Gold Approved Learning Partner (ALP)

Application pack.





Approved Learning Partner

Application for Gold approval

Please complete this application form and attach your supporting evidence to apply for approval as part of our Approved Learning Partner programme. Please submit your application to us by email at PQApprovals@accaglobal.com

Full details on Gold Approved Learning Partner approval as part of the ALP programme can be found with the accompanying Pre-approval guide or by accessing the ACCA website here.

This application pack is for those learning providers that offer full or part time classroom based tuition delivered at a learning provider's premises. Full time tuition typically takes place over a period of several weeks or months. For the duration of the course, students may be taught one or more of ACCA's examinations, learning the syllabus and applying the knowledge acquired through question practice and mastering examination techniques. Please note that if you teach ACCA students in a face to face environment but you supplement this by adding materials to an online location, ACCA considers this to be face to face delivery.

Note:

All supporting materials in relation to an application for Gold Approved Learning Partner are required to be translated into English.

PART I INSTITUTION AND COOKSE DETAILS	
INSTITUTION DETAILS	
Institution name	
Address >	
Town/City ▶	County/State ▶
Country >	Postcode/Zipcode ►
Website address (if applicable)	
Date of establishment of the institution	
Name of holding company or group, where appropriate	
VAT or Sales Tax number (if applicable) ▶	
CONTACT DETAILS Please provide details for one member of staff who will be our dedic	cated contact within your institution for all communications regarding

g this application and subsequent renewal.

You should also provide details of any staff members who will be the dedicated contact for prospective students to your institution. These contact details will be displayed on our Tuition Provider Directory.

Title >	Name >		
Position >			
Tel no. (inc. full country and are	ea codes) 🕨		
Email address (mandatory)			
Contact for student enquiries (if different to above)			
Title ▶	Name ▶		
Position >			
Tel no. (inc. full country and area codes)			
Email address (mandatory)			

PART 2 - FACILITIES AND COURSES OFFERED

a Facilities (not applicable to online learning)

What facilities does your institution offer for students?

Car parking Library Disabled access Canteen facilities Computer availability

b Courses - ACCA Qualification

Does your institution currently offer tuition for the ACCA Qualification?

Yes No

If Yes, in what year did you start offering this tuition?

Please indicate what parts of the ACCA Qualification tuition is offered for and the study methods available. Please tick all that apply.

Full-time Part-time Revision

Applied Knowledge

Applied Skills

Strategic Essentials

Professional Options: AAA

AFM APM ATX

Do you offer mentoring for the Oxford Brookes Research and Analysis Project?

Yes No

Please indicate the streams and variants for which you offer tuition. Please tick all that apply.

Adapted exams

ACCA's syllabus offers students the opportunity to take an auditing exam – based on International, Singapore or UK regulations. Unless otherwise stated it will be assumed that all tuition provided for this exam is based on the International standards. Please indicate below which of these standards the content you provide is based on. Please tick all that apply.

UK (SBR, AAA) IRL (SBR, AAA) INT (SBR, AAA) SGP (AAA)

Variants (Tax and Law exams)

In a number of countries, ACCA students have the opportunity to take an examination based on national tax – referred to as a variant exam – which is relevant to Taxation. Unless otherwise stated it will be assumed that all tuition provided for this exam is based on the UK variant. If you provide tuition specific to any of the national variants, please indicate this below. Please tick all that apply.

BWA (LW, TX)	CHN (TX)	CYP (LW, TX, ATX)	CZE (TX)
ENG (LW)	GLO (LW)	HKG (LW, TX, ATX)	HUN (TX)
IRL (LW, TX, ATX)	LSO (LW, TX)	MLA (LW, TX, ATX)	MWI (TX)
MYS (LW, TX)	PKN (TX)	POL (TX)	ROM (TX)
RUS (LW, TX)	SGP (LW, TX, ATX)	UAE (LW)	UK (TX, ATX)
VNM (LW, TX)	ZAF (LW, TX, ATX)	ZWE (LW, TX)	

In order for members to obtain an ACCA practising certificate and audit qualification, they must meet specific exam requirements. In September 2018 Strategic Professional replaced the previous Professional level exams. Members wanting to apply for an ACCA practising certificate and audit qualification must therefore pass the UK or Irish variants of Strategic Business Reporting and Advanced Audit and Assurance. Members were previously required to have passed the UK or Irish variants of P2, Corporate Reporting and P7, Advanced Audit and Assurance. Further information in relation to the specific exam requirements of the ACCA practising certificate and audit qualification can be found at https://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/member/sectors/smp/practising-certificates-and-licences/apply-for-an-acca-practising-certificate.html

c Courses - Foundation Level qualification

Does your institution currently offer tuition for our Foundation level qualifications?

If Yes, in what year did you start offering this tuition?

Please indicate which exams of the Foundations level qualifications you provide content for. Please tick all that apply.

Full-time Part-time Revision

Yes

No

ACCA Diploma in Financial and Management Accounting (RQF Level 2)

ACCA Diploma in Financial and Management Accounting (RQF Level 3)

ACCA Diploma in Accounting and Business (RQF Level 4)

Foundations in Audit

Foundations in Financial Management

Foundations in Taxation

Tax variants

In a number of countries, ACCA students have the opportunity to take an examination based on national tax – referred to as a variant exam – which is relevant to Foundations in Taxation. Unless otherwise stated it will be assumed that all tuition provided for this exam is based on the UK variant.

If you provide tuition specific to any of the national variants, please indicate this below. Please tick all that apply.

United Kingdom (UK) Lesotho (LSO) Malaysia (MYS) Singapore (SGP)

d Teaching sessions

Please indicate which sessions your institution teaches towards

March − Please indicate approximate course start date (DD/MM/YYYY) ►

June — Please indicate approximate course start date (DD/MM/YYYY) ▶

September − Please indicate approximate course start date (DD/MM/YYYY) ►

December − Please indicate approximate course start date (DD/MM/YYYY) ►

PART 2 - PAYMENT

If your application is successful, your Gold ALP invoice and payment details will be provided along with your approval notification. An annual fee is payable every year thereafter.

Level of approval	Annual fee
Gold	£800
Platinum	£915

MULTI-SITE DISCOUNTS

Providers with 10 or more approved centres may be eligible for the following discount on the applicable annual renewal fee per site:

10 centres or more\$100 discount per site

\$200 discount per site

All amounts quoted are inclusive of sales taxes.

Payment must be made in Pounds Sterling (GBP) and can be made by: *

- bank transfer
- credit/debit card over the phone.

^{*} Please note payments by third parties cannot be accepted unless prior agreement is obtained.



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Performance Assessment Matrix – application for Gold approval

Please complete the column headed 'Learning provider comments' with a brief description of the ways that your institution is able to demonstrate that each of the relevant performance targets is met. You must supply any supporting documentation with this application, clearly labelled with the performance target that each document is relevant to.

The evidence requirements column outlines how learning providers can demonstrate that they meet the performance targets within the Performance Assessment Matrix. You should read this carefully and tick where you have met each target.

ASSESSMENT AREA - STUDENT EXPECTATIONS AND POLICY

Students registering for tuition at your institution should be given all appropriate information on their courses prior to enrolling and committing to paying for tuition. ACCA will assess the evidence provided to ensure that there is transparency and there are no hidden policies that students should be aware of prior to signing up for tuition at your institution. Requirements • Students should be asked to confirm that they have been provided with terms and conditions on enrolment. • A disclaimer should be included to confirm that all students have read and understood all terms and conditions. If the terms and conditions is the terms and conditions are located on a different document this should be referenced on the enrolment form. • Terms and conditions should specify your position on the following: • Refunds: under what circumstances can the student claim a refund for a course they have paid for? If your institution will not issue any refunds this should be included in your terms and conditions. • Course transfers: under what circumstances can a student transfer to a different course or examination session once they have paid? If your institution will not allow any course transfers this should be included in your terms and conditions. • Visa applications: how much responsibility does your institution take for visa applications, and what is the student's position if visa applications are refused? If your institution to conditions. • Visa applications are refused? If your institution take for visa applications, and what is the student's position if visa applications are refused? If your institution the paid to the student to comply with any visa requirements in your terms and conditions. • Costs the cost of accessing your tuition should be made clear to students before they ervol with your institution. There should be communicated to students. Your privacy policy and procedures should be compliant with General
Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) or your local data protection law(s).

Performance target	Evidence requirements	Learning provider comments
– ACCA's Result Service involves gathering student data such as name, date of birth and exam entered for each ACCA exam session taught. It is your responsibility to ensure that you obtain your students' permission to gather and receive their exam results as part of ACCA's Result Service analysis. It is also your responsibility to act in accordance with the applicable data protection and privacy laws in your country. Should you opt to work with another institution in offering tuition to ACCA students you must ensure that the party responsible for gathering student data is aware of this requirement. If you are unsure as to whether you can comply with this part of the performance target then please contact the PQ Approvals team.		
1.2 Complaints Students should be clear on how to make a complaint about your institution. There should be a transparent complaints procedure in place which is accessible to students. Complaints should be investigated thoroughly and promptly, within specified time frames. ACCA will assess the evidence provided to ensure that students are aware of how to make a complaint about your institution's product or service. Requirements Students should be aware of how to make a complaint about your institution's product or service. A complaints policy should include your position on the following points: How formal complaints can be made — is there a standard template? How should it be submitted? How long the complainant can expect to wait for acknowledgement of their complaint, and for a response. How complaints will be treated — who will be involved in reviewing the complaint and will they be treated confidentially? Whether the student has any right to appeal the outcome of their complaint, and any related processes. Any student that wishes to make a complaint to ACCA regarding your institution will be advised to follow your institution's complaints procedure first. If the complaint is not handled to their satisfaction, the student then has the option to escalate their complaint to ACCA. If a student has exhausted both your complaints process and ACCA's, they can escalate to the appropriate regulator. Details of which can be found on the ACCA website at the following link: https://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/footer-toolbar/contact-us/unhappy.html	A copy of the complaints policy. AND Information about how it is communicated to students. AND A copy of the complaints log (which shows how your institution dealt with the complaints and any action taken as result). If your institution has not received any complaints we would still expect to see a complaints policy and blank log to evidence that you have the policy in place if a student wishes to log a complaint.	
1.3 Contact details and information on ACCA Students should be provided with up-to-date information on ACCA and how to contact your institution. ACCA will assess the evidence provided to ensure students are given advice on how and when they should contact your institution. This is important to ensure that students know where, when and on how to raise questions. In addition, your institution should not publish information that could go out of date quickly, for example, information on exemptions. Requirements	Documentation to show that students are provided with contact details for your institution, ACCA Connect (exact details provided to the left of this page) and the student section of the ACCA website.	
 There should be clear guidance provided to students on how to get in touch and engage with your institution relating to ACCA matters. Students should know how and when they should get in touch with ACCA directly – Students should be provided with contact details for ACCA Connect as follows: ACCA Connect 110 Queen Street Glasgow G1 3BX United Kingdom T: +44 (0)I41 582 2000 E: https://forms.accaglobal.com/contact-us Students should be directed to the Student section of the ACCA website (www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/student.html) which provides information on relevant topics for example examination progression rules, study materials, PER, minimum entry, exemptions, study guides, past examination papers and the ethics module. 		

Performance target	Evidence requirements	Learning provider comments
 1.4 Promotional material All promotional material should adhere to ACCA's advertising regulations. ACCA will assess the evidence provided, your social media channels and website to ensure that information for students is up to date and contains no unsubstantiated claims, which are potentially misleading and could lead to student dissatisfaction. Requirements Promotional material contains accurate information regarding ACCA and should make no unsubstantiated or potentially misleading claims. All promotional activity from an institution that is seeking to be approved by us should be legal, decent, honest and truthful. ACCA's Advertising Regulations will be included as part of our review and can be located here You must not use ACCA's corporate logo and Think Ahead logo. ACCA's ALP approval is based on a single location. If your institution has more than one centre approved, it should be made clear on all social media pages, website and any other means of promotional material which centres are approved and the level of approval obtained, for example, Silver Learning Partner, Gold or Platinum Approved Learning Partner for each individual location. 	Promotional literature/brochures are used pre and post enrolment. This should include both online and/or paper based promotional literature/ brochures provided to students. AND Information about how it is communicated to students. AND Hyperlink to your institution's website and social media pages.	
1.5 Programme of study Students should know in advance, when and how their course will be structured. ACCA will assess the evidence provided for all ACCA exams taught by your institution to ensure that students are aware of the topics that will be covered each week and relevant references to study materials. This will allow them to undertake further reading prior to their lectures taking place. Requirements Students are provided with guidance on their programme of study, including a detailed breakdown of their course into modules or study sessions and applicable study materials. Programmes of study should highlight when mock examinations are due to be conducted to allow students to include this in their revision plan. References to ACCA's Practical Experience Requirements (PER) should be included. There should be links from the syllabus to the practical elements of our performance objectives as part of PER requirements. This will help students apply their knowledge to what is expected of them in the workplace.	Samples of teaching/study programme/scheme of work provided to students for all ACCA examinations taught. These should include specific references to PER, study materials and mock examinations.	

ASSESSMENT AREA - STUDENT EXPERIENCE AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Performance target	Evidence requirements	Learning provider comments
2.1 Course review	Course review meeting minutes and a list of actions	
Your institution should review your courses regularly to determine if improvements could be made to the student experience and performance.	resulting from the meeting.	
ACCA will assess the evidence provided to ensure that your institution reviews course structure and delivery, student performance, course completion and student feedback.		
Requirements		
There should be a regular review of course structure and delivery, student performance, course completion and feedback is conducted and documented.		
If improvements are required, we would expect there to be documented actions and associated timeframes for implementation.		
If there are no concerns with the areas above, resulting actions do not need to be submitted.		

Performance target	Evidence requirements	Learning provider comments
 2.2 Mode of study Students should be taught in premises that are conducive to study. ACCA will assess the evidence provided to ensure your institution has secured appropriate premises for ACCA students. Requirements A lease / proof of ownership or any other evidence confirming arrangements in place to secure the teaching premises. A lease should include the following: Name of institution Address of premises (same as address on application form) Start date and end date Signatures of lessor and lessee. If your lease has an option of renewal we would require the lease along with confirmation from the owner of the start and end date of the renewal period. An approval site visit will be conducted to ensure that the premises are fit for purpose and the facilities are appropriate for mode of delivery, course type and be conducive to study. The initial approval visit will include a tour, a discussion with your tutors and course manager and a meeting with your students. Your institution should have mitigations in place if your normal teaching arrangements become no longer viable and this will be discussed as part of the approval visit. 	A copy of lease agreement/proof of ownership or any other evidence confirming arrangements in place to secure the teaching premises. If applicable If your lease has an option of renewal we would require the lease along with confirmation from the owner of the start and end date of the renewal period.	
2.3 Financial viability Your institution should be financially viable. We will assess the evidence provided to ensure that your institution is in a healthy financial position to operate while ACCA students are attending your tuition. Requirements If a student has committed to attending your institution's courses then we must be assured that your institution will be in a position to honour this agreement.	A set of audited or officially prepared financial statements or confirmation of appropriate government funding. OR Confirmation of financial viability from an appropriate independent third party. OR If you are unable to provide any of the above due to your institution having not completed one full year of trading you could provide projected financial statements with at least two years of information.	
2.4 Tutors Students should be assured that tutors are in a position to teach ACCA examinations through obtaining a relevant qualification and experience. ACCA will assess the evidence provided to ensure that your institution's tutors are appropriately qualified and experienced. Requirements Tutors are knowledgeable and experienced in their chosen field and hold qualifications appropriate to the subjects they teach. Part-qualified tutors should not be teaching exams beyond their own qualification level. Tutor performance is monitored and development opportunities provided. Monitoring of tutors would typically include analysis of pass rates of all students within the class.	Copies of tutor CVs/summaries of tutor qualifications and experience with a list of each ACCA examination taught at your institution. AND Details of internal monitoring in place (including individual tutors' pass rate performance) and any actions taken to improve tutor performance.	

Performance target	Evidence requirements	Learning provider comments
2.5 Course completion Your institution should review if students are completing their study for each ACCA paper paid for. ACCA will assess the evidence provided to ensure that your institution compares the number of students that start tuition for each ACCA exam in comparison to the number that have completed tuition for the same ACCA exam. Requirements Course completion figures are documented and reviewed for each exam taught, and the reasons for losses are investigated. If students have dropped out of tuition for an ACCA class, there should be an investigation into the reasons for losses and resulting actions should be discussed at course review meetings.	Records of the number of students enrolled for each ACCA or Foundation Level exam taught each session. AND If any students have not completed tuition for an ACCA exam, records of reasons why and resulting actions.	Learning provider comments
have progressed on to complete their tuition for the same ACCA examination. This performance target does not require an analysis of how many students started their ACCA study with your institution and completed all other ACCA examinations.		
2.6 Mock examinations Students should be supported with their ACCA studies through the use of mock examinations. The delivery of mock examinations should be appropriate to the method of study, for example a full online learning platform should provide online mock examinations. ACCA will assess the evidence provided to ensure that students have completed a mock examination prior to their final ACCA examination and are therefore better equipped to pass. A mock examination is taken as a trial exam before an official ACCA examination. Your institution should use mock examinations that reflect the structure and content of a real ACCA examination. This is to ensure that students' mock examination attempts have been adequately marked and returned to your students, for all of our exams taught by your institution. Requirements • Mock examinations are set, reviewed and returned with constructive feedback within a specified turnaround time. • There should be detailed comments and feedback provided to students – if students have received a poor mark in a mock examination, they need to know how they can improve in time to attempt the ACCA examination. • Turnaround times – students' need enough time to be able to rectify any issues in their knowledge or examination technique and therefore should be informed of when they will receive their marked mock examination from their tutor. Please note that our past examination papers should not be amended in any way when being used in a classroom environment.	Samples of marked mock examinations scripts for all of our exams taught by your institution. AND Evidence of turnaround times being provided to students prior to taking the mock examination.	
2.7 Student feedback Students should be able to give your institution feedback on their tuition. ACCA will assess the evidence provided to ensure that your institution collates, summarises and analyses student feedback. Requirements Student feedback on performance is actively sought, reviewed and acted upon where appropriate. Student feedback questionnaires should include questions on facilities, tutor performance and course content and delivery.	A copy of a feedback form. AND Evidence of feedback received being collated for all ACCA exams taught. AND Analysis of any trends for all ACCA exams taught.	
Include student feedback results into course review meeting.		

PART 4 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS

We confirm that our institution complies with all local regulatory requirements for tuition providers where such requirements exist.

We understand that ACCA is a regulator performing a function in the public interest.

We recognise that ACCA's Quality and Recognition department is solely responsible for all decisions regarding the awarding, renewal, and removal of approval.

We accept that ACCA reserves the right to request additional information relating to matters included in this application, both prior to granting approval and during the period of approval.

We declare that all information provided as part of this application is, to the best of our knowledge, accurate.

We understand that ACCA will consider if there is a business need to approve our institution. If no business need exists, ACCA reserves the right to decline our application.

We confirm that our course enrolment forms include a clause asking students to consent to the disclosure of their results to the institution by ACCA. We will only request examination results from ACCA for those students that have consented to this disclosure.

We accept that as part of the ALP programme, ACCA will regularly review our financial position which may include the review of financial statements.

We understand that this is to ensure that we are financially viable as ACCA students must be assured, we are in a strong financial position to operate while students attend our tuition. We undertake to notify ACCA immediately should there be a material decline in our solvency. We understand that, should our institution's financial position deteriorate, ACCA may need to take action that leads to removal of our institution from the ALP programme. We also understand that ACCA cannot be held responsible for any consequences resulting from any deterioration in our financial viability

We agree that ACCA will check that tutors responsible for teaching ACCA students will be appropriate qualified in line with the requirements of the ALP programme. Should there be any cause for concern, during the initial approval, annual renewal, or ongoing monitoring process, relating to the suitability of tutors, ACCA reserves the right to remove your approval. Any Learning Partner who purchases Tuition Content as part of the Study Hub content must provide accurate volumes for students enrolled on ACCA courses and exams. Any infringement and inaccurate reporting may result in a Learning Partner losing their ALP status and immediate removal from the ALP programme.

We agree to adhere to the terms of the programme, including its Approved Learning Partner Handbook. Terms include (but are not limited to) participation in results service, annual renewal, monitoring exercises, satisfactory engagement with conditions set by ACCA's Accreditation team and adherence to advertising regulations. ACCAs advertising regulations include how to use the ACCA logo in the production of all promotional and advertising materials for your institution. We understand that we should accurately promote our accreditation to ensure that students are not misled.

We accept that ACCA reserves the right to decline our request for listing on ACCA's Tuition Provider Directory as a Gold Approved Learning Partner if there is any cause for concern in relation to our operations (causes for concern include but are not limited to student complaints, unethical or fraudulent behaviour and reputational issues).

We understand that the above will also be grounds for the immediate removal of our institution's details from the Tuition Provider Directory and that in such cases, ACCA's decision is final and there is no appeals process. No refund of fees paid will be available in such circumstances

We understand that it is our responsibility to ensure that our details on ACCA's Tuition Provider Directory are correct and that ACCA is kept informed of any changes to the contact details supplied previously and in this application.

We agree to inform ACCA immediately if any of our staff become aware of an actual or suspected breach of ACCA live assessment protocol involving the unauthorised sharing of live exam content. We acknowledge that this duty to inform ACCA also extends to instances where we become aware of third parties disclosing information regarding the live exam content in an unauthorised manner. Furthermore, we will provide ACCA with full details of the breach; the students or persons involved; and will take any necessary steps to ensure that our members of staff do not share or support sharing of the live exam content further.

We accept that should we conduct any other services on behalf of ACCA, such as on-demand computer-based examinations, our Approved Learning Partner status may be affected in the event of breaching any of our other obligations to ACCA. This includes instances where a large sum of money is owed to ACCA's CBE team. Please be aware that should any ALP in Trinidad and Tobago discontinue ACCA tuition, a Teach Out policy must be adhered to. The details of this policy will be made available along with the ALP handbook should you be based in Trinidad and Tobago.

We understand that ACCA will review these terms and conditions on a regular basis and may make amendments without prior agreement.

Please tick this box if you have fully read and understood the above declaration. By doing so you agree to the terms and conditions stated.

Data protection

We may use the personal data provided on this form for the purposes of:

- administrating learning providers and managing the application process
- regulating learning providers, and contacting the nominated individuals
- responding to enquiries and investigating complaints
- · complying with regulatory obligations.

We may share information with our service delivery providers, our auditors, relevant regulators and law enforcement authorities where we are required to do so by law.

Please note that for individuals based outside the UK, your information will be held in ACCA's main information systems which are located in the UK and EU and may be accessed by ACCA's local office in your country of residence. ACCA processes information within the UK and EU, but may also transfer data outside of UK and EU as part of its operations and service delivery.

For more information on how your personal information and rights are respected, please access our **privacy notice** (accaglobal.com/privacy), or contact **privacy@accaglobal.com**

Print name		
Date (DD/MM/YY)	/	/

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