

Winter Employer Forum

Wednesday 19 January 2022

The Chartered Institute of
Public Finance & Accountancy

Today's agenda

Training update – Sarah Shreeves, Head of Training Services

Key dates for next term – Sarah Shreeves

New Professional Accountancy Qualification – Anna Howard, Head of Qualifications & Membership

Update on the new e-assessment platform – Anna Howard

Working more closely with ICAEW – David Fields, Employer Engagement Manager

Access Accountancy – David Fields

PQ Awards – David Fields

Questions & Answers – All

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Training update

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CIPFA awarded “Good” provider rating by Ofsted



Ofsted's report highlighted many of CIPFA's strengths, including:

- Our "very strong commitment to responsible stewardship of public money".
- The sense of pride among students and employers in being associated with CIPFA, and how the relationship between the three parties was very effective.
- “[CIPFA’s] leaders and managers work highly effectively with employers. They design the curriculum for each apprentice to reflect precisely the needs of the sectors in which they work. As a result, apprentices gain detailed knowledge of public sector accounting and finance.”

Online and face-to-face classes

2020

March 2020

Moved all classes online

September 2020

Kept everything online and introduced tutorials for some modules

2021

February 2021

Kept everything online and set up tutorials for all modules

September 2021

Some optional face-to-face classes introduced for the autumn term – first day classes and some revision sessions

Dependent on government advice and the safety of our trainers and students.

Did your students take up the face-to-face classes? What is their (and your) appetite for these continuing?

Key dates for Spring 2022 term

Apprenticeship	Application deadline	Delivery commences
Accountancy Professional (Level 7)	31 January 2022	March 2022
Professional Accounting Technician (Level 4)	28 February 2022	April 2022
Assistant Accountant (Level 3)	28 February 2022	April 2022
Counter Fraud Investigator (Level 4)	28 February 2022	April 2022

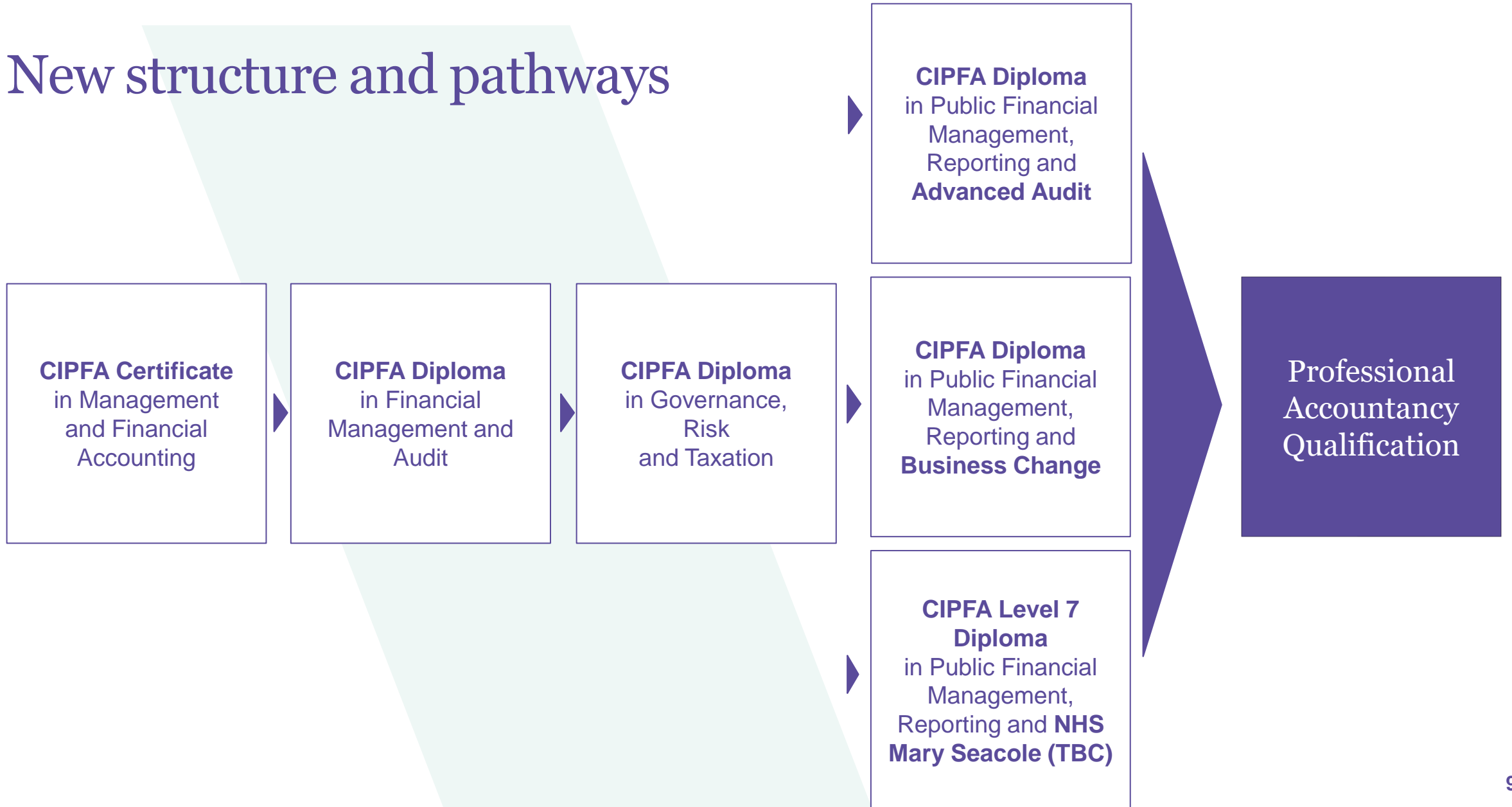
For further information email us at apprenticeships@cipfa.org

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New Professional Accountancy Qualification

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New structure and pathways



How the PQ units have been mapped

Current PQ unit	New PAQ unit
	Ethics
Management Accounting	Management Accounting
Financial Accounting	Financial Accounting
Audit and Assurance	Audit and Assurance
Financial Management	Business Planning and Financial Management
Company Financial Reporting	Business Reporting
	Governance and Risk Management
Strategy and Policy Development	Developing Strategy and Data Analysis
Taxation	
Corporate Governance and Law	Tax and Law
Strategic Public Finance	Strategic Public Financial Management
Advanced Public Audit	Advanced Audit
Business and Change Management	Implementing Business Change
Public Sector Financial Reporting	Public Sector Financial Reporting
Strategic Case Study	Strategic Case Study

Programme running

PQ	Final term	Final exam	PAQ	Teaching start date	First Exam Date
Management Accounting	Sep-21	Mar-22	Management Accounting	Feb-22	Jun-22
Financial Accounting	Sep-21	Mar-22	Financial Accounting	Feb-22	Jun-22
Audit and Assurance	Feb-22	Sep-22	Audit and Assurance	Sep-22	Dec-22
Financial Management	Feb-23	Sep-23	Business Planning and Financial Management	Feb-23	Jun-23
Company Financial Reporting	Sep-22	Mar-23	Business Reporting	Feb-23	Jun-23
Strategy and Policy Development	Feb-22	Sep-22	Developing Strategy & Data Analysis	Sep-22	Dec-22
Taxation	Sep-23	Mar-24	Tax and Law	Sep-23	Dec-23
Corporate Governance & Law	Sep-23	Mar-24			
			Governance & Risk Management	Sep-23	Dec-23
Strategic Public Finance	Sep-23	Mar-24	Strategic Public Financial Management	Feb-24	Jun-24
Business & Change Management	Feb-23	Sep-23	Implementing Business Change	Sep-23	Dec-23
Public Sector Financial Reporting	Sep-23	Mar-24	Public Sector Financial Reporting	Feb-24	Jun-24
Strategic Case Study	Feb-24	Sep-24	Strategic Case Study	Sep-24	Dec-24
Advanced Public Audit	Feb-23	Sep-23	Advanced Audit	Sep-23	Dec-23

Where to find detailed information

About the updates made and transition details:

www.cipfa.org/futures

About the new qualification:

www.cipfa.org/paq

E-assessments platform (EAP)

Improving our assessments offer to students
and employers

Context

- ✔ Shares key strategic drivers with CIPFA's wider Learning Strategy 2025 & Transformation programmes

- ✔ Need for investment in our student experience which includes assessment, examination functionality and qualification systems

- ✔ Current scenario presents a range of issues and pain points for students, employers and our staff team

- ✔ Supports our ambition to deliver an end-to-end, excellent lifelong learning experience, through qualification and membership for current and future public finance professionals

Business Case *e-Assessments Platform*

- Procurement exercise in January
- Tender panel comprising staff, members, employers & CIPFA Student Network
- Bids received from six providers
- Contract awarded to Eintech in March 2021 for their Rogo system

Key test criteria: Course bookings and practice tests

Student journey stage	In scope for UAT	RAG
Book and pay for a course (including RRP courses)	✓	
Cancel a course booking (including RRP courses)	✓	
View and access practice tests associated with a course booking	✓	
Take a practice test	✓	
View instant MCQ question results (subject to test type)	✓	
View instant feedback/model answers (subject to test type)	✓	
View results following marking by a CETC trainer (subject to test type and study package)	✓	

Key test criteria: Exam bookings, specimen tests and live exams

Student journey stage	In scope for UAT	RAG
Book and pay for an exam	✓	Green
Defer or cancel an exam after an exam booking	✓	Green
Add or change an invigilator before an exam booking	✓	Green
Add or change an invigilator after an exam booking	✓	Yellow
Change invigilation modality after an exam booking	✓	Yellow
View and access a specimen test associated with an exam booking	✓	Green
Take a specimen test	✓	Green
Perform a system requirements test (including downloading system software)	✓	Red
Schedule an online invigilated exam in correct timezone	✓	Red
Access/receive Strategic Case Study Advance Material (subject to exam module booking)	✓	Yellow
Sit an exam with online invigilation	✓	Red
Sit an exam with local invigilation	✓	Red
Sit an exam with Special Arrangements	✓	Red
View exam results	✓	Red

Key test criteria: L7 Project Report

Student journey stage	In scope for UAT	RAG
Access/view L7 Project Report Questions (subject to student type)	✓	
Submit L7 Project Report (subject to student type)	✓	
View L7 Project Report results	✓	

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accessaccountancy.org

A collaboration of accountancy firms, professional bodies, such as CIPFA, and organisations dedicated to *improving access to, and progression within, the accountancy profession for applicants from lower socio-economic backgrounds* in the UK.

CIPFA as a member of Access Accountancy is looking to encourage public sector employers to get involved and support your plans regarding social mobility.

Email david.fields@cipfa.org if you are interested in finding out more information.

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PQ Awards

A great opportunity to celebrate and gain recognition for your students and apprentices.

Nominations close on **18 February 2022** and the awards will take place in April.

For information and to download a nomination form, visit: www.pqmagazine.com

Accountancy Graduate of the Year	Accountancy Apprentice of the Year
PQ of the Year	Distance Learning Student of the Year
NQ of the Year	Accountancy Personality of the Year
Innovation in Accountancy	Accountancy Team of the Year

Open discussion

David Fields, Employer Engagement Manager