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"My point about accounting is that you can always turn an accountant into a salesman, but you can't turn a salesman into an accountant".



REPORT ON THE PROGRAMME

The IfA has reported to the Public Accounts Committee in October that higher and degree apprenticeships are a 'rapidly growing element of the programme'. On the

website, there are 526 job descriptions listed, of which 195 standards are currently ready for delivery.

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job types listed on the IfA website

Of these 65 are at Level four or above, with 6 being at Level 7, equivalent to a master's degree. Levy-funded apprenticeships at higher and degree-level jumped by a whopping 424% in September, according to the latest experimental Department for Education statistics. Commitments at all levels is up by 153%.

There is some concern that the apprenticeship levy, which kicked off on May 1, would encourage businesses to fund management courses for existing employees rather than offering lower-level apprenticeships to young people.

And FE Week reported last month that management had soared in popularity to become the second most popular framework in 2016/17.



Avoid these 4 bad habits when studying for exams

These 4 bad habits need to be avoided if you are going to experience success in your exams:

1. Studying without a plan

It makes sense to plan to achieve in exams as well as in life. You can then become focussed and not waste precious study time.

2. Studying late at night

Many students believe they can study late at night, but you won't be as focussed the next day and may fall ill. The best time is early morning.

3. Trying to memorise your notes

It's clear from research that if you can speak confidently about a subject out loud, you are more likely to learn and understand it.

4. Note-taking but not understanding

Try to write the content of lectures in your own words, as it will help to understand the ideas and recall them later. Interact with the tutor.

We wish you all the best in your next exam!

AAT Courses - Accounting - Level 2 - Level 4

An online AAT qualification can open the door to a vast range of career options because they provide comprehensive coverage of a wide range of accounting techniques.

Many qualified Accounting Technicians work in very well rewarded job roles at senior levels in all sectors around the world, as self-employed AAT Licenced Accountants. Qualified Accounting Technicians can work as Bookkeepers and in financial accounting, management accounting, credit control, taxation or auditing departments. Follow the links to find out more and to learn what each of

the AAT qualifications cost.

Which AAT accounting course is right for you?

There is a lot to gain from studying all three levels of accounting. The investment can be extremely rewarding. You will benefit from much improved confidence, as well as being able to offer potential employers a wide portfolio of knowledge, skills and abilities, or you can offer clients a great range of services!

AAT Level 2 Courses

Provide an entry level qualification for those who are new to finance, as well as an enjoyable challenge for those with bookkeeping or accounting work experience. AAT Level 2 courses teach the double-entry bookkeeping principles which computerised processes and accounting systems are built on, as well as essential skills to help you succeed in any entry level job.

AAT Level 3 Courses

Are suitable for those who have a thorough understanding of the double-entry bookkeeping system obtained from either work experience or any level 2 manual bookkeeping qualification. They introduce advanced bookkeeping skills, accounts preparation and management accounting techniques.

AAT Level 4 Courses

Are suitable for those who have level 3 accounting qualifications which cover financial and management accounting. Level 4 further develops advanced financial and management accounting skills and introduces specialised topics such as taxation and auditing.

The detailed content for each course is provided on the individual course pages. If you are unsure which level is most appropriate there are quizzes and help guides on this page and you can contact us and we'd be delighted to help you choose the most appropriate starting point to help you achieve your career goals.

[Click here for more details](#)

"Young people leaving school need to get into something further, otherwise you're likely to lose your initial skills altogether".



ABOUT OUR PROVIDERS...

eagle was formed in 2002 as a small family run business purposefully to provide good quality **distance learning courses** for those that needed the flexibility that the traditional classroom environment didn't provide at that time.

Since 2002 we have become one of the largest providers of **AAT distance learning** courses with a strong and

growing reputation for being trustworthy and consistently delivering a professional, reliable service. Our students tell us that they've grown in confidence and feel a great sense of achievement from participating in our unique training and development programme and we regularly receive feedback about the positive impact it's had on our students' careers.

In recognition for delivering excellence we were extremely proud to be awarded AAT's first ever Distance Learning Centre of the Year Award.

Our students' AAT assessment pass rates average 95%

What we do

We are passionate about helping people like you to:

Find enjoyment in learning

Realise their potential

Develop the confidence to achieve their ambitions

How we do it

BELIEVE

We **believe** in people - when there is opportunity and encouragement everyone can achieve their ambitions.

CARE

We **care** about people - we are loyal and we respect our customers, employees and other business colleagues. They are the heart of our business.

COMMITTED

We are **committed** to our goal - we are making a positive difference to people's lives and promoting education worldwide.

PRIDE

We take **pride** in our work - we strive to deliver a service that is unique and provides best value for money without any compromise on quality.

INTEGRITY

We do business with **integrity** - we are trusted to provide honest and reliable advice to help people make the right choices. We adhere to the moral and ethical codes of the profession.

PROACTIVE

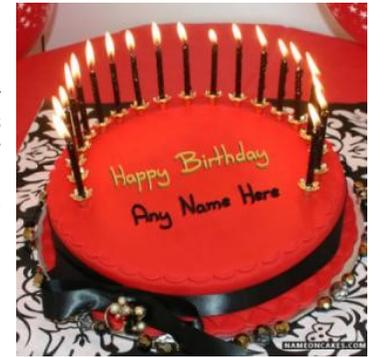
We are **proactive** - we manage change, growth and profitability successfully which is essential so that we can continue to help people achieve their ambitions.

HOW MANY CANDLES ON THE CAKE ?

What a difference one day makes... Before your 19th birthday you can enrol on an Apprenticeship course and it is free - yes FREE! And, not only that, but the Government will pay your employer £1000 for taking you on!

However, leave it until the next day and on your 19th birthday, or later, you'll have to pay your way...!

Don't delay, enrol today!



EMPLOYER SUPPORT – USE SUPPORT FROM EMPLOYERS TO BOOST YOUR ENROLMENT RATE

Business owners and employers are becoming increasingly aware of the importance attached to Postgraduate Studies and their part in it. PSCs should seize suitable opportunities to encourage employer support for Postgraduate Studies. Point out that employer enthusiasm for an employee's Postgraduate commitment can make all the difference to the student. Furthermore, it can be an investment for the employer as well as a lifelong benefit for the employee.

Business owners and employers can support by:

- Granting paid time off for studying, eg. 2 or 3 hours per week
- Paying some of the Course fees
- Awarding a cash bonus for passing an exam
- Showing interest in the student's progress.

Don't forget that payments as above can be treated as a business expense and thus set off against tax.

MIND THE GAP!

Renewed emphasis has recently been placed on avoiding the principle of a 'gap year'. It has been commented that the idea of taking a break after your exams and before taking up Postgraduate Studies is a likely precursor to losing ground—or worse. If you're reading this as having left school this year but are still deliberating with regard to your postgrad options, then we urge you to lose no further time.

Visit <http://postgraduate.focus-school.com/>, evaluate your options if you haven't already, discuss with your employer and parents—and get started. All the best!



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