

Chartered Accountancy

What's it all about ?

-  Work in any sector
-  Travel the world
-  Make a difference
-  Have job security
-  Be recognised globally
-  Earn top salaries
-  Influence real change

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What's Chartered Accountancy all about ?

It's not crunching numbers or scrolling spreadsheets; it's your passport to a diverse, global career in any industry you choose. Chartered Accountants work in fashion, tech, sports, music and more – basically any organisation that needs strategists, influencers, leaders.

From Dublin to Dubai, Australia or Canada, they help businesses grow, solve problems and make pivotal decisions. No accounting or business degree? No problem – it's open to everyone.

There are many pathways to become a Chartered Accountant, you don't need to have studied maths or business previously. Start your Associate Chartered Accountant qualification directly out of school, go to university/college (study any degree), or study later on after you've started working.

The ACA programme has 3 levels of professional study: CAP1, CAP2 and FAE, combined with 2-4 years practical relevant work experience (depending on your entry route and background). If you happen to come from a related background you might be able to get exemptions to 'skip' some of the ACA professional exams because you have already studied that content in your previous education.

**Become a business leader, influencer,
difference maker, innovator**

Where can the qualification take you?

**Work in USA, Hong Kong, Australia,
Bermuda, New Zealand and more....**

The ACA qualification is an internationally recognised professional credential that opens doors. Think CEO or CFO at a startup, travelling the world working for global brands or simply earning a high salary in a stable career. Chartered Accountants are trusted, head-hunted, and always in demand. They work in finance related roles but also in operations, sales, marketing and much, much more. It's an exciting career that can take you in any direction you choose.



How to become a Chartered Accountant

Option 1 – Via Accounting Technicians Ireland

ATI and Chartered Accountants Ireland are partner organisations, offering you a route to ACA qualification, even straight from school. Visit the website www.accountingtechniciansireland.ie for details and how to apply.

Different pathways

Traditional route

Complete the programme on a part-time basis where you work full-time and complete the ATI studies in the evenings.

If you gain a “merit” grade in the ATI first year exams (and meet certain Leaving Cert/GCSE or A Level requirements), you can then move on to studying our first year exams. **CAP1 OR study with ATI** for two years to gain the Accounting Technician qualification before joining us for further study (with potential CAP1 exemptions)

Apprenticeship route

A work-based programme where you can earn while you learn, popular with school leavers. Over 2 years, you work 4 days a week with an approved ATI employer, and attend college 1 day a week. You then transition into the Chartered Accountants Ireland programme and potentially benefit from CAP1 exemptions (subject to results) to complete your ACA qualification.

Option 2 – Via university

You can come from any background and train as a Chartered Accountant, the minimum criteria is a degree in any subject.

Different pathways

Accredited degrees (Level 8)

These degrees have been pre-approved to offer potential exemptions from CAP1 and in some cases, potentially some CAP2 exams. They are typically accounting degrees (or a close related area).

Non-accredited degrees (Level 7/8)

These degrees do not have any pre-approved exemptions however you may apply and get exemptions if you come from a related background, the team will just need a little more info from you. Unrelated degrees will not offer exemptions, you will start at CAP1.

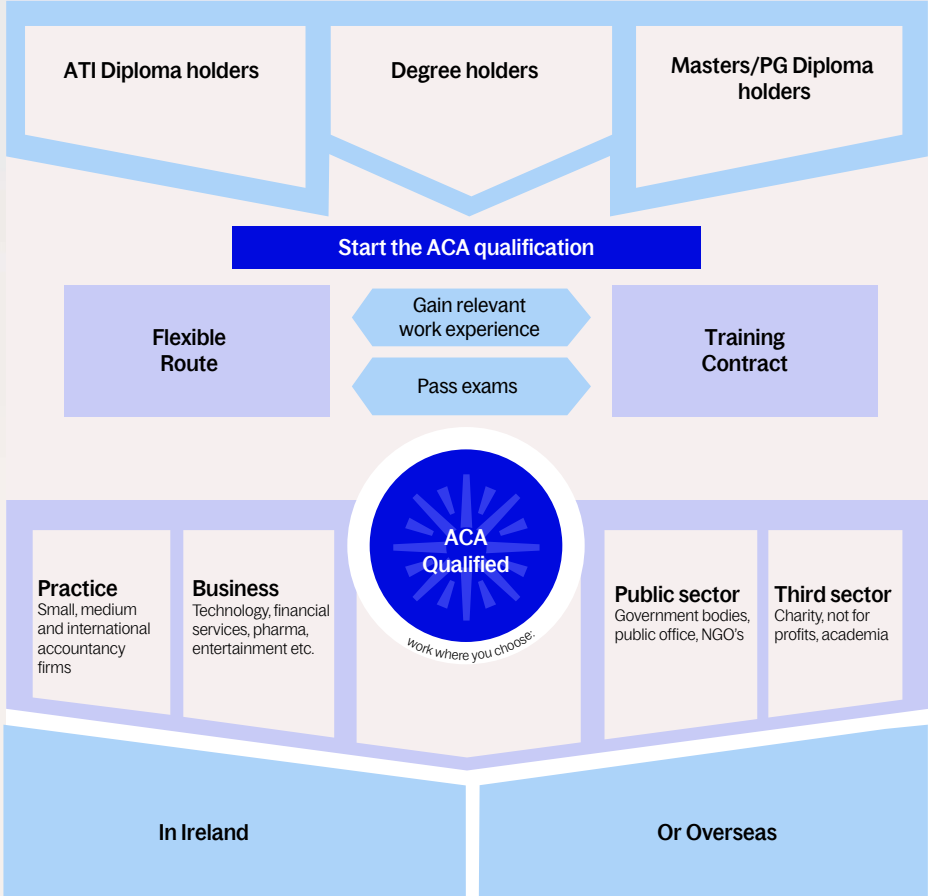
Accredited Masters (Level 9)

These specific Accounting Masters/PG Diplomas programmes have been pre-approved to offer potential exemptions from two exam levels, meaning you will only complete FAE exams. Other relevant Masters may also offer exemptions. See website for details.

Entering the ACA programme

During /after completion of your degree / ATI qualification, apply for sponsored trainee Chartered Accountant opportunities directly with employers - these can be graduate programmes or individual training roles. You can also study directly with us via the Flexible Route pathway (relevant work experience is a key component in both pathways.)

Your options at a glance



Exemptions depend on prior education.
Scan the QR code to check your exemptions

