



**AIA**  
THE ASSOCIATION  
OF INTERNATIONAL  
ACCOUNTANTS

# PROSPECTUS



**CREATING WORLD CLASS ACCOUNTANTS**

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Making the right decision about your career can be daunting at any stage in your life, here you will find all the information you need to get ahead in accountancy, audit, finance or business, with the Association of International Accountants (AIA).

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## ABOUT THE AIA

The AIA is a recognised and respected accountancy body. Founded over 80 years ago, AIA set out to establish a global network of accountants and today we have members in over 85 countries worldwide. Nowadays AIA offers a range of qualifications for today's business professionals, which are recognised throughout the industry in over 30 countries worldwide.

As a membership body we provide a representative voice for our members in consultation with governments, standard-setters, businesses and other organisations; we offer high-value technical communications, events and networking opportunities; and ensure our members meet the necessary CPD, ethical and professional standards.

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***"Our practice specialises in international film and television financial management and the AIA qualification is accepted without question. The AIA designation is clear and obvious, especially when dealing with international organisations."***

**Robert Graham, FAIA  
Director, Graham Associates  
(International) Ltd**

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# QUALIFICATIONS

## ACCOUNTANCY

The professional accountancy qualification is the most popular of AIA's courses, covering a broad base of core topics and designed to allow you to gain the greatest insight into all elements of the working profession. Regularly updated to the highest industry standards, and with options of taking local variant papers or international variant papers, the AIA professional accountancy qualification is recognised by employers and individuals alike. Ideal if you are looking for a qualification with the leverage to work in public practice or multi-nationals, in the UK or overseas.

We don't expect you to repeat work you have already done, so we offer a generous exemption policy to those wishing to transfer to the AIA professional accountancy qualification after completing relevant academic qualifications. We also consider other professional qualifications for exemption purposes on a case by case basis.

## AUDIT


Through a combination of study and work experience, the AIA Statutory Auditor Training Programme will provide you with a Recognised Professional Qualification (RPQ) and will ensure you are equipped with the relevant skills and competencies required to work confidently and efficiently in this challenging and rewarding field.

## DIPLOMAS & CERTIFICATES

In conjunction with our global partners, AIA run Diplomas in Auditing, IFRS and Management Accounting and an IFRS for SMEs Certificate. These short courses are taught to the highest standard and are designed to give detailed knowledge of specific topics.

## DEGREES PATHWAYS & MBAS

AIA work in partnership with a number of universities in the UK and overseas to provide pathways into accountancy degrees and Master of Business Administration (MBA) programmes, which allows you to use your AIA qualification to gain accelerated-entry onto these academic programmes.



*"My association  
with the AIA has  
broadened my  
professional horizon  
extensively."*

**Stephen Chan, FAIA  
Partner & Head of Risk,  
BDO**



## MEMBERSHIP

We have a range of membership categories reflecting your progression through your career and each membership category comes with its own tailored set of member benefits.

AIA members work in private practice and throughout industry and commerce. Many of our members are at the top of their profession, from senior management to director level, and represent some of the most important and profitable firms in the world. With a select membership demographic including high numbers of these influential decision makers, the AIA is a truly prestigious organisation.

## STANDARDS

We frequently review our qualifications to ensure they are relevant in the continuously evolving world of business. Our exams are set against the highest standards of professional education by academic specialists and are reviewed as part of the AIA recognition and regulation.

## WHY CHOOSE AIA?

By choosing to join the thousands of members already part of AIA, the first international body for professional accountants, you are choosing to join an organisation that will offer a flexible and tailored package to suit you, your career, your aspirations, and your future.





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