

Accountancy or Taxation Professional

Level 7 Apprenticeship

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This apprenticeship is aimed at those seeking to progress their career in management accounting and business finance. It's particularly suitable for professionals working in or aspiring to work in roles such as financial analysts, business analysts, management accountants, and finance managers.

The qualification is ideal for those who want to develop strategic thinking, financial management, and decision-making skills that are key to leading businesses. People typically pursue CIMA if they want to work in sectors like banking, consulting, manufacturing, or any large organisation where financial strategy and business insights are critical. Completing the CIMA qualification offers many benefits both personally and professionally to include: enhancing your job prospects, salary, professional development, and career progression, all while providing you with a globally respected qualification.

Through weekly day release sessions at Access Training, you'll develop your knowledge of management accounting and real-world application, giving you tools to solve business problems, communicate financial data, and develop leadership skills to drive growth. It prepares you for both technical accounting skills and strategic leadership roles.

There are four levels on the CIMA qualification:

● Certificate in Business Accounting

The Certificate in Business Accounting covers the core principles of business economics, financial accounting, management accounting, and the legal, ethical, and governance aspects of commercial activities. It provides a strong foundation in management accounting and essential business skills.

Assessment: 4 objective tests

● CGMA Professional Operational Level

The Operational Level emphasises short-term decision-making. You'll collaborate with colleagues within your organisation, utilising relevant data and technology to turn medium-term decisions into actionable short-term plans.

Assessment: 3 objective tests and 1 case study

CGMA Professional Management Level

The Management Level concentrates on converting long-term decisions into medium-term plans. You'll use data and technology to manage both organisational and individual performance, allocate resources for decision implementation, and track and report on the progress. Additionally, you'll be equipped to prepare and interpret financial statements to assess business performance.

Assessment: 3 objective tests and 1 case study

CGMA Professional Strategic Level

The Strategic Level concentrates on long-term strategic decision-making. You will assist leaders in shaping strategy, assessing and managing risks that could affect successful strategy implementation, and securing the financial resources needed to execute the strategy.

Assessment: 3 objective tests and 1 ICS case study

To achieve the CIMA CGMA qualification, you must have completed or hold exemptions from all three professional levels and have three years of relevant practical experience.

Entry requirements

- If you're qualified to AAT level 4, this may be considered as an exemption from the Certificate in Business Accounting level and you may be able to start at the Professional Operational level straight away.
- If you're a graduate with an accountancy or finance degree, you may also be eligible to start at the Professional Operational level dependent upon your degree.
- You will need to provide your certificates to apply for exemptions directly on the CIMA website.
- You can check if you're eligible for any exemptions on the CIMA's exemptions calculator.

Duration and Assessment

- It is expected that learners will complete the apprenticeship within 36 months, plus up to six months for the end point assessment. This may vary dependent upon prior qualifications and your entry point.
- Examinations will take place throughout and will be assessed by CIMA directly.
- Within the last six months of the apprenticeship (known as the gateway), the employer and our trainer will agree when you are ready for the end point assessment (EPA). CIMA will be the end point assessment organisation.
- The EPA consists of the final ICS strategic case study, along with a 4000-word report, which are both completed after the gateway. These will be assessed based on the knowledge, skills and behaviours covered throughout the apprenticeship and will be graded with a pass/fail.

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