



DIPLOMA IN CHARITY ACCOUNTING

INSPIRING CONFIDENCE, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Bayes Business School
City University London



Inspiring confidence

The Diploma in Charity Accounting (DChA) is awarded by ICAEW to those who can demonstrate a high level of competence in charity accounting and financial management.

As charities and social enterprises take on broader roles, competition for funds has increased. Current regulatory changes dictate that impeccable standards of integrity and accountability are applied and every penny is managed effectively.

Charities and the not-for-profit sector have recently come under increasing pressure to demonstrate these high standards, particularly in relation to public sector funding. Both regulatory and public pressures on charities have grown, along with a need to demonstrate accountability and transparency in how they spend their funds.

Being awarded the DChA will establish your charity accounting credentials and demonstrate that you have the necessary skills and expertise to meet all of these challenging demands.

The DChA will also highlight your ability to make a real difference to organisations operating in the charity and voluntary sector – inspiring confidence in your colleagues and clients.

BENEFITS TO YOU AND YOUR ORGANISATION

Once you have successfully completed either the experience route or the study route, the DChA will offer numerous benefits to you as an individual and to your organisation, as many of the UK's largest charities and accountancy firms will testify. These include:

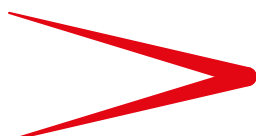
- acknowledgement at the highest level of your expertise in charity accounting and financial management;
- the right to use the designatory letters DChA – a benchmark of success;
- opportunity to join our Charity Community, helping you to keep your knowledge up to date. Membership is free and open to everyone, including non-ICAEW members.
- inclusion in a professional online register.

EXPERIENCE ROUTE

Open to senior professionals, including non-accountants, with a minimum of three years' experience.

STUDY ROUTE

Open to ICAEW members or graduates with three years' experience.



A written application (Examination of Experience) based on six subject areas, where you demonstrate your charity accounting and financial management expertise and skills to date.

A classroom-based postgraduate diploma course delivered by Bayes Business School (formerly Cass), which has its own Centre for Charity Effectiveness to bring you the very best expertise in the sector.



The ICAEW Diploma in Charity Accounting was a clear and structured way to formally validate and endorse my achievements and expertise in the charity sector. The key benefit of completing this qualification was that it gave me the opportunity to reflect on the range of different areas in which I have worked with charities.

Daniel Chan DChA, ACA

Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP



Undertaking the DChA through the study route was a great experience and a chance to share knowledge with others working in charity finance. I now feel I have a more rounded view of the issues my clients face and can approach Trustee meetings with more confidence.

Cara Turtington DChA, ACA

Saffery Champness Chartered Accountants

How to obtain the DChA

EXPERIENCE ROUTE

WHO IS IT FOR?

All senior professionals, including non-accountants, who have at least three years' experience in the UK charity sector.

If you have gained sufficient experience in the UK charity sector by working for, or with, a charitable organisation, you will get public recognition for these skills and expertise by obtaining the DChA, through the experience route.

Being awarded the DChA means you have demonstrated your expert knowledge of charity accounting and financial management. You will also have the right to use 'DChA' after your name and join an online register of award holders.

EXAMINATION OF EXPERIENCE

The DChA experience route requires you to complete (in your own time) an Examination of Experience, so you don't have to study or undertake formal tuition to apply. The Examination of Experience will ask you a series of questions based on your experience in the following six areas:

- Policy, Law and Regulations
- Resource Management
- Fundraising, Income Generation and Income Distribution for Public Benefit
- Strategy and Governance
- Charity Accounting, Auditing and Taxation
- Financial Management

KEY BENEFITS

No formal qualifications needed to apply. On successful completion you will receive designatory letters 'DChA'. DChA acknowledges your expertise in charity accounting and financial management at the highest level.



STUDY ROUTE

WHO IS IT FOR?

The study route is ideal for graduates or ICAEW members who already have proven accountancy skills and are looking to develop or enhance a career within charity accounting and financial management. The course will provide you with in-depth knowledge of specialist charity accounting, audit and taxation, and the distinctive techniques for financial management and investment management. The course is designed with an emphasis on practical application in the workplace, so you can implement your new skills straightaway.

STUDY THE COMPLETE PICTURE

The DChA study route is delivered by the world-renowned Bayes Business School, which has its own Centre for Charity Effectiveness to bring you the very best expertise in the sector. The diploma is taught on a part-time basis over two years and consists of seven modules, which will provide you with a comprehensive understanding of the voluntary sector and charity finance. These are:

- Learning and Understanding the Voluntary Sector
- Strategy, Diversity and Governance
- Marketing and Fundraising
- People Management in the Voluntary Sector
- Charity Accounting and Finance
- Advanced Charity Accounting, Audit and Taxation
- Voluntary Sector Financial Management
- Fieldwork exercise

HOW TO APPLY

For further information about routes to the DChA, how to apply, application packs and start dates:

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KEY BENEFITS

Awarded with a Postgraduate Diploma in Charity Accounting and Financial Management from Bayes Business School. Gain access to a strong network and connections within the charity sector. Opportunity to join ICAEW's online register of award holders.



Chartered accountants are talented, ethical and committed professionals. ICAEW represents more than 202,450 members and students around the world. All of the top 100 global brands employ ICAEW Chartered Accountants.*

Founded in 1880, ICAEW has a long history of serving the public interest and we continue to work with governments, regulators and business leaders globally. And, as a world-leading improvement regulator, we supervise and monitor around 12,000 firms, holding them, and all ICAEW members and students, to the highest standards of professional competency and conduct.

We promote inclusivity, diversity and fairness and we give talented professionals the skills and values they need to build resilient businesses, economies and societies, while ensuring our planet's resources are managed sustainably.

ICAEW is the first major professional body to be carbon neutral, demonstrating our commitment to tackle climate change and supporting UN Sustainable Development Goal 13.

ICAEW is a founding member of Chartered Accountants Worldwide (CAW), a global family that connects over 1.8m chartered accountants and students in more than 190 countries. Together, we support, develop and promote the role of chartered accountants as trusted business leaders, difference makers and advisers.

We believe that chartered accountancy can be a force for positive change. By sharing our insight, expertise and understanding we can help to create sustainable economies and a better future for all.

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