

The ACCA logo is a red square with the letters "ACCA" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

ACCA

Take the next step

**ATI to
ACCA**

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A woman with long brown hair, wearing a dark blue coat and white earbuds, is walking on a city street. She is holding a white smartphone in her left hand. The background shows a colorful brick wall (green and orange) and a street with cars and buildings.

Think Ahead

ATI to ACCA

Take the next step

If you've completed the ATI qualification, or are near the end of your studies, you might be wondering what the next stage of your career holds.

ACCA is a good choice if you want a well-rounded career in finance and accountancy which allows you to balance studying with on-the-job training.

We prepare accountants for business – **89%** of global finance professionals said that the importance of understanding all areas of finance minimizes risk

ACCA offers members over **100** events in Ireland to maintain learning and development

1 in **10** of our members work for Fortune 500 or FTSE100 companies



“The opportunities available to you after studying ATI are great but progressing onto ACCA gives you the chance to go even further in your accountancy career. ACCA is recognised globally and is highly valued by employers.”

JULIE ALEXANDER, MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT, HENDERSON GROUP

Our qualification creates and nurtures business-ready finance professionals
80% of CFOs said this was crucial to success

90% of employers think ACCA is a world-class organisation



From the USA to China, we're truly global, with **97,000** of our members working in business internationally

We work closely with a number of prestigious brands and employers to ensure they have the right talent to support their business needs.



Why ACCA?

- **RESPECTED** – ACCA is the largest accountancy body in the world and is well-regarded by employers
- **WELL-CONNECTED** – We work with globally-recognised brands such as Northern Trust, Hertz, Aon, Metlife, Microsoft, Accenture and many more
- **EMPOWERING** – Getting qualified will give you the tools to become your own boss
- **VALUED** – Our qualification creates and nurtures business-ready finance professionals
- **INTERNATIONAL** – From the USA to China, we're truly global with 97,000 of our members working internationally
- **OPPORTUNITY** – The ACCA Qualification enables you to work in any area of accountancy and finance, including tax and audit
- **FLEXIBLE** – you can fit studying around your work and lifestyle
- **PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE** – contribute your work experience to your Practical Experience Requirement (PER)

HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER ACCOUNTANCY BODIES?

ACCA offers more flexibility than other qualifications, meaning you can choose the right path based on your strengths and interests. Our option papers give you the opportunity to specialise in whichever area you wish, from audit to management accounting. We have a transparent exam marking system, which allows you to see exactly where your strengths lie. Each of our students takes a professional ethics module. Also, our student support network is second-to-none.

ACCA supports **219,000** members, **539,000** students in **181** countries

The ACCA Qualification

EXEMPTIONS

If you have passed the ATI qualification, you will get exemptions from the three papers under Applied Knowledge as well as the Corporate and Business Law paper of the Applied Skills level, leaving you with 9 exams to complete upon claiming your exemptions.

EXAMS

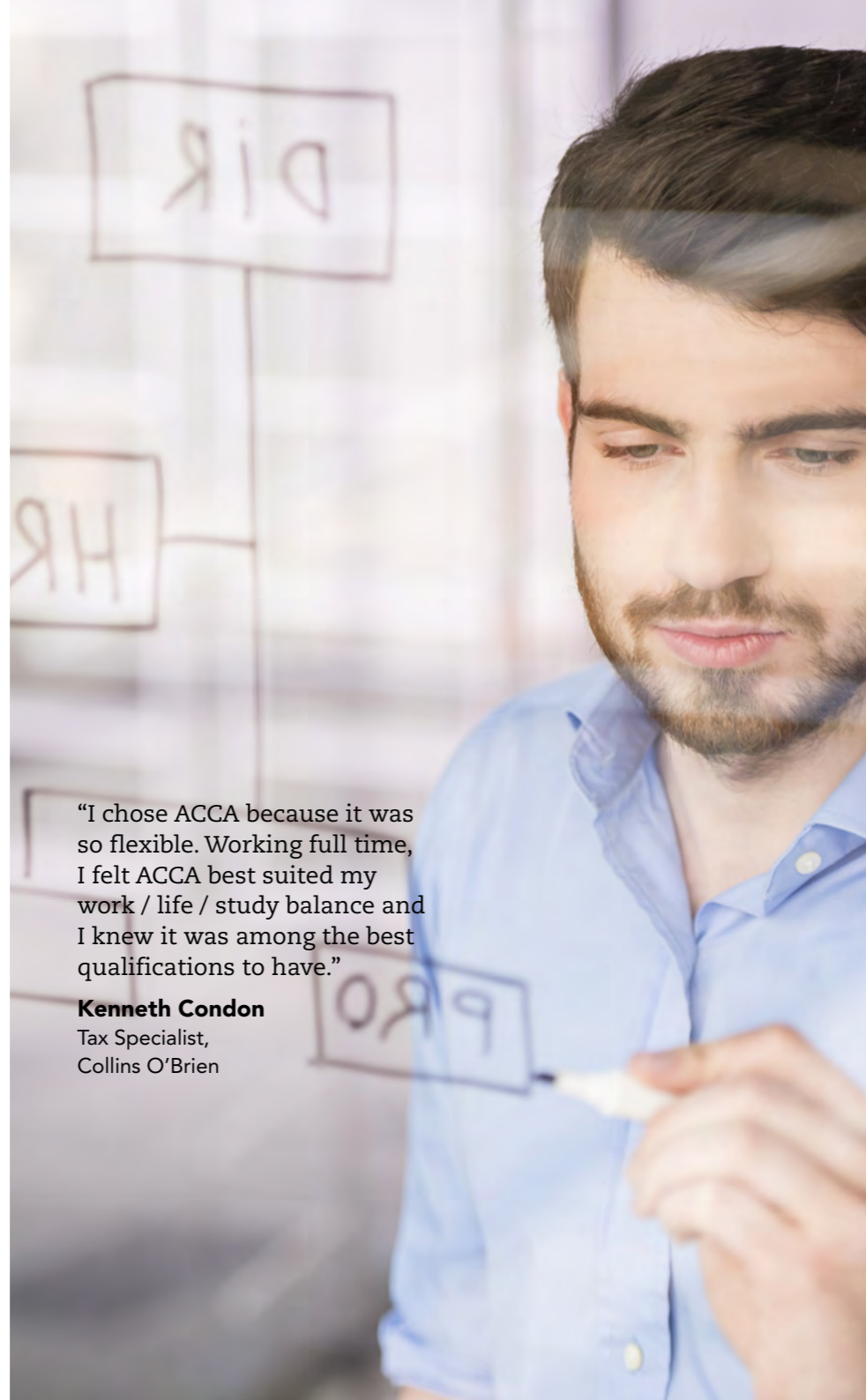
Exams are divided into two levels: Applied Skills and Strategic Professional. For more information on each exam and the various options available, see the table opposite.

ETHICS

Each of our ACCA students takes the Ethics and Professional Skills Module. Ethics underpins your key decision-making, and although the ACCA Qualification will provide you with all the key technical knowledge you need, we also want to ensure ethics is ingrained in your day-to-day business decisions.

EXPERIENCE

To become a professional accountant, you need three years of relevant work experience and to fulfil key performance objectives. This enables you to become a fully developed finance professional, gain experience in lots of different areas and get the job you deserve. Details of performance objectives are on the page opposite.



“I chose ACCA because it was so flexible. Working full time, I felt ACCA best suited my work / life / study balance and I knew it was among the best qualifications to have.”

Kenneth Condon
Tax Specialist,
Collins O'Brien

Exams and experience

No university-entrance level* qualifications
Start your journey at Foundation level

University-entrance level* or non-relevant degree

ACCA Diploma in Accounting and Business or relevant accounting or finance qualification*

Fully accredited degree*

ATI STUDENTS START HERE

Foundations

- Find out more about ACCA's Foundation level qualifications at accaglobal.com

Applied Knowledge

- Accountant in Business
- Management Accounting
- Financial Accounting

Applied Skills

- Corporate and Business Law
- Performance Management
- Taxation
- Financial Reporting
- Audit and Assurance
- Financial Management

(Gain an optional BSc in Applied Accounting in partnership with Oxford Brookes University)

Strategic Professional

ESSENTIALS

- Strategic Business Leader
- Strategic Business Reporting

OPTIONS (PICK TWO)

- Advanced Financial Management
- Advanced Performance Management
- Advanced Taxation
- Advanced Audit and Assurance

(Gain an optional MSc in Professional Accountancy in partnership with the University of London)

Ethics and Professional Skills module

Completing the Ethics and Professional Skills module will prepare you as a trusted and confident finance professional for the digital age.

Practical Experience Requirement

As well as completing exams and the Ethics and Professional Skills module, you need to complete three years' relevant work experience.

Profile



NAHEED BARI

Meet Naheed Bari, professional tax accountant with Metlife, and find out how she came to study ATI and ACCA, and how it has helped supercharge her career.

DESCRIBE YOUR CAREER JOURNEY AND HOW YOU CAME TO STUDY ATI AND THEN ACCA?

For many years I focussed my efforts on raising my children, as a full-time mum of four. Once all my children reached a certain stage, I starting find myself with more time, I began to consider what my future may hold, whether I might embark in a new direction. My searching eventually led me to the ATI course, which greatly interested me and stood out among other options as one which suit my personal and professional desires. ATI allowed me to develop my new interest and aided me in establishing a solid foundation in accounting and tax. I went on to avail of the opportunity to join the 3rd year of an accounting and finance honours degree, graduated with a 1st class honours degree and achieved the highest GPA overall. My degree gave me 9 exemptions from the then 14 ACCA exams; it was the logical course for me to continue on with the ACCA qualification.

WITH ALL THE DIFFERENT FINANCE QUALIFICATIONS OUT THERE TO CHOOSE FROM, WHY DID YOU PICK ACCA?

ACCA allows for greater flexibility. The exams can be taken one at a time rather than as a block of exams taken in one go. There are four sittings throughout the year, which is very practical and allows one to tailor the exams around other commitments. My degree also enabled me to earn nine exemptions so that I only needed to complete a further 5 professional level papers.

In addition, as my passion actually lay in tax, I desired to register with the Institute of Tax to study for the CTA exams as soon as possible.

TELL US A BIT MORE ABOUT YOUR CURRENT ROLE?

I am a member of the MetLife tax team currently made up of 10 people based in the Dublin office. The team support all countries that operate within EMEA from a tax perspective. It is a broad and varied tax role within one of the largest insurance multinational companies in the world.

Duties & responsibilities include:

- Assisting in the preparation of the Irish/UK Tax compliance process
- Supporting the MEA Regional Tax Manager with the local country tax requirements
- Lead the co-ordination of the Annual CFC Tax return process for all of EMEA
- Assist in the preparation of monthly/quarterly tax provisioning & reporting processes under U.S. GAAP and Solvency II

HOW HAS THE ACCA QUALIFICATION BENEFITTED YOUR CAREER?

Having both ACCA and the CTA qualification has opened a whole new career for me. There are countless opportunities available to me. Literally the world is my oyster!

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

The role enables me to employ my knowledge of both accounting and tax, and offers me exposure to UK and Irish Tax Compliance, as well as USGAAP and Solvency II tax and accounting principles.

I am working with a high-performance team, with an abundance of experience and knowledge. There is also a great work life balance, as the working hours tend to be very consistent.

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT BIG CAREER GOAL?

I have recently undertaken lecturing in Tax and plan to continue this on a permanent basis.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO ATI STUDENTS THINKING ABOUT PROGRESSING TO ACCA?

ACCA is the natural progression for ATI students. ATI is the perfect spring board to launch a professional career in accounting. It covers all the core subjects and will give a great grounding for the ACCA papers.

There really is little to consider, as it makes perfect sense to progress to ACCA from ATI.

FAQs and fees

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE ACCA AND NOT ANOTHER ACCOUNTANCY BODY?

ACCA is unique in the way that it lets you choose which route you take with your career. Our option exam papers allow you to focus on your strengths and interests – you can work in any sector and any role with our qualification!

HOW WILL I COPE WITH JUGGLING WORK, STUDY AND A SOCIAL/FAMILY LIFE?

Planning your time effectively will help – ensure you have set study and revision times each week and make time for doing things you enjoy too. Study skills are important, you can find a wealth of tips on our website. The qualification is flexible and you can take your time progressing.

I'VE HEARD THE EXAMS ARE REALLY DIFFICULT – DO YOU OFFER ADDITIONAL SUPPORT?

Our exams are challenging – but will give you everything you need to become a really successful finance professional. However, because you will have completed the ATI qualification syllabus, you will have a firm grounding from which to develop and progress through the ACCA examinations. Our website is packed full of information and support to be the best you can be in your exams.

I'M NOT SURE WHAT AREA I WANT TO SPECIALISE IN YET, DOES THAT MATTER?

Not at all, as you progress through your work experience and studies, you can choose option papers to suit your interests. With the ACCA Qualification, you can work in any area – from audit to management accounting. Don't limit yourself too early!

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO QUALIFY WITH ACCA?

We require that all of our members qualify with three years of relevant work experience, so depending on how much experience you've accrued prior to starting your ACCA studies, the qualification can take anything from 2 – 5+ years to complete.

HOW DO I REGISTER AS AN ACCA STUDENT?

Registration is easy – you can do it at any time of the year and it shouldn't take more than 15 minutes to submit the correct

documents and provide us with everything we need. Make sure you have the following ready:

- Proof of your qualifications (ATI certificate of completion and course transcripts)
- Proof of ID (birth certificate, passport or driving licence)
- Passport-style photo.

*If you're still studying or awaiting documents, then provide details of any completed qualifications – you can then add transcripts at a later date.

Please note, to make it easier – we accept pictures of your documents taken on a phone if you haven't got them in PDF.

HOW DO I ENTER FOR EXAMS?

To enter for exams, you must first register as a student with ACCA and pay your annual subscription fee. After you've done this, the best way to enter for exams is to login to your myACCA account where you can select your required papers.

INITIAL FEES*

When you register, you need to pay the following fees to complete your application:

Initial registration £79 (one off)
Annual subscription £105 (yearly)

Annual subscription enables you to stay on our register as an ACCA student. You will also be able to enter for exams and fully benefit from wealth of resources available on our website.

EXAM FEES

Depending on when you register, our exam fees range from £114 – £307. Registering early can mean significant savings.

We have exam sittings in March, June, September and December. Early entry starts roughly four months before each sitting.

To see a full list of fees, early entry information and exam centres, visit www.accaglobal.com/exams

Keep in touch

If you need help with any aspect of your application, or would like to talk to someone about the different routes and options, we have a dedicated customer service team, *ACCA Connect*, who are available 24/7.

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