

ACA ENTRY ROUTES

Effective from 11 February 2014

ICAEW will accept the following qualifications as meeting its educational requirements for entry into a minimum period of approved training agreed within the limits set out in regulations 3 to 5 of the ACA student regulations.

Entry routes

Academic Qualifications

UK or Irish graduate awards

Any recognised degree awarded by a UK or Irish university or college

NVQ/SVQ Level 4 awards

NVQ level 4 qualifications including BTEC Higher National Certificates or Diplomas

NVQ/SVQ Level 3 awards

NVQ Level 3 qualifications including BTEC National Certificates and Diplomas

GCSEs and A Levels

Two A level passes (grades A*-E) plus three GCSE passes at grades A-C

Two Vocational A levels or one double award plus three GCSE passes at grades A-C or one GNVQ intermediate award or BTEC first diploma (merit)

Scottish Qualification Certificate

Three higher grades and two standard grades or equivalent

Irish School Leaving Certificate

Six passes with at least three at higher grade

European/ International Baccalaureate

Overseas Academic Qualifications

Any award which is comparable to our expectations for GCSE and A Level entry requirements.

Graduate Awards

Any degree from a recognised university which is comparable to a UK Bachelor's degree

School leaving qualifications

Any award which is comparable to our expectations for GCSE and A Level entry requirements.

See www.ucas.ac.uk for a list of overseas school leaving qualifications and their equivalence.

Professional Accountancy Qualifications

ICAEW Certificate in Finance, Accounting and Business (ICAEW CFAB)

Member of the Association of Taxation Technicians (AAT)

Student of the AAT who has achieved NVQ Level 3 Intermediate Stage

Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) or Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA)

Student of ACCA, CIMA, CIPFA, Chartered Accountants Ireland (CAI) or Institute of Chartered Accountants Scotland (ICAS) who has sat and passed all papers of every examination stage of the body concerned, up to and including the following examinations;

- ACCA Advanced Diploma in Accounting and Business
- CIMA Certificate in Business Accounting
- CIPFA Professional Certificate
- CAI Proficiency II
- ICAS Test of Competence

Pass in a recognised Accountancy Foundation Course

Overseas accountancy bodies

Member or student who has passed all the examinations required for membership of the Institutes of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh, Ghana, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka or Certified Public Accountants (USA), Australia, China and Malaysia.

Student who has passed all the examinations, required for membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand, the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants or the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Zimbabwe.

Student who has passed all the examinations required for membership of professional accountancy bodies recognised under the European Union's Directive 2005/36/EC or Directive 2006/43/EC.

Note: Members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand, the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants or the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Zimbabwe are eligible to apply for reciprocal membership under clause 12 of the Supplemental Royal Charter. Similar arrangements apply to Members of professional accountancy bodies recognised under the European Union's Directive 2005/36/EC or Directive 2006/43/EC.

Mature Entrants

Persons over 25 years of age without qualifications as listed above but with at least 7 years acceptable professional accountancy experience may be considered on individual application to ICAEW.

Qualifications not listed above (Regulation 1)

Other qualifications that match A level standard may be considered on individual application to ICAEW.

An individual who has attained UK university entrance level will be seen to satisfy the entry requirements for the ACA.