

A CAREER IN ACCOUNTING

Accountants are highly **sought after** here in Jersey and embarking within this field will provide you with the opportunity to have a rewarding and diverse career (both locally and across the globe) An accountancy qualification equips you with general finance knowledge, meaning that your skills are easily transferable from role to role, company to company and country to country. There are a variety of accounting opportunities here in Jersey with a large range of businesses.

WHAT DOES AN ACCOUNTANT DO?

In a nutshell, Accountants are **responsible for collating and recording financial information about a business** then using that information to support management and other stakeholders as they make decisions about the business. Accountants then prepare and present financial statements, offering advice and guidance to the wider group and teams. They will also ensure the accuracy of financial documents, as well as their compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

Accountants play a vital role in assisting organisations with their financial data. They assist with tracking income and expenditures, ensure statutory compliance, and provide investors, management, and government with quantitative financial information which can be used in making business decisions.

WHAT SKILLS DO YOU NEED?

- Excellent Communication Skills
- Ability to think analytically and solve problems/ Ability to analyse complex data sets
- Ability to approach issues from multiple perspectives
- Acting ethically and legally
- Project management skills
- Logical decision making and strategic and creative thinking abilities
- Excellent IT and technology skills

QUALIFICATION OPTIONS

- Foundations in Accountancy (FIA)
- Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICAEW, ICAS)
- The Association of Chartered and Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- Institute of Financial Accountants (IFA)
- Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

SCOPE

- Junior Accountant (Internal/ Funds/ Trust/ Management)
- Bookkeeper
- Audit Professional
- Tax Consultant
- Business Analyst
- Management Accountant
- Financial Accountant