The only Accounting Guide you need

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Public accounting involves working for accounting firms that provide services to external clients. Private accounting entails working within an organisation’s internal accounting team.

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTING**
- Involves providing auditing, tax, and consulting services to clients, which can range from individuals to large corporations. Public accountants often work for firms or are self-employed.

**PRIVATE ACCOUNTING**
- Involves working for a single company and handling its internal accounting needs. Usually does information preparation or budgeting.
TYPICAL GRADUATE PATHWAYS*

ACCOUNTING MAJOR
(*or non-accounting with CA bridging courses)

*PRIVATE ACCOUNTING

FINANCIAL REPORTING & ANALYSIS
Overseeing accounting operations, financial reporting, and ensuring compliance.

ASSURANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT
Assessing internal controls, identifying risks, and ensuring compliance.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTING

AUDIT & ASSURANCE
Assisting in the examination of financial records, transactions, and controls for accuracy and compliance.

TAXATION
Providing specialized tax advice, planning, and strategies to minimize tax liabilities.

CONSULTING & ADVISORY
Assisting clients with financial, operational, and strategic challenges.

ACADEMIA

TEACHING & INSTRUCTION
Teaching courses as part-time or full-time faculty. And/or conducting influential research, and contributing to curriculum development.

RESEARCH
Focusing primarily on research, securing grants, and contributing to the academic community's knowledge.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & PLANNING
Providing financial information for managerial decisions, budgeting, and performance analysis.

*THIS IS A NON-EXHAUSTIVE LIST. THERE ARE MANY OTHER CAREER PATHWAYS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE ACCOUNTING INDUSTRY. STUDENTS SHOULD ALSO DO THEIR OWN RESEARCH FOR ACCURACY.
STANDARD CAREER TRAJECTORY*

PUBLIC ACCOUNTING

- Graduate (1 YR)
- Analyst (1-3 YR)
- SNR. Analyst (2-3 YR)
- Manager (2-4 YR)
- Director (3-6 YR)
- Partner (15+ YR)

PRIVATE ACCOUNTING

- Accountant (2-3 YR)
- SNR. Accountant (3-5 YR)
- Accounting Manager (5-8 YR)
- Controller (8-12 YR)
- Director of Finance (10-15 YR)
- CFO (15+ YR)

ACADEMIA

- Assistant Professor (4-7 YR)
- Associate Professor (5-8 YR)
- Professor (Varies)

*Timeline for career progression can be influenced by a variety of factors, including an individual’s skills, accomplishments, willingness to take on new challenges, and the organization’s structure. Some individuals may move more quickly through the stages due to exceptional performance, while others might take longer if they seek additional education or experience before advancing.
ACCOUNTS REPORTS AND ANALYSIS - ACCT10001

INTRODUCTORY FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING - ACCT10002

COST MANAGEMENT - ACCT20001

INTERMEDIATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING - ACCT20002

ACCOUNTING INFORMATION, RISK AND CONTROLS - ACCT20007

ANALYSIS OF FIRMS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - ACCT30001

ENTERPRISE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - ACCT30002

AUDIT AND ASSURANCE SERVICES - ACCT30004

Business Law BLAW10001

Corporate Law BLAW20001

Taxation Law BLAW30002
A Chartered Accountant is a globally recognized professional in accounting, auditing, tax and financial management. Chartered accountants uphold high ethical standards and commit to continuous professional development.

This designation opens diverse career opportunities in various sectors and is respected for its expertise in international financial regulations. Being a CA signifies a commitment to professionalism, lifelong learning and versatile career potential.

They aim to create prosperity for everyone and offer various opportunities, programs, and memberships.

CA ANZ Represents

134,000 + members in Australia, New Zealand and overseas

For more information about CA ANZ:
https://www.charteredaccountantsanz.com
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT PROGRAM FEATURES

Supportive entry
Encouraging diversity and setting candidates up for success.

Flexible journey
Opportunities for candidates to personalise their experience.

Engaging, experiential learning
Social, active and authentic challenges that drive learning.

Streamlined, rigorous assessments
Assessing real-world challenges that integrate technical and professional capabilities.

Intelligent pathways
Pathways supporting diverse educational backgrounds and broad intakes.

Knowledge expectations
Upfront and defined assumed knowledge requirements.

Filling knowledge gaps
Diagnostics and access to assumed knowledge support material during the program.

Ethics and Business
A two-week introduction experience to frame and preview the CA Program.

Flexible timetabling
More convenience with core subjects available more often.

Specialisation with electives
Candidates specialise by selecting two electives from the pool of electives offered.

Collaborative workshops
Collaborative sessions accessed in-person or virtually.

Fast-track option
Greater opportunities for concurrent study with more scheduling options.

Inquiry led with realistic challenges
Realistic case study challenges forming the backbone of all subjects.

Engaging digital resources
Searchable, mobile-friendly content using rich and interactive media.

Multidisciplinary subjects
Progressively integrated subjects culminating in ICAP.

Professional skills throughout
Integrating professional skills throughout including communicative collaboration and ethics.

Digital exams
Digital process for a modern, streamlined experience.

Prioritising academic integrity
Building greater academic integrity - from updated policies and procedures to security software solutions.

Authentic challenges
Assessments and exams based on realistic tasks, reports and presentation.

Increasing stakes
Three assessment points within each subject with progressively higher stakes.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS TO BE AMPLIFIED

Ethical and trusted partners

Collaborators, Communicators and Influencers

Digital transformation leaders

Critical thinkers and problem solvers

Adaptive and reflective professionals

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CA program admission criteria

- Academic criteria and English language requirements
- Admission to provisional membership of Chartered Accountants ANZ
- Relevant visa for non-resident Australian based applicants
- Alternative entry pathways available if not all academic criteria is met
- Complete a fit and proper persons' declaration

Alternative entry options for non-accounting degree

- Complete CA Program subjects while not in employment
- Start CA Program subjects while completing final bridging units
- Use Flexible Pathways to access the CA Program without an accredited degree
- Start mentored practical experience before, during, or after commencing the GradDipCA
Apply for the CA Program:

1. Complete the online Provisional CA application form and submit with your academic documentation.
2. Receive approval via email from our assessment team that you are eligible to enrol in your first subject.
3. Enrol in your first subject(s) and if you are currently employed in a relevant accounting role, start tracking your Mentored Practical Experience.
Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) founded in 1919 for financial information professionals whereas BAP Xi Lambda Chapter was founded in 2017 for accounting, finance and information individuals to further expand the industry and pursue this field.

Our mission is to provide the extraordinary opportunities available and encourage a sense of responsibility in the professional setting.

We offer networking events in various forms that facilitate self-development and offer regular community service opportunities to further enhance employability while benefiting the overall society.

**Benefits of joining the Beta Alpha Psi:**
- Participate in inter-varsity competitions domestically and internationally
- Join a globally recognised network for financial information professionals
- Learn relevant job-specific skills and stay up-to-date with the most recent jobs, internships and global developments

Visit our website:
MEMBERSHIP

Join us NOW!

Associate membership
- Open to all students from University of Melbourne (any level/year)
- $20 membership fee

Benefits:
- Attend Beta Alpha Psi’s events
- Receive direct notifications regarding internships, scholarships, and events with our sponsors and collaborators

Full membership
- At least 80% attendance across all events
- At least a 70% WAM
- Open to all majors

Benefits:
- Fully funded lifetime membership
- Access to BAP intranet, with over 300 chapters in the world
- Access to exclusive events
- Right to use organisation name (ex. on Linkedin)

We are hiring!

- Apply now: Send your CV and expression of interest to recruitment@bapunimelb.com.au
REACH OUT TO US!

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