

What does an Accountant do?

Management accountants look after a company's finances and find ways to improve profitability.

How do you become a Accountant?

You can get into this job through:

- a university course
- an apprenticeship
- combining work with studying a professional qualification

You'll usually need:

- 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent for a degree at University
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship

Career Path and Progression

Look at progression in this role and similar opportunities. With experience, you could become a senior manager, finance director or the chief executive of a company. You could also become a self-employed management consultant.

You could offer accountancy services in private practice if you register with CIMA.

Day-to-Day Tasks

You could:

- prepare financial statements and accounts
- monitor spending and budgets
- analyse the company's financial performance
- forecast and plan future spending and profits
- recommend ways to reduce costs and increase profits
- make business decisions
- audit departments in your company
- prepare company reports for outside organisations
- manage a team of accountants
- oversee the company's payroll, credit control and bookkeeping systems

Working environment

You could work at a client's business or in an office.

Average Salary

From £22,000 to £65,000

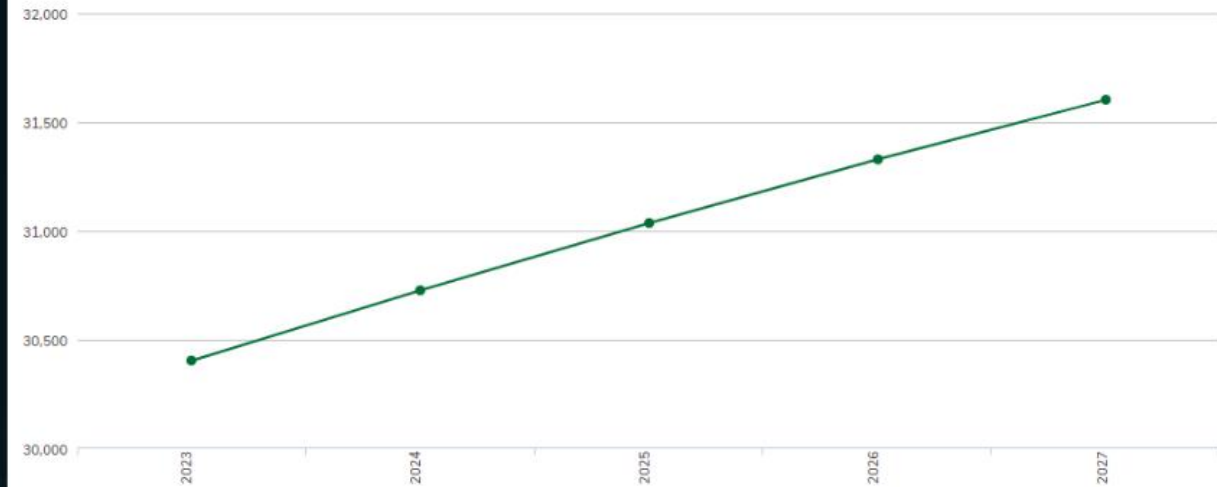
The UK average salary is £28,758

Typical Working Week

37 - 39 Hours (between 8am and 6pm)

There are 37.5 hours in the average working week

Future employment



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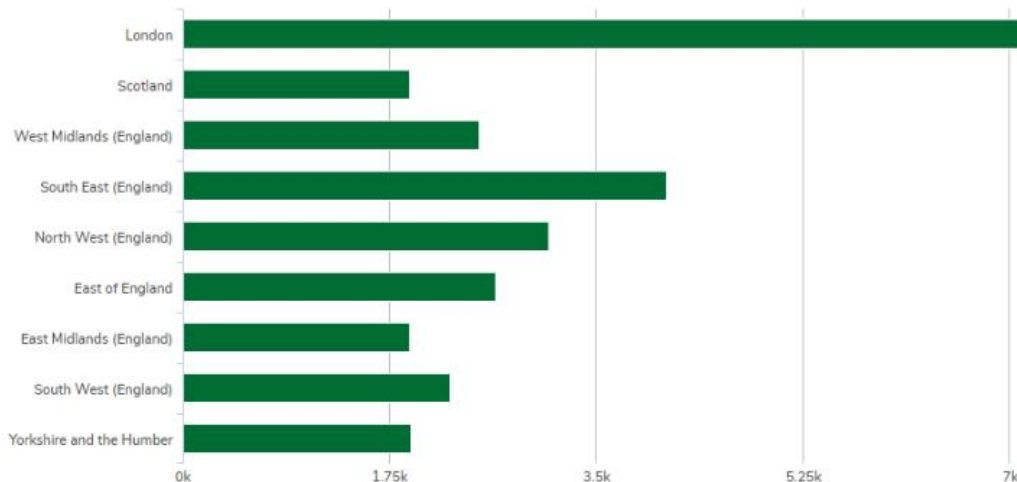
There will be 3.3% more Private practice accountant jobs in 2027

Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- knowledge of economics and accounting
- maths knowledge
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- administration skills
- analytical thinking skills
- the ability to work well with others
- ambition and a desire to succeed
- the ability to use your initiative
- to have a thorough understanding of computer systems and applications

Employment by region



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