

**Accountancy Route**



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Get ahead with a globally  
recognised qualification from  
AIA

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# AIA PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

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# Overview



## ABOUT THIS COURSE

AIA qualified accountants operate throughout the world helping businesses, from start-ups to global operations, reach their full potential. Their knowledge and skills base comes from the AIA professional qualification, which was developed to create a qualification that delivers world-class accountancy and business skills.

The qualification covers all core accountancy and business subjects and a standalone paper on professional ethics. On completion you can become a qualified accountant, ready to embark on an exciting and varied career in whatever business or finance field you choose.



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You can start your journey with AIA if you have a minimum of 2 A Levels or equivalent.

AIA offers credit for prior learning, so if you have a degree or other relevant qualifications you could be eligible for exemptions from some papers making it quicker and easier to become a qualified accountant with AIA.

You can check what exemptions are available online at [www.aiaworldwide.com](http://www.aiaworldwide.com).



## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Benefits to you:

- Develop your skills and become a qualified accountant
- Career confidence and personal development
- Improved career prospects

Benefits to employers:

- Knowledgeable and skilled workforce
- Strategic thinking and business orientated
- A motivated and driven member of staff
- New insights and the latest thinking.

# Why Choose AIA?



## LEARNING SUPPORT

All students register on AIA Achieve Academy, a fully integrated online learning platform which gives students access to a range of educational tools designed entirely with your exam success in mind.

AIA Achieve Academy delivers high-quality teaching in partnership with BPP Learning Media. All resources are created by subject experts and students have access to workbooks, lectures, practice questions, workshops and mock exams to support your learning.

Students can also register with an Approved Study Provider for additional support.



## GLOBAL NETWORK

The AIA professional qualification is recognised and respected throughout the world and provides you with the skills and knowledge to take on a variety of roles in accountancy, finance and business .

Through our global network you have the chance to explore new trends and seek new opportunities and as you progress in your career AIA will support you as a member of a globally recognised professional body.



## CAREER GROWTH

Obtaining the AIA professional accountancy qualification demonstrates an enhanced level of expertise and commitment to professional standards to employers and can boost your career and salary potential. In recognition of your increasing skills and knowledge, we offer awards at each stage of the qualification:

- AIA Certificate in Accountancy on completion of the Foundation Level.
- AIA Diploma in Accountancy on completion of Professional Level 1
- AIA Advanced Diploma in Accountancy on completion of Professional Level 2.

# Qualification Structure



## FOUNDATION LEVEL

The Foundation Level is a single unit covering four components:

- Financial Accounting
- Management Accounting
- Corporate Governance & Audit
- Business Management

Exam: A single, multiple choice, 3 hour online exam covering all components.

Exemptions: Available for prior learning.



## PROFESSIONAL LEVEL 1

Professional Level 1 covers five subjects:

- Financial Accounting and Reporting 1
- Principles of Governance and Audit
- Management Accounting
- Business Law for Accountants
- Taxation (UK, HK and China versions)

Exam: Each subject is tested by a 3 hour online exam.

Exemptions: Available for prior learning.



## PROFESSIONAL LEVEL 2

Professional Level 2 covers five subjects of which two papers are options\*:

- Financial Accounting and Reporting 2
- Developments in Assurance and Accountability (or the Islamic version)\*
- Business and Financial Management\*
- Ethics and Professional Practice
- Multi-disciplinary Case Study

Exam: Each subject is tested by a 3 hour online exam.

Exemptions: Not available.

# Foundation Unit



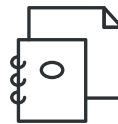
## DETAILS

**Study Options:** Online via AIA Achieve Academy or through an Approved Study Provider for additional support.

**Duration:** 6-12 months with a recommended period of 14 hours of study per week.

**Exam:** A single, multiple choice, 3 hour online exam covering all components.

**Award:** AIA Certificate in Accountancy



## COMPONENTS

The Foundation Unit is the entry level point for the AIA's professional qualification and provides students with a broad base knowledge of core accountancy topics:

- Financial Accounting
- Corporate Governance and Audit
- Management Accounting
- Business Management



## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- The theory of accounting and its application to practical situations.
- Fundamental elements of corporate governance and audit.
- The fundamentals of management and cost accounting, how to apply these to the control of operations, and the provision of information to assist the management decision-making process.
- Business management and the role of the manager in business organisations.

# Professional Level 1



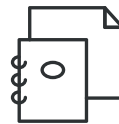
## DETAILS

**Study Options:** Online via AIA Achieve Academy or through an Approved Study Provider for additional support.

**Duration:** Approximately 12 months with a recommendation of 8 hours of study per paper, per week.

**Exam:** A 3 hour online exam for each paper.

**Award:** AIA Diploma in Accountancy



## PAPERS

Professional Level 1 develops the range and depth of your professional accounting studies and includes the following papers:

- Financial Accounting and Reporting 1
- Principles of Governance and Audit
- Management Accounting
- Business Law for Accountants
- Taxation (UK, HK and China versions)



## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Knowledge of tax legislation across a range of topics and the responsibilities of an accountant working in taxation.
- Understanding of the legal principles and rules relevant to accountancy, and the ability to apply those principles in real life.
- Critical understanding of issues relating to cost management and cost control.
- Detailed understanding of the components of corporate governance and auditing and the ability to apply this in practice.
- Understanding the theoretical framework of financial accounting and reporting and apply that knowledge in practice by preparing and interpreting accounting statements.

# Professional Level 2



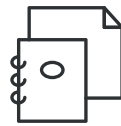
## DETAILS

**Study Options:** Online via AIA Achieve Academy or through an Approved Study Provider for additional support.

**Duration:** Approximately 12 months with a recommendation of 12 hours of study per paper, per week.

**Exam:** A 3 hour online exam for each paper.

**Award:** AIA Advanced Diploma in Accountancy



## PAPERS

Professional Level 2 is the final stage of the AIA professional qualification and builds on previous knowledge with an ability to deal with professionally complex and demanding situations. It includes the following papers, 2 of which are options\*:

- Financial Accounting and Reporting 2
- Developments in Assurance and Accountability (or the Islamic version)\*
- Business and Financial Management\*
- Ethics and Professional Practice
- Multi-disciplinary Case Study



## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Critically evaluate international financial accounting frameworks and reporting and apply knowledge and professional judgement in an assessment of reporting requirements.
- Present, discuss and critique advanced auditing approaches and techniques, applying these in different situations.
- Determine the capital requirements of an organisation, apply a critical understanding of the use of financial resources and analyse and evaluate the economic and financial consequences of operational decisions.
- Understand the importance of ethical behaviour in professional accounting and business and apply approaches to identify, analyse and resolve ethical dilemmas.

# Multi-disciplinary Case Study

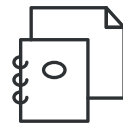


## DETAILS

**Study Options:** Online via AIA Achieve Academy or through an Approved Study Provider. for additional support.

**Duration:** In conjunction with the other papers in Professional Level 2, approximately 12 months with a recommendation of 12 hours of study per week.

**Exam:** A 3 hour online exam.



## PAPER

The Case Study is an assessment of your ability to develop and integrate knowledge, technical competence and other skills developed throughout the qualification to evaluate the your ability to cope with complex situations.

The case study provides assessment of higher skills of analysis, synthesis and evaluation, consistent with the level of the qualification being equivalent to masters level.



## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Ability to integrate and consolidate knowledge and skills developed in a number of areas of professional expertise, such as financial accounting, auditing, taxation and management accounting, developed in other professional level papers.
- Ability to apply that knowledge and skill to a case scenario representing a practical context.
- Awareness of ethical issues consistent with professional values, ethics and attitudes.





# AIA Achieve Academy

The AIA Achieve Academy is a fully integrated online learning platform which provides you with a structured programme of study for all papers within the professional qualification. Designed in conjunction with BPP Learning Media, the Achieve Academy utilises a range of teaching and learning tools.



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## Programme includes:

- AIA textbooks and recommended reading
- Recorded lectures, structured for optimum results
- AIA Learning and Practice Workbooks for each paper
- Practice questions
- Tutor feedback
- Graded check point tests
- Live topic workshops
- Mock exam with performance feedback

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**STUDY ONLINE / PASS ONLINE**

# Information for Employers



## TRAINING

Studying for a professional qualification allows you to develop a depth of knowledge that compliments your training. The qualification takes time and that enables you to get to fully understand new concepts and apply them to the work environment.

A professional qualification has many benefits for the individual, boosting your career and confidence, but it also has plenty of benefits for your employer. Here are some reasons why your employer might fund your AIA professional qualification.



## UPSKILLING YOUR TEAM

AIA qualifications are designed in consultation with a wide range of businesses and sectors to ensure we are delivering the financial skills and knowledge employers' demand.

By offering recognised qualifications, which encourage progression, businesses can attract and retain their staff and build a strong business for the future. You can adapt training to the needs of your business, giving staff the right training for their roles and responsibilities.



## BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYERS

- Knowledgeable and skilled workforce
- Strategic thinking and business orientated staff
- A motivated and driven individual
- Access to new insights and the latest thinking
- Increased productivity
- Improved staff loyalty
- A productive and effective way to grow and retain talent

# Next Steps



## COSTS

### Registration and Subscription Fees:

Student registration: £65  
Annual subscription: £75

### Exemption Fees:

Foundation Unit: £250  
Professional Level 1: £90 per paper

### AIA Achieve Academy\*

Foundation Unit: £950  
Professional Level 1: £1100  
Professional Level 2: £1200

\*Access is for 12 months and is inclusive of exam entry



## REGISTER

1. Register at: [www.aiaworldwide.com/apply](http://www.aiaworldwide.com/apply)
2. Apply for exemptions for prior learning.
3. Start your journey to becoming a qualified accountant.



## CONTACT US

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact us and a member of the team will be happy to help.

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