

CAREERS IN ACCOUNTANCY



DISCOVER WHAT'S POSSIBLE

What do accountants do?

The role of an accountant is varied and diverse, and the exact nature of your role will depend on whether you work for an accountancy practice or within industry, and which area you choose to specialise in.

An accountant might:

- Prepare accounts for a business or an individual to give an overview of their financial status
- Carry out audits to make sure financial statements have been properly prepared
- Prepare and present financial reports
- Run payrolls
- Give advice on budgeting and make recommendations on how to increase profit
- Calculate tax owed and file tax returns
- Help with buying or selling a business

Reasons to choose a career in accountancy

Accountants are always in demand. Businesses, charities and even schools need accountants and bookkeepers to manage their budgets, deal with their taxes, provide financial reports, complete audits and much more.

Accountants work in all types of industries including sports, entertainment and media, government and IT.

There are opportunities for accountants all over the world. Moore Global has offices in more than 100 countries worldwide including the United States, Australia and China.

You'll work with lots of interesting people.

Accountants work with a wide spectrum of different clients from all walks of life. You certainly won't be bored!

Accountants are trusted and respected. People look to them for advice and support.

You'll earn a competitive salary. According to reed.co.uk, the UK's biggest recruitment website, the average starting salary for an accountant is £22,000 and a finance director typically earns up to £100,000.

What makes a good accountant?

It's a myth that you need a maths degree or a maths A Level to become an accountant, but you do need to be good with numbers and have excellent attention to detail. Having good analytical skills and organisational skills certainly helps, as does a flair for problem solving.

You'll be working with people too, so a friendly, outgoing personality is essential.

You'll probably need to study for a professional accountancy qualification such as AAT or ACCA.

Many accountancy firms like Moore offer apprenticeships or school leavers programmes as a way to start your career in accountancy – so you can earn while you train. They'll usually pay for your course and give you paid time off for study leave.

How do I find a job in accountancy?

Identify firms of accountants that you'd like to work for. Follow them on social media sites such as Twitter and LinkedIn, you'll find they usually post job vacancies here first.

Follow Moore on Twitter @MooreUKNetwork – we post details of all our local job vacancies here.

Another option is to send a copy of your CV with a covering letter directly to the firms you'd like to work for, explaining why you want to work in accountancy and why you think you'd make a good accountant. At Moore, many of our audit & accounts staff got their role this way – being proactive really does pay off.

You could also look at job websites such as Reed, Monster, Jobsite, Indeed and TotalJobs.



“I knew that university wasn't for me as I wasn't sure what degree I wanted to do that would make going to university worthwhile.

Accountancy was an area I'd previously considered – I like numbers and problem solving and I knew I wanted a route that would leave me with options for the future. The apprenticeship at Moore offered just that. I got to work within an environment where I could make a real difference rather than taking on a part time job and probably getting into debt!”

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