

Accounting Careers

What can I do? Where can I go?



Accountants ensure that any business entity accurate, up-to-date record keeping of financial transactions and procedure reporting of business practices. Some of the specializations include public accounting, auditing, forensic, taxing accounting, cost and budgets.

Accounting Skills

- Legal knowledge
- Decision making skills
- Objectivity
- Able to organize
- Logical problem solving
- Ability to analyze, compare and interpret facts and figures
- Communication skills

Sample Job Titles

- Auditor
- Internal Auditor
- Management Advisory Services Consultant
- Tax Accountant
- Tax Preparer
- Budget Accountant
- Bursar
- Cost Accountant
- Internal Auditor

Possible Work Setting

- Banks/Financial Institutions
- Accounting Firms
- Consulting Firms
- Government Agencies
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Recruiting Firms

Professional Licences

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants www.aicpa.org

- Certified Public Accountant

Institute of Management Accountants www.imanet.org

- Certified Management Accountant
- Certified Financial Manager

Institute of Internal Auditors www.theiia.org

- Certified Internal Auditor
- Certification in Control Self-Assessment
- Certified Government Auditing Professional
- Certified Financial Services Auditor
- Field Supervisor

Career Paths

(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)

Public Accounting

Areas of Interest

- Environmental Accounting
- Auditing/ Assurance Services
- Tax
- Consulting Services
- Forensic Accounting/ Investigative
- International Accounting

Sample Job Titles

- Auditor
- Consultant
- External Auditor
- Forensic Accountant
- Junior Accountant
- Management Analyst
- Partner
- Tax Specialist

Professional Organizations

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
www.aicpa.org
- American Society of Women Accountants
www.aswa.org
- American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants
www.awscpa.org
- Council for Accountancy and Taxation
www.acatcredentials.org
- National Association of Forensic Accountants
www.nafanet.com
- National Association of State Boards of Accountancy
www.nasba.org
- National Society of Accountants
www.nsaacct.org/index.asp
- Texas Society of CPAs
www.tscpa.org

Management or Corporate Accounting

Areas of Interest & Sample Job Titles

- Management Consultant
- Tax Accountant
- Cost Accountant
- Budget Accountant
- Systems Accountant
- Controller, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer
- Actuary
- Tax Planning
- Financial Reporting

Professional Organizations

- Financial Accounting Foundation www.fash.org
- Financial Executives International www.financialexecutives.org
- Institute of Management Accountants www.imanet.org

Government Accounting

Areas of Interest

- Office of Management and Budget
- Government Accountability Office
- Department of Treasury
- Central Accounting

Sample Job Titles

- Revenue Officer
- Budget Analyst
- IRS Agent
- Chief Bank Examiner
- Accountant
- Staff Accountant

Professional Organizations

- Association of Government Accountants www.agacgfm.org/homepage.aspx
- Government Finance Officers Association www.gfoa.org
- National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers www.nasact.org

Accounting Education & Administration

Areas of Interest

- High School Teaching
- College Teaching

Sample Job Titles

- Associate Professor
- Department Chair
- Professor
- Program Chair

Professional Organizations

- American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business www.aacsb.edu

Internal Accounting

Areas of Interest

- General Financial Accounting
- Managerial Accounting
- Internal Auditing
- Tax Auditing
- Systems Analysis

Sample Job Titles

- Revenue Officer
- Budget Analyst
- IRS Agent
- Chief Bank Examiner
- Accountant
- Staff Accountant

Professional Organizations

- The Information Systems Audit and Control Association www.isaca.org
- The Institute of Internal Auditors www.theiia.org

Texas State University-Student Organizations

- National Association of Black Accountants
- Beta Alpha Psi (Accounting)
- Accounting Club

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