

ICAS Professional Qualification Details

Prerequisites

A number of pathways exist to ICAS membership depending on applicant previous education/experience:

- Graduate route - minimum of any UK undergraduate degree or recognised equivalent. Note some recognised degrees may qualify for exemptions from examinations at the ICAS test of competence (first year) level
- School leaver – applicant without higher education eg. undergraduate/masters degree
- School leaver with AAT qualification
- Professional entry – applicant without undergraduate/masters degree but with a minimum of 5 years experience in a financial environment

Other routes also exist for applicants training under English and Scottish apprenticeship routes for which no previous degree is required.

There is also a joint CA/CTA qualification route ran in partnership with the Chartered Institute of Taxation.

Final Exam details

For all routes above final exams consists of Test of Professional Expertise examination (5.5 hours) (multi discipline case study) and Public Trust and Ethics examination (2 hours).

England Apprenticeship applicants are also required to complete a second end point assessment paper. The first is the TPE multi discipline case study.

Practical Experience

Graduate route/professional entry/England Apprenticeship – 3 year training contract with minimum of 450 days relevant practical experience

School leaver – 5 year training contract with minimum of 750 days relevant practical experience

Scottish apprenticeship route – this is a specific route with Robert Gordons University (Scotland) with 5 year training contract with minimum of 600 days relevant practical experience.

School leaver with AAT qualification –

3-5 year training contract and 450-750 days relevant practical experience depending on previous work experience obtained at an ICAS authorised training office.

All practical training is recorded in an ICAS achievement log which must be reviewed and approved by ICAS prior to being admitted to membership.