



Your Degree in
Accountancy

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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 1,200 graduates annually. Employers typically include professional services firms, shared services, multinational and indigenous businesses, SMEs, financial services and advisory environment. Specifically, roles exist in audit/assurance, internal audit, corporate finance, financial planning and analysis, management and financial accounting, technical accounting, fund accounting, tax.

Who employs Accountancy Graduates from NCI?

Each year, the Careers Team publish a Graduate Outcomes Report, showcasing where our graduates are employed or studying 9 months of completing their degree. You can explore over 10 years of results and trends at <https://bit.ly/NCIGradDestinations>

The Careers Service organises employer led initiatives throughout term time and on average circa 60% of graduates in Accounting & Finance Secure a role with a company they met on campus in NCI.

The following is a sample of graduate jobs and employers over the past number of years:

Professional Services

BDO – Trainee Chartered Accountant; **Byrne Curtin Kelly** – Junior Accountant; **Crowleys DFK** – Trainee Chartered Accountant; **Deloitte** – Trainee ACA; **EY** – Trainee Chartered Accountant; **Gorman Quigley Penrose** – Trainee Chartered Accountant; **Grant Thornton** – Trainee ACA; **HLB Ireland** – Trainee Accountant; **Icon Accounting** – Client Account Manager; **JPA Brenson Lawlor** – Trainee ACCA; **Mazars** – Trainee Chartered Accountant; **Moore Ireland** – Graduate ACCA Programme; **PKF O'Connor** **Leddy & Holmes Limited** – Audit Trainee; **PwC** – Trainee Chartered Accountant.

Tax

BDO – Trainee Tax Consultant; **Brown Murphy & Hughes** – Tax Trainee; **Burns Kelly Corrigan** – Trainee Tax Consultant; **Clancy Associates** – Tax Trainee; **Conlan Crotty Murray & Co.** – Tax Trainee; **Cornmarket Financial Services Group** – Tax Advisor; **Deloitte** – Trainee Tax Advisor; **Eisner Amper** – Trainee Tax Accountant; **EY** – Tax Trainee; **Meridian Global Services** – VAT Trainee; **RSM Ireland** – Tax Associate.

Insurance

123.ie – Accounts Assistant; **Allianz** – Claims Administrator; **Allianz Worldwide Care** – Cash Allocations and Commissions Officer; **Chill Insurance** – Administration Agent; **Cornmarket Group Financial Services** – Retirement & Investment Advisor (QFA); **O'Driscoll O'Neill** – Insurance Brokers Client Administrator; **Zurich** – Group Pensions Administrator.

Financial Services

AIB – Trainee Accountant; **AIB** – Account Manager; **AIB** – Audit Junior; **AIB** – Corporate Banking – Enterprise Lending Systems Advisor; **AIB** – Graduate Programme; **Bank of Ireland** – Financial Advisor (QFA); **Bank of Ireland** – Mortgage Administrator; **BNP Paribas** – Middle Office Administrator; **BNY Mellon** – Fund Accountant; **BNY Mellon** – Trustee Administrator; **Citico** – Fund Accountant; **Citico** – Operations Analyst; **Citi** – Graduate Risk & Controls Analyst; **Citi** – Operations Analyst Graduate – Direct Custody and Clearing; **Citi** – S&D Analyst; **Deutsche Bank** – KYC Operator; **GAM Fund Management** – Pricing Administrator; **Hedgeserv** – Graduate Fund Accountant; **SEI Private Equity** – Fund Accounting Analyst; **SFM Europe** – Trainee Chartered Accountant; **SMT Fund Services** – Fund Accountant; **State Street** – Fund Accountant; **State Street** – Private Equity; **Towers Watson** – Pensions Administrator.

Industry

Flynn Management & Contractors – Accounts Assistant; **Joe Duffy Motor Group** – Accounts Assistant; **Ryanair** – Finance Graduate Programme; **Ryanair** – Media Budget Administrator; **Syncreon** – Financial Accountant; **United Drug** – Purchasing Assistant; **Vision Ireland** – Finance Intern; **Windmill Lane Productions** – Accounts Assistant.

Non-Finance Roles

AIB – HR Shared Services; **Cassidy Wines** – Logistics Coordinator; **Chad Consulting, UK** – International Search Consultant; **Eircom for Business** – Customer Service Agent; **HSE** – Assistant Staff Officer; **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 MSc Accounting
DCU MSc E-Commerce
DCU MSc International Accounting & Business
Maynooth University MA Accounting
Maynooth University MSc Economics
National College of Ireland MSc Management
National College of Ireland MSc Finance
Trinity College Dublin MSc Business Analytics
Trinity College Dublin MSc in Finance
TUD MSc Strategic Management
University College Cork MSc Information Systems for Business Performance

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 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.

Where to look for opportunities

NCI Resources

- List of live graduate programmes compiled by NCI Careers: <https://bit.ly/NCIListofGradProgrammes>
- NCI online jobs board: <https://ncirl-csm.symplicity.com>
- LinkedIn Alumni Tool: See where past Accounting graduates are working using the LinkedIn Alumni tool: <https://bit.ly/LinkedInAlumniAccounting>

Other Resources

- ACCA Ireland Trainee Accounting Jobs Board: <https://jobs.accaglobal.com/jobs/ireland/trainee-accountantgradireland>
<https://gradireland.com/graduate-jobs>
- Indeed: <https://ie.indeed.com>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/jobs>
- Not for Profit Sector: <https://www.activelink.ie/vacancies>
- Trainee Chartered Accountant List (ACA): <https://www.charteredaccountants.ie/Prospective-Students/Vacancies/Search>
- Tax Opportunities: <https://taxinstitute.ie/members-2/find-a-job>
- WAM – AHEAD Graduate programme for graduates with a disability: <https://www.ahead.ie/currentopportunities>

Using Boolean Search with job boards

Using a Boolean Search such as the one below will help you search the job boards for a wide range of accountancy and finance related graduate roles in Dublin by including multiple job title variations that employers might use. It increases your chances of discovering relevant opportunities, even if they are listed under slightly different titles.

“Graduate accountant” OR “Trainee accountant” OR “Assistant accountant” OR “ACA trainee” OR “ACCA trainee” OR “Tax trainee” OR “Graduate tax” OR “Assistant tax” OR “Accounting graduate” OR “Audit Junior” OR “Associate Graduate” OR “Insolvency Trainee” OR “Graduate Funds” OR “Fund Accounting Associate” OR “Audit Graduate” OR “Tax Graduate” OR “Finance Graduate” OR “Audit and Advisory Trainee” OR “Finance Grad Programme” OR “Accounting & Finance, Graduate Programme” OR “Capital Markets Graduate” OR “Corporate Finance Graduate” OR “Accountancy/Finance Graduate” OR “Graduate Programme, Finance & Accounting”.

Visa options

For non-EEA students, the two most common visa routes into the accountancy profession in Ireland are the **Stamp 1G Graduate Visa** and the **Stamp 1A Trainee Accountant Visa**. The **Stamp 1A** allows trainee accountants to work and study in Ireland for up to four years while completing their professional accountancy exams. To qualify, trainees must be in full-time, paid accountancy training with an employer (such as an accountancy practice or business) that is registered with a recognised Professional Accountancy Body.

Alternative career pathways

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, HR 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.

How can the Careers Service help you?

The Careers Service supports students in exploring their career options and connects students with employers. You can book an appointment with your careers consultant to help you decide your next step in your career. Login to ncirl-cs.symplicity.com to see the full range of Career events and supports available, to view the jobs board and to and book an appointment with your Careers Advisor today.

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