

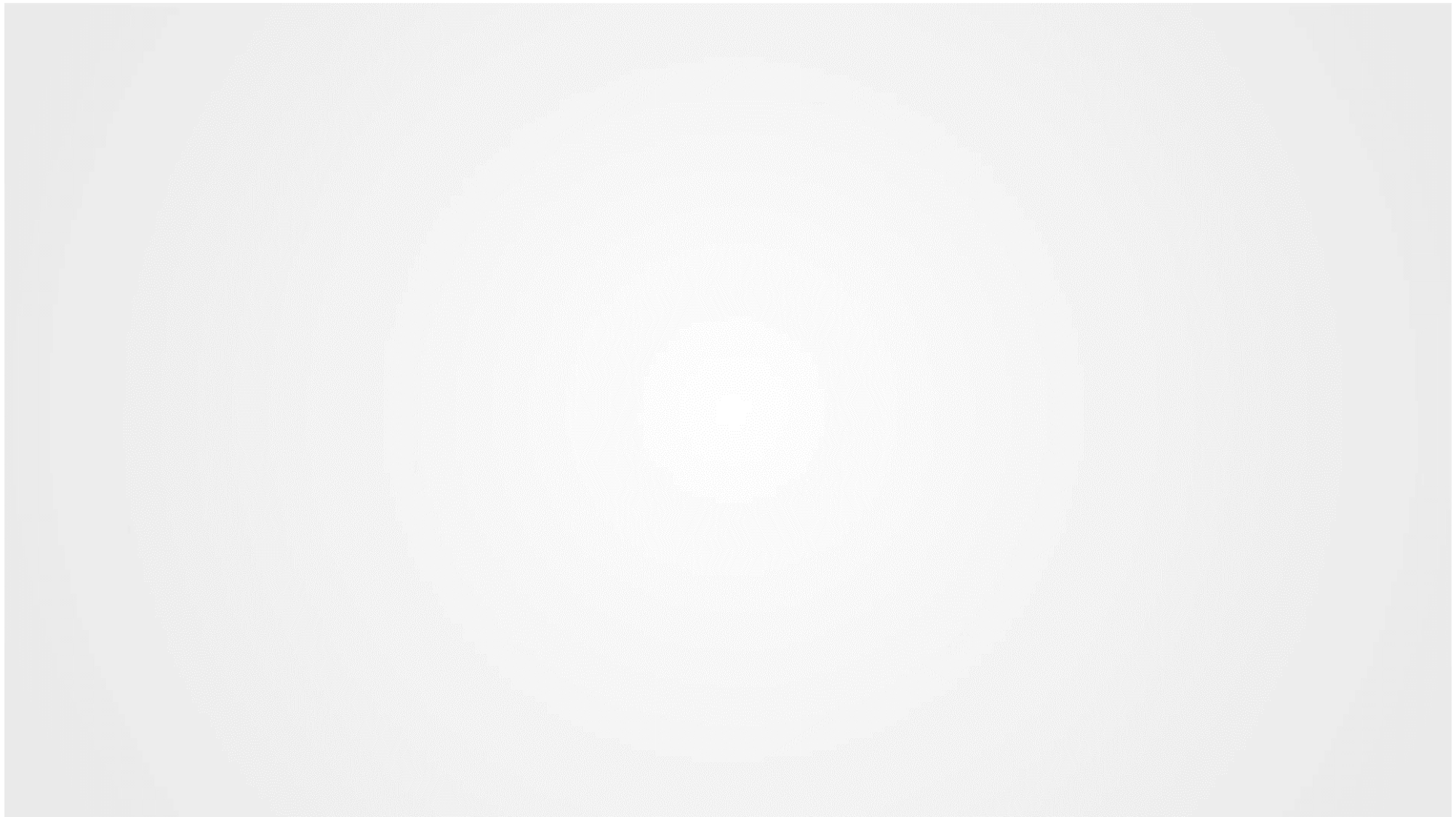


CHARTERED
ACCOUNTANTS
IRELAND

An illustration of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a white top and a dark skirt, standing at a yellow podium and speaking into a microphone. She is gesturing with her hands. In front of her, the backs of four audience members' heads are visible, representing a diverse group of people. The background is a dark blue space with colorful bokeh lights and a planet with a ring.

Chartered Accountancy

What's it all about?



WHO IS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IRELAND?

- Ireland's largest and longest established professional accounting education & membership body
- Awards the prestigious 'ACA' designation - a globally recognised business leadership credential
- Educating, supporting, advising - community relationship fostered, a lifelong career partner
- Leading voice of the accounting profession and the island's business community, supporting economic prosperity
- All island body with Belfast and Dublin offices and education facilities - local, accessible

**Partner to island's
top employers**

32,000 MEMBERS

7,000 STUDENTS



BECOMING A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT IS YOUR PASSPORT TO...



**CAREER CHOICE
& STABILITY**

**TRAVEL &
INTERNATIONAL
WORK**

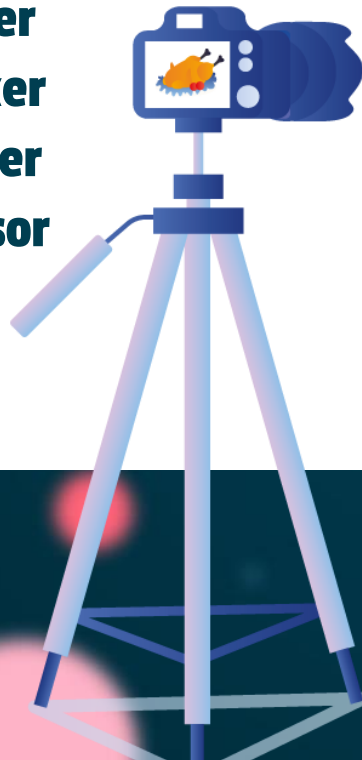
**A CONNECTED
COMMUNITY**

**BEST IN CLASS
PROFESSIONAL
EDUCATION**



Professional education developing skills to shape you as a:

- **Business leader**
- **Critical thinker**
- **Decision maker**
- **Problem solver**
- **Trusted advisor**
- **Strategist**
- **Influencer**



- **Have options of working in any sector... practice, business, public/third sector**
- **Develop a varied career in traditional and non-traditional roles**
- **Chartered Accountants work at senior levels across the market**
- **Enjoy job security - 99% Employment**
- **Earn a top salary £€**

**Business Leadership Qualification:
65% work in business, 25% work in practice**

CAREER CHOICE & STABILITY

We are partner to leading employers and the island's largest recruiters of top talent

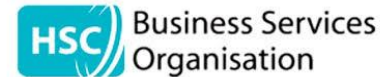


Practice

Deloitte.



Public/Third Sector



Gníomhaireacht Bainistíochta an Chisteáin Náisiúnta
National Treasury Management Agency

Business



Along with many more!

BEST IN CLASS PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Varied programme pathways
and options including digital
delivery & on demand learning



**Quality
inhouse
education**

**Progressive tuition,
modern syllabus -
future proofing your
skill development**

**Fewer
exams**

**Fresh content - AI, RPA,
data, emerging tech,
sustainability**

**Continuous
review and
content refresh**

**83% qualify
faster**

**Best
pass
rates**

**Dedicated
student
supports**

Exclusive technology partnerships:



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TRAVEL & INTERNATIONAL WORK



**Travel the world,
c.5000 work overseas**

**15 professional bodies -
representing over
700,000 members and
over 1 million students**

**Globally recognised &
respected professional
qualification**

**99 of 100 Best Global
Brands employ
Chartered Accountants**

**Chartered Accountants
work in more than 200
countries worldwide**

**More than 50 of the FTSE
100 have a Chartered
Accountant as CFO**

A CONNECTED COMMUNITY



Leading & largest body

Dedicated supports for students & members

Student societies



Access to an exclusive business network & connected community of professionals



District and international societies & special interest groups

Lifelong career partner

Gender balance - 42% members & 47% students are female

All-island presence



What's the next best step to take in my career?

Evaluate your best route forward with our Career Pathway. We're with you every step of the way...

Leader	15+ Years PQE
Expert	10-15 Years PQE
Developing	5-10 Years PQE
Young Professional	0-5 Years PQE





HOW DO I BECOME A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT?

THE ENTRY ROUTES AND JOURNEY OVERVIEW



*Work in any sector eg. Practice, Business, Public Sector, Financial Services, Third Sector.



Related Degrees:

Potential full / part exemptions

- **Undergrad degree (level 8) in:**
 - ✓ **Accounting**
 - ✓ **Finance**
 - ✓ **Business**
- **Postgrad Diploma in Accounting**
- **Masters in Accounting**

Non-Related Degrees:

Likely no exemptions

- **Undergrad degree (level 7/8) in ANY discipline:**
 - **E.g. Law, Engineering, History, Marketing, Psychology, Art, English, Medicine, Computing**
- **All backgrounds welcome**

What's the difference? How many exams you sit on the Chartered programme
Previous related education history = potential exemptions!

Apprenticeship pathway

- **Most popular with school leavers**
- **Earn while you learn**
- **2 year fixed programme**
- **Work 4 days a week**
- **College 1 day a week**
- **On completion transition onto the Chartered ACA programme**
- **Potential for 3 exemptions at CAP1**
- **Potential to apply for 1 year work experience credit**

Traditional pathway

1. **Study with ATI for one year and gain a merit* - move onto the Chartered programme (forego any exemptions)**
2. **Study with ATI for two years to gain the full Accounting Technician qualification - then move onto the Chartered programme**
 - **Potential for 3 exemptions at CAP1**

** GCSE/A Level/Leaving Cert criteria to be met also*

Accounting Technicians Ireland are a partner body of Chartered Accountants Ireland

THE ACA PROGRAMME & PATHWAYS

PATHWAYS TO QUALIFICATION:

1. TRAINING CONTRACT

- **3 way agreement - employer, student Institute**
- **Employer sponsorship built in (ie. fee cover, work experience, study/exam leave all committed)**
- **Student commitment is to fulfil training term with sponsoring employer**
- **Structured and consecutive approach**
- **Often connected to graduate schemes**

2. FLEXIBLE ROUTE

- **Student led training journey**
- **Students can enrol independently**
- **No mandate for employer sponsorship but often support in background to varying degrees (not formally connected)**
- **8 year window to complete programme & can complete programme levels on piecemeal basis except FAE**
- **Education and work experience elements don't need to run concurrently or consecutively**

All students complete the same education programme and exams and undertake the same work experience requirement in both pathways - same qualification gained just completing the journey via different pathways!



Education

Experience

EDUCATION JOURNEY



There are 3 levels of the ACA professional study / exam programme

How many levels you have to complete depends on your prior education and if you have come from a related subject background
(you may get exemptions from some)

Virtual programme (both education delivery & exams) - after hours classes & self-directed learning

There are 2 online exam sittings annually - Summer & Autumn/Winter

The academic year for the course delivery runs annually from Autumn - Spring/Summer

Earn & Learn / Work & Study Programme

THE ACA SYLLABUS / EXEMPTIONS

CAP 1

1. **Financial Accounting**
2. **Finance**
3. **Management Accounting**
4. **Taxation I**
 - **Law for Accountants (e-assessment)**

- **ATI year 2 - partial**
- **Honours (level 8) degrees in accounting, finance, etc with 2.2 grade - full/partial**
- **Post-grad diplomas - full**

CAP 2

1. **Auditing & Assurance**
2. **Taxation II**
3. **Strategic Finance & Management Accounting**
4. **Financial Reporting**

**Masters in Accounting - full
(9 recognised courses)**

FAE

1. **FAE Core**
 - **Integrated case study (inc content on technologies, data analytics, sustainability)**
2. **FAE Elective**
 - **Choice of Audit, Tax, Advisory, Financial Services, Public Sector**

**All students must complete the FAEs
(no exemptions)**

Students can gain the required professional development experience in any employer where they can access relevant accounting/finance work and where there is a qualified accountant to act as a mentor

CORE PROFESSIONAL VALUES*

Ethics & professionalism
Objectivity
Managing self & others
Communication
Problem solving

BUSINESS COMPETENCIES*

Strategic management
IT awareness
Project management
Stakeholder management
Legal performance

FUNCTIONAL COMPETENCIES

Financial reporting*
Audit & assurance
Taxation
Finance & Management accounting
IT/Systems

*MANDATORY

PERIOD OF REQUIRED WORK EXPERIENCE:

- 4 years for ATI qualification holders
- 3.5 years for all Degree holders
- 3 years for accredited Masters holders

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANCY OVERVIEW



Most prestigious



Best education offering



Fastest to qualify



Fewer exams



Highest pass rates



Largest & connected network



Global recognition



High earning potential



Job security



Unrivalled & local support

**ACA is your passport to a career of choice –
develop as a business leader & work in any sector**

#BecomeACharteredAccountant



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