





Accounting Technician

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Qualifications Required

Some employers expect trainees to have a minimum of five GCSEs at grade C or above, and two A levels.

To get onto an apprenticeship, you will usually need at least five GCSEs at A*-C, including English and maths, and possibly two A Levels if it is higher level.

Alternatives to A levels include relevant vocational qualifications and the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

There are no entry requirements for:

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) introductory certificate in financial and management accounting
The Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) level 2 certificate in accounting

Both are available full time or part time at colleges and private providers, as well as by distance and e-learning.

Some universities accept the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate as equivalent to one A level.

Skills and Qualities

To become an Accounting Technician, you should have:

Good written and spoken communication skills
An interest in how organisations work
IT skills - most accounting systems are computerised

Do I need Welsh Language skills?

Welsh Language skills are often asked for. Being able to read, write and speak Welsh may be an advantage when you're looking for work in Wales.



Entry Routes

An apprenticeship is a great place to start.

Employers expect Accounting Technicians to have a qualification in accounting as well as experience. They may expect experience in a particular area, such as the public sector.

Most people enter this career by applying for a trainee post with an employer.

Employers expect you to have an interest in accounting along with good GCSEs and/or A levels (at least grade C/4), including English and maths. Some may expect good IT skills, as well.

If you haven't got the qualifications to start as a trainee or an apprentice, you could study for:

•The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) introductory certificate in financial and management accounting

•The Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) level 2 certificate in accounting

Some Accounting Technicians start as an Accounts Assistant or Accounts/Finance Clerk to gain experience before training as an Accounting Technician.

The pay rates given Salary below are approximate.

•Starting: £23,000 -£34,500

•With experience: £38,000 - £46,000

•Senior Accounting Technicians earn £48,500 - £52,500







To find out more click on the QR code below



Some schools may require for Sixth Form, their students to gain 5 A*-C at GCSE Potentially helpful A-Levels might be Maths • B in Higher Tier **Further Maths** • A in Maths **Business** • Open to all students • C in English, • Desirable - B Business **Economics** • C in English • C in Maths

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