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# ICAEW BFP

THE ICAEW BUSINESS AND FINANCE PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION

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Become an ICAEW  
Business and Finance  
Professional in 12 months  
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# **ICAEW BUSINESS AND FINANCE PROFESSIONAL (BFP)**

An internationally recognised designation and professional status from ICAEW. With the BFP status, professionals demonstrate that they have a solid understanding of how businesses operate and that they meet the ICAEW standards relating to technical knowledge, business skills, and ethics.





## **BENEFITS OF THE BFP DESIGNATION**



Professional recognition and ongoing support from ICAEW



Enhanced employability by demonstrating up-to-date technical knowledge and a commitment to continuous professional development



A stepping stone to the prestigious ICAEW ACA qualification



Assistance from ICAEW Middle East with employment opportunities for BFP holders



Access to the latest updates in accountancy, business, and economics

# BECOME A BFP

## WHAT ARE THE BFP REQUIREMENTS?

There are two key elements to complete before you can apply for your BFP designation:



ICAEW CFAB



12 MONTHS OF PRACTICAL  
WORK EXPERIENCE

## THE ICAEW BFP TEACHES PRACTICAL SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE INCLUDING:



Appreciating the main factors linked to business success or failure



Understanding the key decisions that businesses and management teams must make on a day-to-day basis



Understanding how to monitor business risk and evaluate business performance



Providing the skills to write a business plan, prepare tax statements, and manage finances more confidently



# THE ICAEW CFAB

ICAEW Certificate in Finance, Accounting, and Business (ICAEW CFAB) is internationally recognised and teaches essential business, finance and accounting knowledge. The ICAEW CFAB has six modules that can be started at any time of year.

CERTIFICATE LEVEL



ACCOUNTING FUNDAMENTALS\*



BUSINESS INSIGHT & PERFORMANCE\*



TAX FUNDAMENTALS\*



ASSURANCE RISK FUNDAMENTALS\*



SUSTAINABILITY AND ETHICS



BUSINESS LAW\*

## GET STARTED NOW



No previous academic qualifications are required



Up to five exemptions available\*



Can be completed in less than one year



Computer-based exams can be sat anywhere globally and at any time of year



All exams are multiple-choice exams



Flexible study options to fit in with other commitments

# TESTIMONIALS



**Mohammad Kheder**

Manager, Finance & Accounting Shared Services,  
Zahid Group, Saudi Arabia

“The BFP distinguishes itself through its emphasis on continuous professional development and adherence to rigorous ethical and technical standards. This focus has directly contributed to my growth at Zahid Tractor, enhancing both my technical expertise and interpersonal skills, ultimately making me a more effective professional in my day-to-day work.”



**Natalie Al-Samarrai**

Assistant Professor and Programme Director,  
University of Birmingham Dubai

“ICAEW’s BFP designation is a powerful tool for new graduates. Being able to achieve this prestigious designation in such a short period of time after graduation not only enhances employability but also prepares individuals exceptionally well for the demands of the job market, setting them apart in a competitive field.”



**Durdana Rizvi**

Managing Director,  
DSR Professional Training

“ICAEW’s BFP designation offers top-tier, comprehensive training in Business Technology, Finance, Law, Tax, Accounting, and Management Information, equipping you with essential skills and boosting your career prospects to make you a gold standard Business and Finance Professional.”



**Shahzada Achakzai**

Senior Director,  
Risk Advisory RSM  
Saudi Arabia & ICAEW QPRT

“As Senior Director of Risk Advisory, the ICAEW qualification has been pivotal in shaping my professional growth and leadership approach. It provided me with a strong foundation in governance, risk management, and ethical decision-making—skills vital in today’s complex business environment.

ICAEW’s emphasis on ethics has been especially valuable in my role as Head of Ethics at RSM Saudi Arabia, helping me make sound ethical decisions and guide others to do the same.

Recognising the value ICAEW brings, I registered RSM Saudi Arabia as an ICAEW Approved Employer to embed these principles within our culture and develop our people to the same high standards.”

# YOUR JOURNEY IN PHASES

## PHASE ONE

Complete the ICAEW CFAB and become an ICAEW Business and Finance Professional (BFP).



## PHASE TWO

Continue on to the ICAEW ACA qualification and become an ICAEW Chartered Accountant.



Chartered accountants are talented, ethical and committed professionals. ICAEW represents more than 208,000 members and students around the world. 99 of the top 100 global brands employ ICAEW Chartered Accountants.\*

Founded in 1880, ICAEW has a long history of serving the public interest and we continue to work with governments, regulators and business leaders globally. And, as a world-leading improvement regulator, we supervise and monitor around 11,500 firms, holding them, and all ICAEW members and students, to the highest standards of professional competency and conduct.

We promote inclusivity, diversity and fairness and we give talented professionals the skills and values they need to build resilient businesses, economies and societies, while ensuring our planet's resources are managed sustainably.

ICAEW is working towards becoming net zero, demonstrating our commitment to tackle climate change and supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goal 13.

ICAEW is a founding member of Chartered Accountants Worldwide (CAW), a global family that connects over 1.8m chartered accountants and students in more than 190 countries. Together, we support, develop and promote the role of chartered accountants as trusted business leaders, difference makers and advisers.

We believe that chartered accountancy can be a force for positive change. By sharing our insight, expertise and understanding we can help to create sustainable economies and a better future for all.

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