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"The way to get started and dedicated is to quit talking and begin doing"



DEDICATION PAYS OFF

Read this true experience from a CIMA student:-

I am pleased to say that I am now fully CIMA qualified. I passed my exams either first or second time until I got to the last one, when I struggled. I failed it 4 times in a row and almost gave up on several occasions. I just couldn't see how I was going to get through to the end but, through sheer persistence and determination, I managed it. My advice to students in a similar situation is - Don't take 'No' for an answer. If you fail just keep going. I know it's easier said than done but be stubborn and say to yourself, "I will do this!" Not everyone passes exams first time and it really is worth it in the end.

The quotation below is from Winston Churchill, a great advocate of persistence, perseverance, dedication and determination -

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

CAN YOU BEAT THIS FOR DEDICATION?

A random selection of ABM students were all asked the same question: **What or where is the most bizarre time or place you've done ABM?**

Here is one of the most interesting replies -

*"More to the point - where and when **haven't** I done ABM?? I've worked on assignments in airports, planes, trains, a dentist chair, a bathtub - I've listened to webinars while driving, designing floor plans, and barbecuing - ABM has been a constant companion through thick and thin, for better or for worse!"*

LIFE AFTER EXAMS

Many of this Bulletin's readers will have finished their exams, completed their secondary schooling, are continuing their postgraduate studies and are either waiting to start their first job or have already started. If you are waiting we suggest you ask your future boss what work-related training you could do in the meantime so that you can be immediately more useful in the workplace. You could develop your IT or communication skills, or could study a skill that until now you haven't had time to pick up.

Remember: **FIRST IMPRESSIONS COUNT!** Making the right impact and a good first impression in your new job is vital. You have completed the recruitment process and secured the job, but you need to continue to show the enthusiasm and knowledge you demonstrated at the interview. Your willingness to take on new tasks will demonstrate enthusiasm, and the ability to complete work accurately and on time will demonstrate knowledge and efficiency.

It's well known that a new employee's first 60 days at work can leave a lasting impression on employer, colleagues and clients, so it is vitally important that you maintain enthusiasm levels and demonstrate a professional approach to your duties.



ONGOING SUCCESS WITH EAGLE

The superior quality of AAT training materials provided by Eagle Education & Training, the distance learning college we recommend for our AAT students, is reflected in their outstanding 2015 pass rates, compared with the national average. The percentages below have been ratified by AAT -

Level 2 98.4% (national average 90.1%)

Level 3 92.4% (national average 74.2%)

Level 4 84.4% (national average 63.2%)

The photo shows a successful student, well satisfied with Eagle's high quality of student support. She says that studying AAT has given her the confidence she needed to pursue a successful career.

AAT CHANGES

In order to keep up-to-date with current practice in education and in the workplace, AAT review and update their qualifications every three years. The revised accounting qualification, AQ2016, will be launched on 1st September 2016, and the existing qualification, AQ2013, will be withdrawn from sale after 31st August 2016. However, AAT students will have until 31st December 2017 to complete the level of the 2013 qualification that they are studying. After 1st September 2016, students can progress from AQ2013 onto the next level of the AQ2016 qualification route.

Our main message to AQ2013 AAT students is, if not already done, to prepare their study plan **NOW** so that they **finish the AQ2013 qualification well in advance of 31st December 2017.**

Most AAT students will by now have received advice about these changes from their course providers and/or college tutors. If, however, you need more information about AQ2016 or about the transitional arrangements please go to www.aat.org.uk/2016update or email your course provider.

THE MESSAGE HASN'T CHANGED

"Every young person needs an understanding of Accounts, Tax and Law."

If you are keen on figures, the **NEW TAX PATHWAY**, which goes live on 1st September 2016, provides an excellent opportunity to qualify both with the Institute of Taxation Technicians and the Chartered Institute of Taxation, the gold standard of quality for tax professionals. It is a new and flexible route to obtaining both qualifications in less time, because there is now one less exam to sit, and without any membership involvement. The ATT President described this new pathway as giving students an "agile qualification." More tax-competent personnel are urgently needed in our businesses. Could you be one of them? Students already qualified can provide excellent recommendations. Send an email to oliver.woodcock@ubteam.com for more information, study details, costs, etc for Tax and Law.