

# Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Accounting

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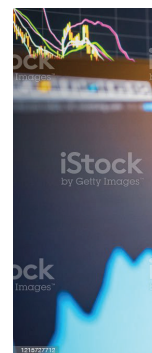
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# Introduction

The objective of the Programme is for non-accounting bachelor degree graduates to become qualified accountants through satisfying the educational requirements for admission to the Qualification Programme (QP) of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA) and by other professional accounting bodies. It also **aims to equip students with fundamental knowledge in accounting that meets the needs of modern business.**

## About the Programme

Accounting is always one of the most sought after career for students. A prominent international professional accounting qualification and its prestigious membership status are highly recognized in today's competitive business world. Accounting professions open up a wide range of exciting opportunities for accounting graduates, especially with the increase in demand for qualified accountants in Hong Kong and Mainland China. After completing the recognized accounting programmes, accounting graduates will usually pursue professional accounting designation by taking professional accounting examinations such as ACCA Qualification examination or HKICPA QP. With successful completion of relevant professional examinations, fulfillment of work experiences and other requirements prescribed by the relevant accounting bodies, an accounting graduate is recognized as a qualified professional accountant.



## Articulation

This Programme offers the following articulation paths:

- MSc in Professional Accountancy\*  
offered by University College London (UCL) of University of London
- HKU SPACE offers comprehensive preparatory courses to support your study of this MSc programme and also professional examinations preparatory course of professional accounting bodies.

## Programme Structure

This Programme consists of six core modules and six business knowledge supporting modules:

Core Modules		(L)
Financial Reporting		50
Cost and Management Accounting		40
Financial Management		40
Business and Company Law		40
Auditing and Professional Practice		40
Taxation and Tax Planning		40
Business Knowledge Supporting Modules		(L)
Basic Accounting		54
Statistics		36
Business Organisation & Organisational Behaviour		36
Principles of Marketing		36
Economics		36
Management Information Systems		36

Applicants who would like to apply for exemption should complete the relevant part in the application form and submit together with course syllabuses/outlines of equivalent modules in their prior studies. The Admission Committee will grant exemptions to qualified applicants who could provide sufficient documentary evidences before the respective application deadlines. Late submission of relevant information will not be accepted.

# Professional Recognition



This is a HKICPA accredited Conversion Programme. Graduates of this Programme will be eligible to be admitted as student members of the HKICPA and enrol in its Qualification Programme (QP), provided they have fulfilled the admission requirements for QP and possessed a bachelor's degree recognized by the HKICPA. If you are uncertain about the recognition status of your bachelor's degree, you may approach the HKICPA for information (HKICPA's website: [hkicpa.org.hk](http://hkicpa.org.hk)).



Graduates of this Programme will also receive exemptions of up to 9 papers from Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Qualification examinations. For further details, please visit ACCA's website: [accaglobal.com](http://accaglobal.com).



This Programme is a CPA Australia accredited postgraduate programme. Graduates are only required to complete six papers in the Professional Level of the CPA Program.



Graduates of this Programme will also receive exemptions of up to 7 papers from CIMA Professional Qualification examinations.



Graduates of this Programme will also receive exemptions of up to 12 papers from AIA Professional examinations.

## Mode of Delivery

Each academic year is divided into trimesters (January, May and September). **This provides benefits of maximum flexibility for students to enrol in different points in time and plan their pace of study.** All students are required to complete the whole programme in a maximum period of 5 years.

All classes will be held in weekday evenings or weekends in the HKU SPACE learning centers.

## Assessment & Award

Students will be assessed on the basis of their performance in examinations and continuous assessments that make up a total of 100%. Students are required to pass both the continuous assessment and the final examination in order to obtain an overall pass for a module.

The award of Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Accounting will be conferred upon successful completion of all 6 Core modules with no grade "F" in any of them and achieved a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 1.0. Only results of the 6 Core modules will be counted towards the cumulative GPA.

For students who are required to study Business Knowledge Supporting modules, they are required to obtain at least grade "D" for all Business Knowledge Supporting modules being examined.

# Entry Requirements

Applicants Shall Hold:

a first or second-class honours bachelor's degree(\*) awarded by a recognized university. If the degree or equivalent qualification is from an institution where the language of teaching and assessment is not English, applicants shall provide evidence of English proficiency, such as:

- an overall band of 6.0 or above with no subjects lower than 5.5 in the IELTS; or
- a score of 550 or above in the paper-based TOEFL, or a score of 213 or above in the computer-based TOEFL, or a score of 80 or above in the internet-based TOEFL; or
- HKALE Use of English at Grade E or above; or
- HKDSE Examination English Language at Level 3 or above; or
- equivalent qualifications.

Applicants with other equivalent qualifications will be considered on individual merit. (\*) A bachelor's degree with an average grade of "B" or above is considered as equivalent. Notes to applicants:

- Applicants with relevant prior studies can apply for exemption from Business Knowledge Supporting modules, please refer to Notes on exemption for details. Applicants wishing to apply for exemption should complete relevant part in the application form and furnish course outline(s).
- Admission decisions at each cohort are made on competitive basis. Applicants who meet the minimum entry requirements are not necessarily be admitted.
- Unsuccessful applicants will, normally, receive written notification within one month after the respective closing dates for applications or after the respective class commencement dates, whichever is later.

# Application

Please submit the following documents along with your application via online or in person at counter:

- Completed and signed application form
- Copies of ID card, academic certificates and transcripts (Please bring along the originals to any HKU SPACE Learning Centres upon submission of application for certification purposes).
- Copies of course syllabuses/outlines of equivalent modules in your prior studies for exemption purposes  
(Please specify the source of information or URL for verification.)  
(Not required for applicants who do not apply for exemption)
- A non-refundable application fee of HK\$200. Payment made by cheque should be crossed and made payable to "HKU SPACE".

Closing Dates For Application:

- July 31 for the September trimester
- November 30 for the January trimester
- March 31 for the May trimester

\* Application result shall be available 1 week after the closing date for application.

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Some modules of this course have been included in the list of reimbursable courses under the Continuing Education Fund

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This course is recognized under the Qualification Framework (QF) level 6  
QF Level: 6 QR Registration No.: 10/000057/L6 QR Registration Validity Period: 05 May 2008 - on-going

For the latest course fee, please refer to the programme website for more information.

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