER)

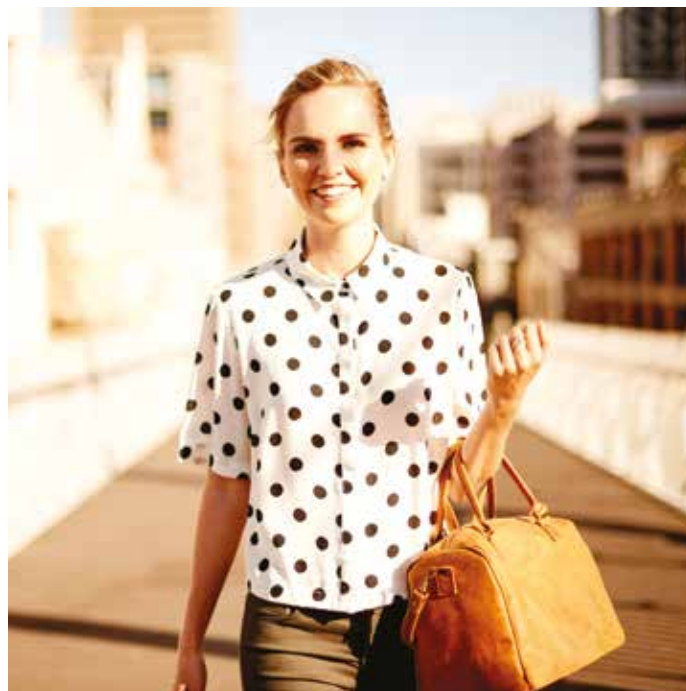
A key part of achieving ACCA membership is undertaking three years' relevant practical experience in the workplace. This will mean your son or daughter will be fully prepared for a challenging career as a professional accountant.

Ethics and Professional Skills module

Ethics is at the heart of the ACCA Qualification. We aim to develop people who are a force for good wherever they work and operate to the highest professional and ethical standards. Our Ethics and Professional Skills module underpins your son or daughter's knowledge with a range of ethical ideas, so that they will act professionally in the workplace at all times and in every situation.

ACCA Careers

The unique ACCA Careers website is an invaluable resource to help our students, members and affiliates across the world. Our Job Board is our official and global jobs portal to help people like your son or daughter to find suitable career opportunities. It's an unrivalled way to connect talent with the organisations that need suitably qualified and experienced professionals.



Support beyond the Qualification

Once your son or daughter has ACCA membership they will never work alone.

An international network

They'll be part of a vibrant community that's over 200,000 members strong and reaches every corner of the world. That means plenty of people and professionals to talk to, both on and off line, to keep them inspired and focused.

ACCA Virtual Learning Community

For encouragement, ideas and inspiration, young people can also talk to fellow students around the world through our virtual learning community. Whatever the problem, chances are someone in the community has already solved it!

Continuing professional development (CPD)

Our web-based CPD resources support your son or daughter's career by providing them with the knowledge and skills they need to excel in their role and enhance their employability. We cover everything, from over 1200 pages of content, to useful information on a range of topics such as CPD routes, requirements and recording progress.



ACCA membership doesn't end with study, exams and qualification — that's just the beginning. We're the lifelong career partner for your daughter or son.



Now find out more

This brochure can only give you a broad idea of what ACCA and a career as a finance professional can deliver for you son or daughter.

To see the full picture, visit:
accaglobal.com/gofurther

We'd be delighted to answer your questions

ACCA *Connect* – our global customer service centre that's open year round, 24 hours, seven days a week. You can contact ACCA *Connect* by phone, email or webchat and a dedicated member of the team will be on hand to answer questions.

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Applying to study with ACCA

If your son or daughter is already convinced that ACCA is the right choice, our online form makes registration quick and easy.

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you, arrive smarter with ACCA.**

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