

ICAEW
THE GLOBAL QUALIFICATION
FOR BUSINESS-MINDED PEOPLE



*Explore
vast avenues*
with ICAEW CFAB.

The global qualification that gets you there

The ICAEW Certificate in Finance, Accounting and Business (ICAEW CFAB) is the practical qualification for those interested in or working in business.

Internationally recognised and respected by employers around the world, the certificate qualification content makes it ideal for all kinds of business and finance-minded people.

Whether you're starting out in your career, setting up your own business or simply looking to develop your skills, ICAEW CFAB will get you there.

Over six modules, you will learn about business and finance, management information, law, assurance, and the principles of tax and accounting - all practical areas of study that will help you achieve your goals and enable you to develop practical skills needed in the workplace.

As you complete each module, you'll receive a certificate of achievement. Unlike other qualifications, you don't have to follow an academic year. You can sign up and study for ICAEW CFAB at any time. You can do this in a classroom, online or by yourself at home - it's a win, win.

If you're currently working or doing other courses, that's absolutely fine. Ultimately you can go at your own pace and complete the modules in your own time.



BFP

There are three key elements to complete before you can apply for your BFP designation, ICAEW CFAB, Ethics Programme, and work experience.

BFP is an internationally recognised designation and professional status from ICAEW. The BFP letters help professionals demonstrate their knowledge, skills and experience in business and finance, as well as their commitment to ongoing development and to high ethical and technical standards.

The certificate can take you all the way to qualifying as a chartered accountant by completing the ACA qualification, and it can also be your stepping stone to the ICAEW Business and Finance Professional (BFP) designation, giving you the upper hand in any industry you choose.

As a BFP, you will have the right to use letters after your name to demonstrate your commitment to professional development, as a stamp of recognition to show you are an ethical and skilled professional. As an ACA, you will be a member of one of the most prestigious global professional bodies.



You can find out more at [icaew.com/aboutbfp](https://www.icaew.com/aboutbfp)

At a glance



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More than 20,000 people have been awarded or are currently studying ICAEW CFAB.



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We have students from 76 countries around the world.



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Typically students complete ICAEW CFAB in two years.



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You have to complete six modules.



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ICAEW allows candidates to sit their exam in centre or by remote invigilation.



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It's open to all - you don't need any formal qualifications to study for ICAEW CFAB.



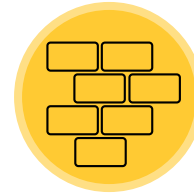
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Study by yourself, online, or in the classroom.



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Complete ICAEW CFAB at your own pace.



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Build the skills you need for your business or career.



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ICAEW CFAB is the first level of our chartered accountancy qualification, the ACA. It's also one of the steps to gaining the ICAEW Business and Finance Professional (BFP) designation.

Obliterating the field with unbelievable talent

Since its launch, more than 20,000 people have been awarded or are currently studying ICAEW CFAB. Their reason for doing so is different from one person to the next.

Some already work in business and want to develop their skills. Others are starting out in their careers and are keen to build their knowledge about finance, accounting and business.

We have students who are setting up their own business or simply looking to change careers, while others use a career break as an opportunity to develop a new set of skills.

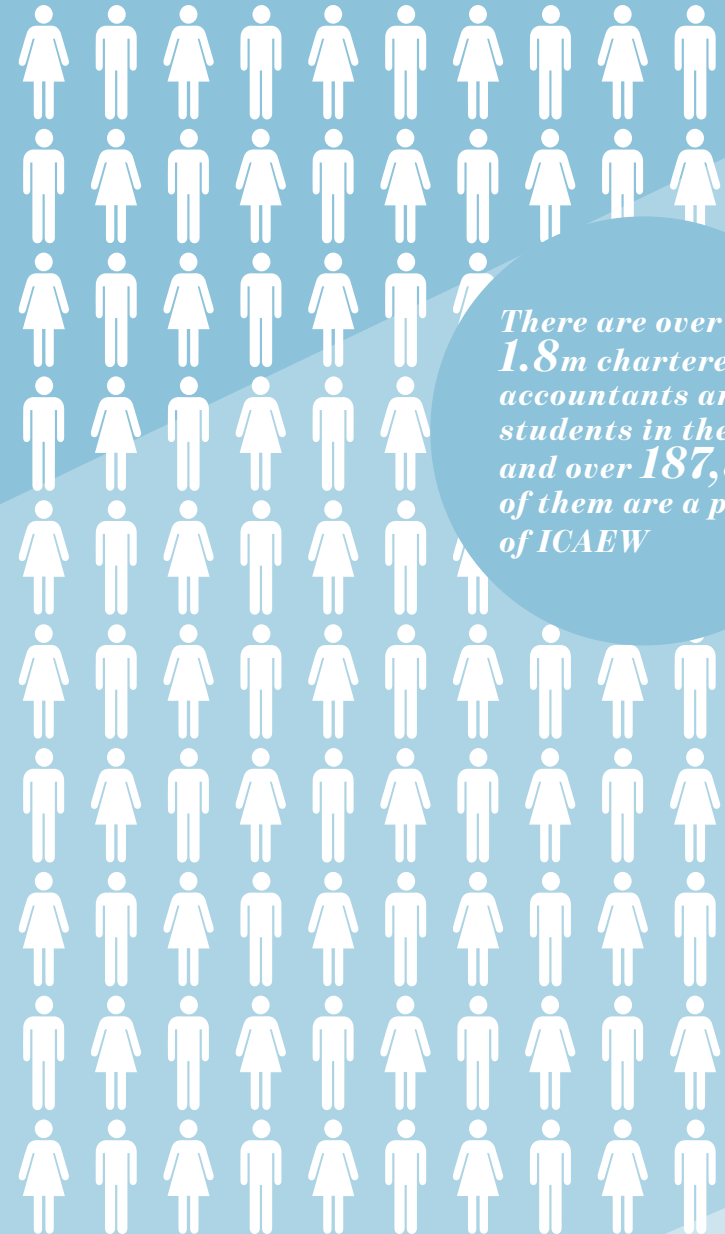
COULD THIS OPPORTUNITY BE FOR ME?

You might have just left school or university. You may be an experienced business or finance professional, or you could be doing a completely unconnected job.

Equally, you could be a small business owner or entrepreneur. No matter what stage you are at in your professional life, the content of our certificate qualification is designed to help you achieve your goals.

'I chose to study ICAEW CFAB during my spare time whilst studying a Master's degree. It helped boost my career and differentiated me from other candidates.'

Julian Ford, studying to be an accountant.



How it works

ICAEW CFAB consists of six modules. Each one focuses on a key aspect of finance, business or accounting, giving you practical insights and knowledge that will help you in your career and your dream industry.



- 1 ACCOUNTING**
Assets and liabilities, profit and loss, cash flow, and invoicing.
- 2 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION**
Business costs, pricing strategies, measuring business performance, and management decisions.
- 3 LAW**
Business costs, pricing strategies, measuring business performance, and management decisions.
- 4 BUSINESS, TECHNOLOGY AND FINANCE**
Business planning, financing options, and competition.
- 5 PRINCIPLES OF TAXATION**
Tax requirements for people and companies, and implications of not complying with tax requirements.
- 6 ASSURANCE**
What is it? Why is it important? And understanding business risk.



There's more about each of these modules at [icaew.com/icaewcfab](https://www.icaew.com/icaewcfab)

You don't need a degree

HOW DID COMPLETING ICAEW CFAB AND BFP HELP YOU DEVELOP AS A PROFESSIONAL?

Coming from a Humanities degree background, I initially found the ACA content challenging, so completing the ICAEW CFAB and gaining the BFP designation gave me a huge confidence boost to know that I'm on the right track!

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THE ACA OVER OTHER ACCOUNTING QUALIFICATIONS?

As I have progressed, I felt like I made the right choice. The ACA is ever-evolving and the changing technological advancements within the exam is testament to ICAEW's relevancy.

HOW HAS YOUR DEGREE IN ENGLISH HELPED YOUR CAREER?

Having roots in an English degree means being equipped with a critical mind. I felt that my existing skills and experience would be valued, whilst learning new skills. To anyone out there who's hearing that Humanities degrees don't lead to opportunities in finance, don't listen to that, it's just not true.

Job title: Internal Audit – Public Sector Assurance
Employer: BDO
Degree: English

A portrait of Sherv Cheung, a man with dark hair, smiling, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt and a tan blazer. The background is a colorful geometric pattern of blue, pink, yellow, and light blue.

***Sherv
Cheung,
BFP***

The nitty-gritty

It's easy to start studying for ICAEW CFAB. You don't need any other qualifications, just a real interest in business and finance.

However, if you do have prior learning (such as a relevant degree or another accounting qualification), you may be eligible for exam credit, which means that you won't have to study all of the modules.

You can simply sign up and start with your first module. Whether you see this as a step towards becoming an ICAEW Chartered Accountant, or a vital part of your professional development, this qualification will get you there.

It's incredibly flexible. You can study in a classroom, online, or by yourself at home.

You can do the modules in any order; and at the end of each module, you will need to take an exam at one of our exam centres or via remote invigilation, which you can find on our website.

Throughout your studies we offer you lots of support, including study webinars and study guides, as well as resources to prepare you for the exams.

£180

ONE-OFF REGISTRATION FEE (+VAT)

£72

COST FOR EACH EXAM

£33

LEARNING MATERIALS FOR EACH MODULE

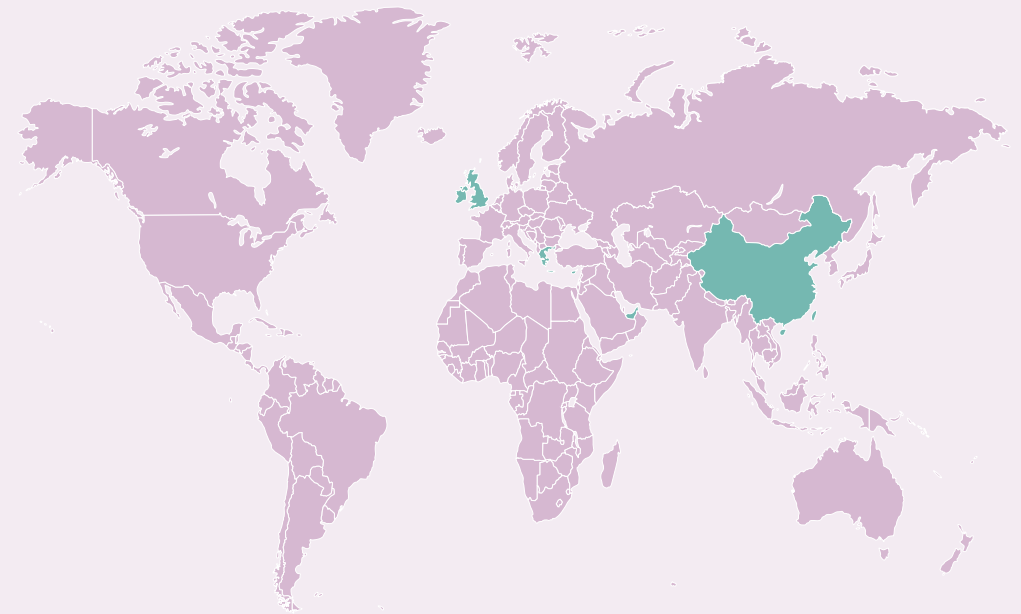
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OR LESS IS HOW LITTLE IT COSTS TO GET A FULL QUALIFICATION

Time to register

You can study for ICAEW CFAB in the UK and internationally.
Each module is examined by a computer-based exam.

Exam centres are located all across the world. Before registering as a student, make sure there's an exam centre near you at [icaew.com/cfab](https://www.icaew.com/cfab)



Chartered accountants are talented, ethical and committed professionals. There are more than 1.8m chartered accountants and students in the world, and more than 187,800 of them are members and students of ICAEW. All of the top 100 global brands employ chartered accountants.*

Founded in 1880, ICAEW has a long history of serving the public interest and we continue to work with governments, regulators and business leaders globally. And, as a world-leading improvement regulator, we supervise and monitor over 12,000 firms, holding them, and all ICAEW members and students, to the highest standards of professional competency and conduct. We promote inclusivity, diversity and fairness and we give talented professionals the skills and values they need to build resilient businesses, economies and societies, while ensuring our planet's resources are managed sustainably.

ICAEW is the first major professional body to be carbon neutral, demonstrating our commitment to tackle climate change and supporting UN Sustainable Development Goal 13.

We are proud to be a founding member of Chartered Accountants Worldwide, a network of 750,000 members across 190 countries which promotes the expertise and skills of chartered accountants around the world. We believe that chartered accountancy can be a force for positive change. By sharing our insight, expertise and understanding we can help to create sustainable economies and a better future for all.

ICAEW - We get you there.







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