

How to Find the Best Accounting Jobs

Accounting is critical to the functioning of any enterprise, a fact that often translates into a wealth of job opportunities and career options. But landing the best accounting jobs requires a combination of strategy, professional networking and just plain hard work. So where should you start?

5 LinkedIn is a popular job-search tool. Basic membership is free and gives you access to one of LinkedIn's best features: professionally-oriented discussion groups that provide forums for sharing what you know. Other top sites include Simply Hired, CareerBuilder and the federal employment site, USAjobs.com. Of course, there's an obvious downside to sites like these: They're impersonal. You're not working with a staffing professional who's willing and eager to
10 invest time learning about you. Having a specialist on your side is just one of the benefits of working with staffing agency.

Whether you're just starting out or a seasoned professional, consider registering with a temporary staffing agency. Besides giving you an inside look at a variety of companies, temporary work can give you insight into different kinds of accounting jobs. Temporary
15 assignments also can be stepping stones to full-time accounting positions.

By working with a specialized financial recruiter who focuses on full-time placements, you can improve your odds of landing accounting jobs. Clients ranging from startups to large companies use recruiters to locate potential hires with in-demand skills and experience.

20 Make a list of people you know in the accounting profession. Add friends and relatives who don't work in accounting but still might be able to introduce you to hiring managers or key contacts where they work. Because the best jobs often come from personal contacts and networking, these people should be the first ones to receive a copy of your resume.

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