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Institute of Public Accountants

Global Certificate of Public Accounting

STUDY AT YOUR OWN PACE

100% ONLINE

from $795

What is the

Global Certificate of Public Accounting?

Accounting has a skills shortage problem. At the same time, plenty of capable people are shut out of the profession simply because a full university degree isn't realistic for them right now — whether that's down to cost, time, or a career change later in life.

We spent more than two years researching and designing a different way in. The result is the Global Certificate of Public Accounting, the IPA's microcredential program built around internationally recognised technical competency standards and delivered in a way that fits around real life

The program isn't a shortcut. It's a rethink of what the entry point to accounting should look like — and a new way for existing members and qualified accountants to keep building their skills.

Prof. Philomena Leung,

The IPA's Group Executive, Education

describes the program as the product of two and a half years of dedicated research and design. It is aligned with international technical standards while remaining flexible enough to fit around working lives.



Study your way | International Recognition

100% online and self-paced

Study around work and life, on your own schedule.

Affordable entry point — from $795

Clear pricing from day one.

Stackable

Each completed unit contributes to your learning pathway and builds on the last.

Aligned to IFAC standards

Meets international technical competency benchmarks.

Recognised across the IPA Group

Including IFA (UK), for standing beyond Australia.

RPL available

Recognition of prior learning for eligible applicants.

A genuine pathway to full IPA membership — not just a certificate

How the program works

50+

Microcredential courses across Technical, Transdisciplinary and Professional competencies.

100%

Online and self-paced — study around work and life.

MICROCREDENTIALS AVAILABLE FROM

$795

with Recognition of Prior Learning available to eligible applicants.

50+ microcredentials

Spanning three domains — technical fundamentals through to the people skills and advanced, future-focused capabilities today's accountants need.

Technical Fundamentals

The technical backbone of the profession.

- Fundamentals of Accounting
- The Accounting Profession
- Financial Reporting Considerations
- Personal Taxation
- Corporate Taxation
- Taxation Planning and Optimisation
- Audit and Assurance Planning
- Approaches to Risk Management
- Finance Fundamentals
- Ethics in Principle & Ethics in Practice

People & Leadership

The human side of accounting.

- Building Professional Relationships
- Communicate for Influence
- Client Relationship Building
- Working with Other Cultures
- Self-Awareness and Learning
- Fundamentals of Mental Health
- Psychological Safety in the Workplace

Advanced & Strategic Accounting

Where the profession is headed.

- Cybersecurity in Accounting
- Organisational Cybersecurity
- From Data to Insights to Action
- IT for Accounting
- Governance in Principle & in Practice
- Fundamentals of Sustainability
- Sustainability Developments
- Advanced Financial Risk



Prefer a ready-made bundle?

These pre-designed stacks provide a structured way to build targeted capabilities. Each stack combines selected microcredentials into a practical learning framework designed for today's accounting professionals.

- Data Assurance and Risk
- **SUSTAINABILITY AND CONTEMPORARY ACCOUNTING**
- Digital Leadership and Wellbeing
- AIPA – MIPA Advancement Pathway
- MIPA – FIPA Advancement Pathway
- Strategic Leadership Intensive Program
- Leading Critical Decision-Making Program
- **BUSINESS PERFORMANCE AND CULTURE**

SUSTAINABILITY AND CONTEMPORARY ACCOUNTING
is made up of the following microcredentials:

Technical
The Accounting Profession
Processes and Analyses of Financial Reporting
Financial Reporting Considerations

Advanced & Strategic Accounting
Fundamentals of Sustainability
Sustainability Developments

BUSINESS PERFORMANCE AND CULTURE
is made up of the following microcredentials:

Technical
Investment and Growth
Advanced Financial Risk
Performance Management Strategies

People and Leadership
Working with Other Cultures

Advanced & Strategic Accounting
Governance in Practice

Who it's for

Students & Career Changers

Not ready to commit to a full accounting degree, or looking for a more direct pathway into accounting? Start as an Affiliate and build your qualification one credential at a time, with a clear path through to full IPA membership.

- No degree required to start
- Clear progression: Affiliate → Associate → Member
- Turn your experience and qualifications into RPL
- Learn while you earn

IPA Members

Already part of the IPA? Use the program's microcredential stacks to build on your existing qualification, meet CPD requirements and progress towards Associate or Member status. Recognised across the IPA Group, including through our affiliation with the IFA in the UK.

- Progress your membership status
- Recognised across IPA and IFA (UK)
- Counts toward CPD
- Fast-track pathways available

Qualified Accountants

For accountants who are already established, the Global Certificate of Public Accounting is a fast way to build specific, targeted skills — whether that's supporting the educational requirements associated with relevant statutory registrations, where applicable or simply staying current in a fast-changing profession.

- Target specific competencies
- Stay current without a full re-qualification
- Support statutory registration requirements

Recognised, right around the world



The Global Certificate of Public Accounting is not a standalone credential. It is developed and supported by an organisation with established international standing.

IPA is one of only three professional accounting bodies in Australia.

IPA is a full member of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) — the global body whose technical competency standards the program is aligned to.

IPA holds a role on the Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants (CAPA) Professional Accountancy Organisation Development Committee.

IPA is a recognised assessing authority for Australian skilled migration.

As part of the IPA Group — alongside the Institute of Financial Accountants (IFA) in the UK and the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) Australia — your recognition travels with you across the Group's membership bodies.

100+ Countries

IPA members and Global Certificate of Public Accounting holders are represented around the world.

3 Bodies, 1 Group

IPA, the IFA (UK) and AAT Australia together make up the IPA Group.

100+ Years

IPA was founded in 1923, one of Australia's longest-standing professional accounting bodies.

Accreditation

The IPA has established recognition arrangements with a range of education providers.

If you have studied, or are currently studying, at one of these institutions, you may be eligible for Recognition of Prior Learning towards the Global Certificate of Public Accounting.

The Global Certificate of Public Accounting has recognition and pathway arrangements with

HELP University (Malaysia)

Bachelor of Accounting (Honours)

Sheridan Institute of Higher Education

Bachelor of Business – Accounting Major
Bachelor of Business – Management Major
Bachelor of Business – Human Resources Management Major
Diploma of Business
General Business Electives
Graduate Certificate of Business Administration
Graduate Diploma of Business Administration

Swinburne University of Technology

Bachelor of Business (Accounting)
Bachelor of Accounting
Bachelor of Accounting (online)
MPA

ATHE UK

IFA Direct Program (Levels 4, 5, and 7)

AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians)

AAT Level 2 Certificate in Accounting
AAT Level 3 Diploma in Accounting
Level 4 Diploma for Professional Accounting Technicians

Sydney Institute of Higher Education

Bachelor of Business (Accounting)

Southern Cross University

MBA online
Bachelor of Business (Accounting)

King's Own Institute

Master of Professional Accounting (MPA) / Master of Accounting (MA)
Bachelor of Business (Accounting)

ASA Institute of Higher Education

Bachelor of Professional Accounting



Let's get you started

1

Check your eligibility

Affiliate entry requires you to be 18+, have completed secondary education, and meet English proficiency requirements.

2

Choose your pathway

Career Entry if you're starting out, or Micro-credential Stacks if you're upskilling.

3

Apply for RPL if it applies

Existing qualifications or experience may count towards the program.

4

Enrol and start studying

Online, at your own pace.

Ready to find out more?

Explore the **Global Certificate of Public Accounting online** or contact Thomas Sharpe to discuss your pathway.

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