

'ACA' Q&A: becoming an accountant

Q: What does ACA stand for?

A: Association of Chartered Accountants. You require minimum days audit experience to qualify as an "ACA".

Q: What's an audit?

A: A formal examination of an organisation's or individual's accounts or financial situation. An audit may also include examination of compliance with applicable terms, laws, and regulations.

Q: Why do an ACA?

A: You will acquire an internationally recognised and respected qualification which has an immediate impact on your earnings potential whilst gaining a broad knowledge of business finance.

Q: How long does it take?

A: Three years.

Q: What is included in the ACA?

A: A mix of work experience and formal exams with an external training provider.

Q: What does conducting an audit entail?

A: Auditing a company involves an opportunity to travel and meet clients, accumulated knowledge and understanding of all aspects of their business. Overtime you will become increasingly able to give constructive feedback and advice to clients.

Q: What's my work experience going to be?

A: Broad! You will work with a wide variety of clients, carrying out:

- 1) Audit engagements
- 2) Tax calculation and compliance
- 3) Ultimately (with experience!) advising them on how to run their business
- 4) Statutory accounts and management accounts preparations

Q: How can I progress after qualifying with Wingrave Yeats?

A: There will be excellent opportunities internally in Wingrave Yeats, with any number of our fantastic clients. Alternatively you can look to external opportunities. Recently leavers have moved into the world's most renowned investment bank and accountancy firms. This is a testament to the quality of our training and our staff.

Q: Will I be paid to study?

A: Yes, the ACA qualification is fully supported by the company, you will receive study leave. We are more flexible than other firms can be in the event that you don't pass your exams first time.

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