

# Professional Accounting

## POSTGRADUATE

- ▶ Master of Professional Accounting
- ▶ Graduate Diploma of Professional Accounting
- ▶ Graduate Certificate of Professional Accounting



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# Deakin is



Ranked in the top 1% of universities worldwide for accounting and finance

QS World University Subject Rankings 2023



Ranked as one of the top 5 business schools in Australia

Australian Financial Review (AFR) Boss 2022



Globally accredited by AACSB International and EQUIS



The #1 university in Victoria for graduate employment

Graduate Outcomes Survey 2022 QILT

## A sought-after skillset

Join a booming profession with pathways to management and leadership. You'll learn to assess the financial position of individuals and organisations, advise on business decisions and manage complex reporting. Upon graduation you can become eligible for recognition with Australian and international professional bodies.

## Real-world experience

Take advantage of our leading work-integrated learning program. Choose from a wide range of opportunities for hands-on experience and get credit towards your degree. Our industry-leading consulting clinics provide opportunities to work with real SMEs and apply academic training to solve business problems.

## Graduate in demand

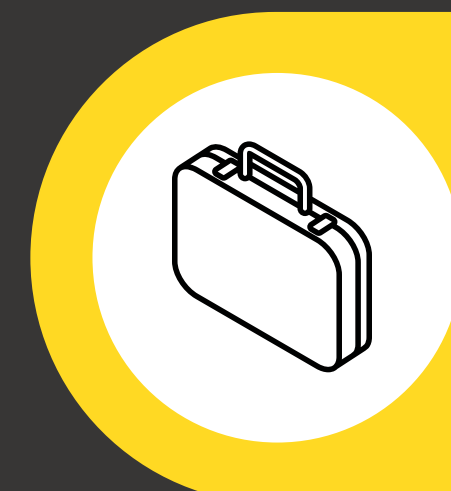
With strong employment growth projected for accountants, finance managers and financial brokers, the outlook for our graduates is exceptional. Jobs are predicted to grow by:

- 9.2% for accountants\*
- 21.3% for auditors, company secretaries and corporate treasurers\*

\*2021 Employment Outlook – for the five years to November 2026, Jobs and Skills Australia

## Get qualified

Our courses are professionally accredited with the top industry bodies (CA ANZ, CPA, IPA and ACCA). Depending on the path you choose, completion of a required sequence of units may enable you to be professionally qualified in your field.



**Integrated practical, real-world experience ensures you graduate career-ready, with the skills, contacts and industry recognition needed to make your mark.**

► Master of Professional Accounting

Pursue a new profession or upgrade your existing qualifications with the Master of Professional Accounting. Develop your expertise and graduate ready to launch your accounting career.

Online  
Melbourne Burwood Campus  
2 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Trimester 1 (March)  
Trimester 2 (July)  
Trimester 3 (November)

Course overview

A professional accounting qualification can take you anywhere in the world. Expand your depth of knowledge and career opportunities with the Master of Professional Accounting. You'll graduate with the skills and experience to practise as an accountant, specialising in your chosen field of business.

Specialise to enhance your professional options

Modern-day employers are seeking professionals with not only strong theoretical knowledge and expertise, but also a breadth of transferrable skills. So, whether you're wanting to build your finance skills or focus on IT, real estate or the arts, we offer the right specialisation to broaden your skill set.

Some of your options include:

- Artificial Intelligence for Business
- Finance
- Financial Planning
- Management Consulting
- Property and Real Estate.

Please refer to **page 9** for the full list of faculty-wide specialisations.

Professional accreditation

Completion of the appropriate selection of units within the Master of Professional Accounting grants eligibility for entry as an associate member of CPA Australia and meets the educational requirements for entry into the:

- CA program of the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ)
- Institute of Public Accountants (IPA)
- Professional Accounting Program (PEP).

Upon completion of appropriate program units, it is also possible to receive exemptions from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) towards the ACCA qualification. Completion of this qualification will allow you to enter the Certified Management Accountants (CMA) study program.

Benefit from industry-informed learning

The course team and teaching staff have well-established links with relevant professional bodies both in Australia and overseas. Continuous effort is made to ensure the Master of Professional Accounting curriculum design and delivery keep abreast of industry needs and developments in the profession.

Course structure

The Master of Professional Accounting consists of 16 credit points, unless you are eligible for recognition of prior learning (RPL). The degree comprises 12 credit points of core units and 4 credit points of electives.

	Trimester 1	Trimester 2
Year 1	Accounting	Accounting for Management
	Economics for Managers	Financial Accounting
	Principles of Finance	Analytical Methods
	Business Law	Principles of Income Tax Law
Year 2	Corporate Auditing	Accounting Systems and Analytics
	Advanced Accounting Principles and Practice	Professional Research and Analysis
	Elective Unit	Elective Unit
	Elective Unit	Elective Unit

There may be additional 0-credit-point compulsory unit(s) required.  
This course structure is an example and should be used as a guide only, please refer to deakin.edu.au.

Professional accounting careers

With real-world skills and awareness of current trends, you'll be ready to hit the ground running in your chosen field.

As a graduate of this course, you can seek employment in areas of accounting such as:

- financial accounting
- auditing
- taxation
- management accounting
- public sector accounting
- forensic accounting.

As a qualified accountant, you can choose to work in a range of different settings depending on your skills and preferences, such as:

- large firms
- small public practices
- all levels of government
- law firms
- banking and financial services
- not-for-profit organisations
- self-employment.

With accountants also moving towards wide-ranging advisory roles, career opportunities are becoming available in a range of other vocations.

CPA has a well-defined program for volunteers like me. I worked with business development relationship managers promoting CPA at various universities. It was a great way to learn about the industry and the profession of accounting.

Akash Punjabi

Senior Consultant–Sports,  
Major Venues & Events, KPMG

Master of Finance/Master of  
Professional Accounting





► Graduate Diploma of Professional Accounting

Want to become a financial information specialist with the skills and knowledge to inform business decision-making? Study our Graduate Diploma of Professional Accounting and join this dynamic profession.

Online  
Melbourne Burwood Campus  
1 year full time (or part-time equivalent)

Trimester 1 (March)  
Trimester 2 (July)  
Trimester 3 (November)

Course overview

Develop the skills and knowledge to understand accounting and finance and their application within the broader world of business. In addition to core accounting topics, you'll also get an introduction to the fundamentals of accounting theory and corporate social responsibility reporting.

Your accounting career

As an accounting graduate you may find employment in major international accounting firms, investment banks and virtually every area of business and government. Upon completion of the Graduate Diploma of Professional Accounting you may choose to progress to the Master of Professional Accounting or the Master of Commerce.

Course structure

The Graduate Diploma of Professional Accounting consists of 8 credit points, comprising 4 credit points of core units and 4 credit points of electives.

	Trimester 1	Trimester 2
Year 1	Accounting	Financial Accounting
	Principles of Finance	Accounting for Management
	Elective Unit	Elective Unit
	Elective Unit	Elective Unit

There is an additional 0-credit-point compulsory unit required in the first trimester of study. This course structure is an example and should be used as a guide only.

► Graduate Certificate of Professional Accounting

Take the initial step to set yourself on the path to professional accountant accreditation. Build accounting expertise and specialised skills in business and finance.

Online  
Melbourne Burwood Campus  
0.5 years full time (or part-time equivalent)

Trimester 1 (March)  
Trimester 2 (July)  
Trimester 3 (November) – part-time only

Course overview

Our Graduate Certificate of Professional Accounting gives you the flexibility to choose units to suit your professional interests. For example, if you're just looking to add accounting skills to progress your career, you have the option to study units that match your interest.

Your accounting career

Use your new accounting skills to progress your current career or, upon completing the Graduate Certificate of Professional Accounting, you can progress onto the Graduate Diploma of Professional Accounting, Master of Professional Accounting or the Master of Commerce.

Course structure

The Graduate Certificate of Professional Accounting consists of 4 credit points.

Choose a minimum of 2 units:	Accounting for Management	Principles of Finance
	Financial Accounting	Advanced Accounting Principles and Practice
	Accounting	
Choose a maximum of 2 units:	Corporate Auditing	Business law
	Accounting Systems and Analytics	Economics for Managers
	Principles of Income Tax Law	Analytical Methods

There is an additional 0-credit-point compulsory unit required in the first trimester of study. This course structure is an example and should be used as a guide only.

# Faculty-wide specialisations

These faculty-wide specialisations offer an extensive range of options so you can tailor your studies to meet your needs:

- ▶ Applied Research
  - ▶ Accounting
  - ▶ Artificial Intelligence for Business
  - ▶ Arts and Cultural Industries
  - ▶ Business Analytics
  - ▶ Business Law
  - ▶ Cyberlaw
  - ▶ Digital Finance
  - ▶ Digital Transformation
  - ▶ Event Management
  - ▶ Financial Planning
  - ▶ Human Resource Management
  - ▶ Information Systems
  - ▶ International Trade and Business
  - ▶ Leadership
  - ▶ Management Consulting
- ▶ Marketing
  - ▶ Marketing Technology
  - ▶ Project Management
  - ▶ Property and Real Estate
  - ▶ Public Sector Studies
  - ▶ Supply Chain Management



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## Postgraduate courses

- Online
- Melbourne Burwood Campus
- Geelong Waterfront Campus
- Geelong Waurrn Ponds Campus
- Warrnambool Campus
- NIKERI Institute

Course name	Course code	Course duration*	Campus	Trimester intakes^
Master of Professional Accounting	M742	2		T1, T2, T3
Graduate Diploma of Professional Accounting	M696	1		T1, T2, T3
Graduate Certificate of Professional Accounting	M506	0.5		T1, T2, T3

Scan or click below to find out more about these courses

[deakin.edu.au/accounting-finance](https://deakin.edu.au/accounting-finance)

\*Course duration is the length of the course in years, based on completing the course full time (eight subjects per year). Part-time (PT) and fast-track study options may also be available. Visit [deakin.edu.au/courses](https://deakin.edu.au/courses) to find out more information.

^Trimester 1 commences March, Trimester 2 commences July and Trimester 3 commences November.



## How to apply

Applications can be made directly to the University through the Applicant Portal: **[apply.deakin.edu.au](https://apply.deakin.edu.au)**

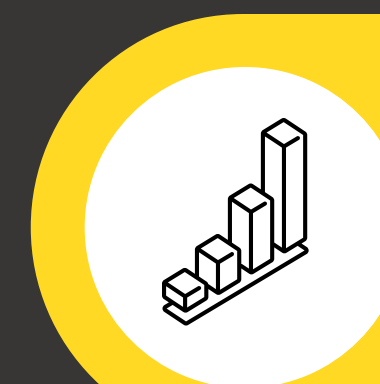
For information on the application process and closing dates, visit **[deakin.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/postgraduate-applications](https://deakin.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/postgraduate-applications)**

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**[deakin.edu.au/international-students/how-to-apply](https://deakin.edu.au/international-students/how-to-apply)**

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Visit **[deakin.edu.au/alumni-discount](https://deakin.edu.au/alumni-discount)**.



With accounting jobs projected to rise over the next five years<sup>1</sup> you'll graduate in demand.

1 2021 Employment Outlook - for the five years to November 2026, Jobs and Skills Australia

# **[deakin.edu.au/accounting-finance](https://deakin.edu.au/accounting-finance)**

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