

# YOUR DEGREE IN ACCOUNTANCY... WHAT NEXT???



National College of Ireland



## ACCOUNTANCY AS A CAREER

Almost 40% of graduate jobs are either in the Accountancy or Financial Services sector with the Big 4 firms alone employing over 1,000 graduates annually.

Employers typically include professional services firms, shared services, multinational and indigenous businesses, SMEs, financial services and advisory firms. Specifically, roles exist in audit/assurance, internal audit, corporate finance, financial planning & analysis, management and financial accounting, technical accounting, fund accounting and tax.

### Your exemptions as an Accountancy Graduate:

To qualify as an accountant further training is needed. Depending on the modules you studied at NCI and your exam performance you may be entitled to significant exemptions from the professional accountancy exams.

The Careers Team will help you decide which qualification is most appropriate for you. You then register with the appropriate professional body (ACA, ACCA, CIMA, CPA and CTA) and complete the exams whilst working as a Trainee Accountant.

Further exemptions can be secured for certain qualifications by undertaking a relevant Masters programme.

### What do NCI graduates do?

Each year the NCI Career Development and Employability Service produces a Graduate Outcomes report based on an annual survey of graduates nine months after graduation. The following table represents the ten year trend with regard to BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance graduates.

From 2019 work placement has been an option for 3rd year students. All of those who completed a placement to date are working in professional roles and 60% of those are working with companies they completed their placement with.

The Careers Service organises a number of employer led initiatives throughout term time and on average circa 40% of graduates in Accounting & Finance secure a role with a company they met on campus in NCI.

10 Year Trend	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Employed	81%	74%	74%	97%	90%	85%	86%	76%	60%	47%	47%
Further Study	11%	23%	23%	3%	10%	15%	20%	16%	31%	41%	28%
Seeking Employment	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	5%	4.5%	6%	6%
Not Available	8%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	4.5%	6%	19%

## WHO EMPLOYS ACCOUNTANCY GRADUATES FROM NCI?

Graduates who progressed directly to employment have taken up a variety of roles. The following is a sample of graduate jobs and employers over the past number of years:

### Insurance:

123.ie - Accounts Assistant, Allianz  
- Claims Administrator, Allianz  
Worldwide Care - Cash Allocations  
and Commissions Officer, Chill  
Insurance- Administration Agent,  
O'Driscoll O'Neill- Insurance  
Brokers Client Administrator, Zurich  
- Group Pensions Administrator,

### Financial Services:

AIB -Audit Junior, AIB - Account  
Manager, AIB-Graduate  
Programme, AIB - Corporate  
Banking - Enterprise Lending  
Systems Advisor, Bank of Ireland  
-Customer Service Agent, BNY  
Mellon - Fund Accountant, BNY  
Mellon- Trustee Administrator,  
Citco- Fund accountant,  
Citco- Operations Analyst, Citi  
-S& D Analyst, Citi- Graduate  
Risk & Controls Analyst, Citi-  
Operations Graduate, Direct  
Custody and Clearing, Deutsche  
Bank- KYC Operator, Hedgeserv  
- Graduate Fund Accountant;  
State Street - Fund Accountant,  
State Street - Private Equity,  
Bank of Ireland - Mortgage  
Administrator, BNP Paribas -  
Middle Office Administrator,  
GAM Fund Management - Pricing  
Administrator, KBC - Retail Control  
Officer , SMT Fund Services - Fund  
Accountant, SFM Europe -Trainee  
Chartered Accountant, Towers  
Watson- Pensions Administrator.

### Professional Services:

Barr Pomeroy, Trainee Chartered  
Accountant, BDO- Trainee  
Chartered Accountant, JPA Brenson  
Lawlor - Trainee ACCA, Byrne  
Curtin Kelly - Junior Accountant,  
Crowleys DFK, Trainee Chartered  
Accountant, Deloitte – Trainee  
ACA, Deloitte- Trainee Tax  
Advisor, Eisner Amper- Trainee  
Tax Accountant, Gorman Quigley  
Penrose- Trainee Chartered  
Accountant, EY - Trainee Chartered  
Accountant, Grant Thornton -  
Trainee ACA, HLB Sheehan Quinn  
– Trainee Accountant, Houlihan  
Cushnahan - Trainee Accountant,  
Mazars -Trainee Chartered  
Accountant, PKF O'Connor Leddy  
& Holmes Limited- Audit Trainee ,  
PwC- Trainee Chartered Accountant

### Industry:

Aerfast- Accounts & Billing, Coca  
Cola - Cash Analyst, DTZ Sherry  
Fitzgerald- Accounts Assistant,  
Hudson Advisors Europe Ltd  
- Accounts Payable Associate,  
Flynn Management & Contractors-  
Accounts Assistant, Joe Duffy Motor  
Group - Accounts Assistant, Kellings  
Property Management - Accounts  
Assistant, McCartons Pharmacy –  
Accounts Assistant, United Drug -  
Purchasing Assistant , Windmill Lane  
Productions - Accounts Assistant,  
Ryanair – Finance Graduate  
Programme, Ryanair – Media  
Budget Administrator, Syncreon-  
Financial Accountant

### Tax:

BDO- Trainee Tax Consultant,  
Meridian Global Services - VAT  
Trainee, Conlan Crotty Murray & Co,  
Tax Trainee, Cornmarket Financial  
Services Group - Tax Advisor, Ernst  
& Young – Tax Trainee, Brown  
Murphy & Hughes- Tax Trainee,  
Burns Kelly Corrigan – Trainee Tax  
Consultant, Clancy Associates – Tax  
Trainee

### Non Finance Roles:

AIB - HR Shared Services, Chad  
Consulting, UK - International  
Search Consultant, Euromedics -  
Clerical Officer, Eircom for Business-  
Customer Service Agent, Mace  
Promotions - Accounts Manager,  
Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute  
– Executive Officer

## What Postgraduate Courses do Accounting Graduates choose?

The following list provides a sample of the postgraduate courses The BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance students progressed to following graduation:

DCU - Masters in Accounting

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DCU-MSc International  
Accounting & Business

National College of Ireland  
- MA Human Resource  
Management

National College of Ireland  
- MSc in Management

National College of Ireland,  
MSc Finance

Maynooth University  
- Masters in Accounting

Maynooth University  
- Masters in Economics

Queens University  
- Masters in Accounting

Sheffield Hallam University (UK)  
MSc International Business  
Management

TCD - MSc in Finance

TUD- Masters in Strategic  
Management

University College Cork,  
MSc Information Systems for  
Business Performance

UCD Smurfit -  
Masters in Accounting

UCD -  
Masters in Computer Science

University of Cardiff,  
Masters of Accountancy & Finance

University of Technology, Sydney  
MSc Finance

University of York,  
MSc Finance

University of Reading,  
Masters in Accounting  
and Finance

## Careers Open to All Graduates

About one-third of all graduate jobs are advertised for graduates of any discipline. Examples of these jobs include management trainee positions, marketing and sales, research, banking, etc.

You also have the option of taking a postgraduate conversion course when you graduate. Pursuing a postgraduate conversion course will allow you to alter your original career path, to think beyond previous educational restrictions, such as CAO points, and open the door to a new career path that you really want. Postgraduate conversion courses exist in Teaching, Law, IT, Marketing, HR, Advertising etc.

## MORE INFORMATION

For much more detailed information and resources relating to a career in Accounting, the exemptions available, vacancy sources etc. please visit our *website* [www.ncirl.ie/careers](http://www.ncirl.ie/careers).

Every student will create their own career path based on their personal values and interests so please do arrange to meet us to help you get started on planning your journey.

