

School of Professional Accountancy

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ACCA fulltime

Programme Information Guide

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Independent Colleges' School of Professional Accountancy is led by two of Ireland's most respected accounting and finance educators Dave O'Donoghue FCCA, MSc, Dip IFRS and Liam Doran FCCA, FCPA, MBS Finance.

Independent Colleges – ACCA Full Time

Independent Colleges' ACCA full time programme is exam and career focused. It will assist students in achieving a rewarding career in the field of Accounting and Finance. This programme is designed to provide students with a personalised study programme and is tailor-made to ensure students are professionally prepared to sit the ACCA exams.

Salient features of ACCA full time at Independent Colleges include;

- Extensive lecture/contact hours
- Thorough coverage of all topics covered on the ACCA syllabus
- Application of theory
- Extensive use of practice questions (including past examination questions)
- Small class sizes allow students to discuss topics with peers and lecturers
- Regular class/progress tests to examine understanding of each topic
- Easy access to lecturers
- All relevant study materials provided at the beginning of the programme and updates given throughout the teaching period
- Library and study facilities on campus
- Timetables that allow students to balance work and self study
- On line support – Access to moodle; the college Intranet
- Mock exams with comprehensive feedback at the end of the programme

Independent colleges is recognised as a leading educational institution in preparing students to sit the professional accountancy examinations of all the major accountancy bodies in Ireland in particular ACCA.

ACCA Registration

Students wishing to study ACCA must register with Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) directly. Registration details are available on the ACCA website www.accaglobal.com. Students with previous Accounting or Business related qualifications may get exemptions from some of the subjects (except for Professional level papers). Please contact ACCA directly to enquire about your exemptions.

Entry requirements

ACCA offers various entry points on to the ACCA Qualification, depending on your age and previous academic qualifications.

Minimum entry requirements

- Two A Levels and three GCSEs or equivalent in five separate subjects, including English and Mathematics.

Mature Student Entry Route (MSER)

- Normally over age 21
- No academic qualifications required
- Must pass the equivalent of Papers F2, *Management Accounting* and F3, *Financial Accounting* within two years before further progression in the ACCA exams is permitted.

Graduate-entry route

- Relevant degree holders from ACCA-accredited institutions may be exempted from all nine exams within the Fundamentals level and register directly at the Professional level. Degrees with some relevance may also qualify for exemptions

Access to ACCA via CAT qualification

- No academic qualifications required
- Sit Certified Accounting Technician
- Sit the (CAT) qualification first and then transfer to the Skills module of the ACCA Qualification by claiming exemption from the first three papers in the Knowledge module.

Summary of entry requirements for Irish School Leaving Students

Qualification	ACCA
The Irish Leaving Certificate in at least five separate subjects (including Mathematics & English) with at least 3 subjects at Higher (ARD) Level (Grade C3 or above) and at least 2 subjects at Grade D3 or above, either at Higher (ARD) or Ordinary (Gnath) Level	Sufficient for Registration
2 passes at GCE / VCE A Level (grades A-E) PLUS 3 GCSE / Vocational GCSE / GCE O Level passes (grades 1-6 / A-C) In Maths and English	Sufficient for Registration
1 GCE / VCE A Level pass (grades A-E) PLUS 2 GCE / VCE AS Level (Supplementary / Subsidiary) passes (grades A-E)	Sufficient for Registration
Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education (double award – 12 units)/ Advanced General National Vocational Qualification	Sufficient for Registration
3 LCCI Higher passes PLUS 2 LCCI Intermediate Level passes In Maths and English	Sufficient for Registration
Junior Certificate	Insufficient for Registration
National Certificate Business Studies - Pass	Sufficient for Registration

ACCA Registration Closing Dates

For the June examinations

Register by 31 December of the preceding year

For the December examinations

Register by 15 August of the same year

Fee Schedule (for February 2009 admissions)

Fundamental and Skills Modules: Papers F1 to F9 – Euro 1,100 per paper

Professional Module: Papers P1 to P7 – Euro 1,300 per paper

Tuition fees include study materials, revision course, mock exams and progress tests.

Fees must be paid prior to commencement of the programme

International Students

International students who require a visa to enter or remain in the country must register for 3 papers for one term or 5 papers for one year. This is in line with the full time study visa requirements from the department of justice and GNIB (Garda National Immigration bureau)

International students must check the general study visa application requirements with the Irish Embassy/Consulate in their home countries.

For more information on international students please contact acca@independentcolleges.ie.

Sample Timetable for ACCA Full Time Programme

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10am – 1pm		F1	F2	F3	
	F4	F5		F6	
	P1	P2	P3		
2pm – 5pm		F3	F1	F2	
	F4	F6	F5		
	P3	P1	P2		

Final timetable available on the commencement of the programme.

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How to Apply

EU Applications last date – February 15, 2009

- Fully completed application form with a passport size photograph
- Copy of ACCA registration letter. (Please provide a reference number if registration under process)

International Applications last date – January 31, 2009

- Fully completed application form with two passport size photographs
- Copy of ACCA registration letter
- Certified copies of previous qualifications and transcripts
- IELTS score where English is not first language (minimum IELTS score requirement is 6.5 with not less than 6.0 in each module)
- Curriculum vitae (CV)

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