

Graduate Diploma in Professional Accounting

If you have an undergraduate degree and want to become an accountant, this is the qualification for you. All you need to do is complete four compulsory courses and two electives from a range of accounting, law and organisational behaviour courses. If you wish to become a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand you need to contact them for an assessment to identify which courses you will need to complete to meet their entry criteria. You can contact them at assessment@charteredaccountantsanz.com

Qualification code OP720303

Level > 7	Credits > 120
Workload >	Allow 10-12 hours of study per credit. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates
Study type >	Trimester
Cost >	See the qualification page on the website.
Student loan >	You can get a student loan for this qualification if you meet the criteria. Visit studylink.govt.nz for more information.

Career Opportunities

Your additional skills and knowledge will enhance your career opportunities. This may include a wide variety of financial accounting and management accounting roles across different industries in both the public and private sectors.



How to apply

Please contact us for a personalised study plan if you're enrolling in this qualification for the first time. Visit the qualification page and go to the plan your study tab for more information.

Qualification structure

This programme is made up of six courses. A maximum of two Level 6 courses need to be completed as well as four Level 7 courses. Visit the qualification page on our website for course availability and prerequisites before applying to enrol.

Course Code	Course Name	Level
GROUP ONE – CHOOSE ALL FOUR COURSES		
71301	Advanced Financial Accounting	7
71302	Advanced Management Accounting	7
71305	Auditing	7
71306	Taxation	7
GROUP TWO – CHOOSE TWO COURSES		
71201	Financial Accounting	6
71202	Management Accounting	6
71204	Accounting Information Systems	6
71205	Business Finance	6
71210	Corporate and Finance Law	6
71245	Organisational Behaviour	6

What you will learn

When you achieve this qualification you will be able to:

- Critically evaluate the regulatory and legislative frameworks for accounting
- Demonstrate the application of accounting standards
- Apply accounting processes and techniques to prepare accounting statements, reports and recommendations
- Analyse and critically evaluate current accounting issues

Entry requirements

To enrol in this programme you need to have a Bachelor degree.

If you have a non-business Bachelor degree you may be required to complete some pre-requisite courses before being admitted to the programme.

If you have successfully completed the Bachelor of Business (Accounting major) with Open Polytechnic you are unable to enrol in this programme.

Credit recognition

Credit recognition may not exceed two thirds of the programme. Cross credit to Level 7 courses will not normally be awarded.

Computer and online access

This programme is delivered 100% online. To complete this programme you will need access to a laptop or desktop computer, reliable broadband internet connection and a data plan able to support online learning such as streaming of videos (including YouTube), downloading content, and writing and submitting online assessments. If you are unsure if your current computer or internet access allows you to complete your online learning with us, please contact us before applying to enrol.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/online to view our online learning and study tools.

English language requirements

International students must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5, or equivalent.

Domestic students for whom English or Māori is not their first language must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5, or equivalent.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/englishlanguage to view our English language criteria.

International students and domestic students living overseas

You can study this programme part time if you're an international student living in New Zealand or overseas.

If you're living in New Zealand you will need to be in paid employment with a valid work permit.

You can also study this programme if you're a New Zealand citizen living overseas.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/internationalstudent for more information about the special conditions and fees that you'll need to meet.

Study pathways

We also offer the Bachelor of Business (Accounting) and Bachelor of Business (Accounting and Management) if you do not have an undergraduate degree and would like to pursue a career in accounting and/or management.