

Pathways to Success

Optional Start Point

Level 2 & 3 AAT Bookkeeping

Begin your accountancy journey at entry level to build strong foundations for success. Gain essential knowledge, skills, and confidence – and earn the AAT QB designation on completion.

Our Accountancy Programmes

Apprenticeship Routes

AAT Accounts / Finance Assistant
12 months + EPA

AAT Assistant Accountant
12 months + EPA

AAT Professional Accounting Technician
15-18 months + EPA

ACCA Professional Accounting Technician
15-18 months + EPA

ICAEW Professional Accounting Technician
15-18 months + EPA

ACCA Accountancy Professional
24-42 months + EPA

ICAEW Accountancy Professional
24-42 months + EPA

Commercial Routes

AAT Certificate in Bookkeeping
4-6 months

AAT Certificate in Accounting
10-14 months

AAT Certificate in Bookkeeping
4-6 months

AAT Diploma in Accounting
10-15 months

AAT Diploma in Professional Accounting
15-18 months

ACCA Applied Knowledge
15-18 months

ICAEW Certificate Level
15-18 months

CIMA Certificate in Business Accounting
10-12 months

ACCA Applied Skills
12-18 months

ACCA Strategic Professional
12-15 months

ICAEW Professional Level
12-18 months

ICAEW Advanced Level
12-15 months

CIMA Operational Level
10-12 months

CIMA Management Level
10-12 months

CIMA Strategic Level
12-18 months

Level
2

Level
3

Level
4

Level
7

Apprenticeships using an AAT pathway follow a day release study pattern.

Apprenticeships using an ACCA or ICAEW pathway will follow a timetabled block release pattern.

Pathways to Chartered Status (Level 7)

Fully Funded Apprenticeship

The Apprenticeship route allows employers to maximise funding and training ROI, while apprentices receive dedicated skills-coach support and develop the knowledge, skills, and behaviours needed to succeed.

Available with: ACCA ICAEW

Age: Under 22 years old*

Duration: Approx 42 months**

Private Apprenticeship

The Level 7 apprenticeship is a highly attractive and cost-effective route for developing future finance leaders. For privately funded apprentices aged under 25, National Insurance relief still applies, enabling employers to build senior-level leadership capability while achieving NI savings.

Available with: ACCA ICAEW

Age: Under 25 years old

Duration: Approx 42 months**

Commercial Only Training

The Commercial Only pathway is ideal for learners who want to focus solely on their professional qualification, supported by flexible study options.

Available with: ACCA ICAEW CIMA

Age: Suitable for persons of any age

Duration: Approx 24 months**

Commercial Plus

Enjoy the full support of an apprenticeship, including coaching and learner guidance, without the requirement to complete an End Point Assessment.

Available with: ACCA ICAEW CIMA

Age: Suitable for persons of any age

Duration: Approx 36 months**

Professional Skills Programme

Available at all levels, alongside an apprenticeship, combined with a commercial course, or as a standalone option.

Enhance workplace knowledge and skills with our Professional Skills Programme, tailored to your organisation's needs, designed to build the human and business capabilities employers value most in accountants.

Develop strengths in communication, collaboration, critical thinking, ethics, and emotional intelligence, alongside commercial awareness, leadership, problem-solving, digital and data literacy, and project management.

Loyalty Progression Discount

Following a full or part commercial pathway?

Completing a Level 4 programme (apprenticeship or commercial) with us allows you to gain exclusive access to this loyalty discount towards obtaining **Chartered Status**.

Enrol for these courses at Reed Business School to secure the discounts.

ACCA – Applied Skills Level
ICAEW ACA – Professional Level

12.5%
Discount

ACCA – Strategic Professional Level
ICAEW ACA – Advanced Level

30%
Discount

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* Under 25 if a care leaver or have an EHCP
** Dependent on prior learning and attainments