



STUDY IN THE GULF FOR THE ACA

The leading chartered accountancy qualification from the UK




INSPIRING CONFIDENCE

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THE ACA IN THE GULF

- Designed for those wishing to acquire a globally-recognised qualification – the ACA.
- Available in Dubai (UAE), Manama (Bahrain) and Riyadh (Saudi Arabia).
- Full ACA and ACA top-up programmes available.
- ACA tuition delivered by a high quality and experienced provider.

 In today's world of accounting qualifications, the ACA stands as one of the oldest and most prestigious global accounting qualifications. If you have it you most definitely have an edge over others

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WHY CHOOSE THE ACA?

The ACA is internationally recognised

The ACA is the leading finance and business qualification from The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW). Qualified ACAs work in more than 160 countries worldwide. The international relevance of the ACA opens up a huge variety of job opportunities and is highly respected by international businesses.

The ACA is a gold-standard qualification

To stay ahead of your peers, you need a qualification that inspires business confidence. This is the ACA qualification. It teaches you the highest level of finance and business skills, provides practical experience and encourages the highest ethical standards. Together, these will allow you to think and act with clarity and rigour, and so inspire business confidence.

ACAs are highly valued and in great demand

The ACA qualification from the ICAEW is the qualification for business leaders. It is recognised throughout the world as a symbol of quality and success. The depth and range of business and finance skills of qualified ACA accountants create high-calibre business professionals who are highly respected around the world and add value wherever they work.

WHAT DO THE ACA PROGRAMMES LOOK LIKE?

Whether you are studying the full ACA or the ACA top-up programme, the ACA in the Gulf prepares you to work in an international arena. The ACA qualification comprises two stages – the Professional Stage and Advanced Stage. The Professional Stage consists of knowledge modules which introduce you to the core concepts underpinning accountancy, and the application modules which demonstrate how you can build on your knowledge in practice. The Advanced Stage consists of two technical papers and a rigorous Case Study.

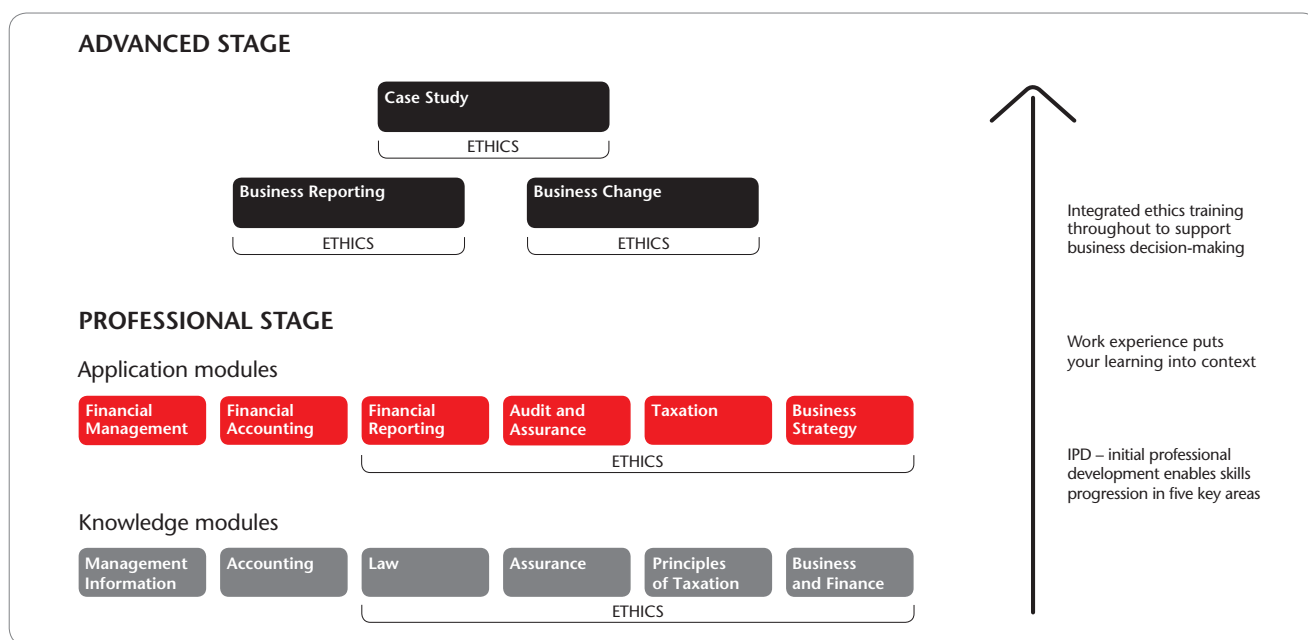
TRAINING CONTRACT AND WORK EXPERIENCE

To qualify as an ACA, you will need to study and gain work experience whilst working for an authorised training employer under a training agreement. This enables you to combine your academic knowledge with real-world practice and work-based learning. The programme in the Gulf is based on the same technical work experience and structure as the UK qualification, including initial professional development and structured training in ethics.

THE ACA PROGRAMME

FLEXIBILITY AND LOCAL CONVENIENCE

Exams can be taken in Dubai, Manama and Riyadh. Professional Stage knowledge modules are computer based assessments and are available to sit throughout the year. Application module exams are paper-based and can be sat in June, September and December. Advanced Stage module exams are also paper-based and sittings take place twice a year during July and November.



WHAT PROGRAMMES ARE AVAILABLE?

There are two ACA programmes:

- Full ACA programme – there are two stages of the ACA qualification: the Professional Stage and the Advanced Stage. There are 15 modules in total across the two stages. Typically ACA training takes between three and five years.
- Top-up programme – for members of other accountancy bodies looking to join the ICAEW and become an ACA.

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

You may be eligible to gain credit for prior learning for a number of modules in both ACA programmes, due to learning gained during your university degree or previous qualifications. Members of the following accountancy bodies can gain credits.

- Institute of Chartered Accountants in Pakistan (ICAP).
- Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA).
- Institute of Chartered Accountants in India (ICAI).

You can download an application form at icaew.com/acastudents. Applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

WHO CAN STUDY FOR THE ACA IN THE GULF REGION?

The ACA qualification is open to all employees working within an ICAEW accredited organisation in the Gulf. To ensure you receive the same level of support and guidance during your training as your fellow students around the world, your employer will need to become an authorised training employer. This process is free of charge and can take just a few weeks. To find out more your employer should contact training@icaew.com or visit icaew.com/employers.

HOW MUCH DOES THE ACA COST?

The cost of the ACA programme will vary depending on your credit for prior learning. As a guide, the full ACA programme will cost around AED65,000[†], which includes student and exam fees, classroom training, student support and learning materials. This total cost is based on a typical three year programme and assumes that exams are passed first time.

Tuition discounts are available for corporate group bookings.

[†] At time of print.

ACA TRAINING COURSE DETAILS

For further information on the ACA please visit icaew.com/acagulf or contact our student support team studentsupport@icaew.com

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As a world-class professional accountancy body, The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) provides leadership and practical support to over 132,000 members in more than 165 countries, working with governments, regulators and industry to maintain the highest standards.

Our members provide financial knowledge and guidance based on the highest technical and ethical standards. They are trained to challenge people and organisations to think and act differently, to provide clarity and rigour, and so help create and sustain prosperity. The ICAEW ensures these skills are constantly developed, recognised and valued.

Because of us, people can do business with confidence.



The ICAEW is a founder member of the Global Accounting Alliance, which represents over 775,000 professional accountants in over 165 countries worldwide, to promote quality services, share information and collaborate on important international issues.

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