


The direct route to
professional development
for accountants and
tax advisers

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A unique, modular way to continuing professional development

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The IFA Direct programme consists of relevant, affordable and accessible study units which will enhance your professional reputation. By developing your knowledge and skills you will gain a broader and deeper understanding of key subjects relevant to accountants and tax advisers in, or supporting, small businesses.

IFA Direct is for you if you want to:

- achieve IFA membership
- invest in professional development
- gain an IFA practising certificate (UK members only)

Membership

The IFA is a full member of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) the global accounting standard-setter and regulator. Membership delivers the enhanced professional recognition and career prospects that comes with being able to call yourself an IFA Financial Accountant or Tax Adviser. In addition, you will receive dual membership of the Institute of Public Accountants (Australia) and be able to use the designatory letters AFA/MIPA or ATA/AIPA.

IFA membership brings access to a community of like-minded professionals who benefit from supportive branch meetings, expert technical materials and inspiring events and CPD workshops.

Continuing professional development

Investing in relevant and regular CPD is an important way to stay abreast of new developments and best practice in a fast-changing environment. It can boost your motivation and improve the quality of your work and the service you provide.

Gain a practising certificate

For UK-based members holding an IFA practising certificate means you can offer accountancy services to the general public and can do more than with many other associations and professional bodies. You'll be able to undertake charity independent examinations and ATOL/Civil Aviation Authority work. And a wide range of banks and building societies accept reports signed by our practising members.

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14 units, two routes to membership

IFA Direct is administered in partnership with ATHE, a global awarding organisation regulated by Ofqual.

The programme comprises 14 flexible study units which are delivered online through a network of ATHE recognised centres.

Each unit is studied one at a time over a 4-6 week period and as they run continuously you can roll off one unit straight on to another meaning you never have to wait before starting a new subject. At the end of each unit you will complete a final assessment set by your centre.



Associate AFA/MIPA route

Level 4 units

- Financial Accounting 1
- Financial Accounting 2
- Budgetary Control
- Cost and Management Accounting
- Personal Taxation
- Business Environment
- Law for Accounting

Level 5 units

- Financial Reporting
- Financial Management
- Financial and Management Control
- Business Taxation
- Assurance

Level 7 units

- Core Reporting for Strategic Business – Advanced
- UK Taxation for Business and Individuals

Tax Adviser ATA/AIPA route

Level 4 units

- Financial Accounting 1
- Financial Accounting 2
- Personal Taxation
- Business Environment
- Law for Accounting

Level 5 units

- Business Taxation

Level 7 units

- UK Taxation for Business and Individuals

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An affordable programme of online study with comprehensive support

Support at every step

IFA Direct is designed so that you can easily study around other commitments. It gives you the full support of an expert academic adviser and online materials which are available 24 hours a day, 7 days week.

ATHE Centre network

You decide which ATHE centre you would prefer to study at. Details of the available ATHE recognised centres can be found on the IFA website at ifa.org.uk/ifadirect.

Programme guidance

Your chosen centre will provide an individual 'roll-on roll-off' learning plan and will support and guide you throughout your studies. And you don't need to worry about arranging your assessment either. Your centre will do that for you and answer any questions you may have.

Tutorial support

Throughout your study you'll receive online tutorial support from an expert academic adviser.

Active learning

Units incorporate online lectures and resources, personalised learning plans, videos, e-books, and presentations all delivered through the centre's secure online portal.

IFA technical resources

Access to IFA online technical resources and *Financial Accountant* magazine.

Recognition

Receive an ATHE Ofqual regulated certificate and transferrable credits on completion of each unit.

Eligibility to apply for IFA membership or, if applicable, an IFA practising certificate on successful completion of your units.

CPD

All units count towards your annual verifiable CPD requirement.

Ofqual regulated qualification

You can also decide to complete the full Ofqual regulated qualification.

ATHE Level 4 Extended Diploma in Accounting

ATHE Level 5 Extended Diploma in Accounting

ATHE Level 7 Extended Diploma in Accounting and Finance

Fees

IFA Direct units represent excellent value for money.

For details please see the IFA website

www.ifa.org.uk/ifadirect

Applying for IFA Direct

Find out more about your direct route to investing in your future at ifa.org.uk/ifadirect, call +44 (0)20 3567 5999 or email education@ifa.org.uk.

Whether you want to learn new skills, improve existing ones, or achieve IFA membership, our Education Team will recommend a route tailored specifically for you based upon your previous qualifications.

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The direct route to
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The Institute of Financial Accountants

Established in 1916, the Institute of Financial Accountants (IFA) is an internationally recognised professional accountancy membership body and a full member of IFAC, the global accounting standard-setter and regulator.

The IFA is part of the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA) of Australia Group, the world's largest SME-focused accountancy group, with 37,000 members and students in 80 countries.

ATHE

ATHE is a global awarding organisation regulated by Ofqual and other UK and international regulators. ATHE work with over 230 centres in 50 countries to complement a strong brand presence in the UK.

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