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How will the role of an accountant change post COVID-19?

As the pandemic swept the country, businesses had to quickly change the way they operated.

As the restrictions ease, everyone is now looking to see what the new "normal" is, so we've had a look to the future to see how accountants may be affected.

5 Working in an office or from home?

Obviously there will be some who have struggled to adapt, such as working parents, who've realised that there is little peace and quiet from youngsters demanding their attention. For them, the office may be a more productive environment to work in.

10 Also, younger members of the team may struggle working from home if they still live with parents, and their room has had to become their office. Home working is best with a dedicated space, which might not be possible.

It seems like there will be more remote working options, but businesses will still need office space for meetings, and for those who cannot work productively in their home.

15 Home working does have great benefits. It means no commute, and no need to be in a busy environment, plus there's less risk of contamination.

Adapting to new technology

Accountancy is one of those professions that can end up with a lot of paperwork. Maybe now is the time to look at how we can cut down¹ on that and use software wherever we can to produce reports and accounts digitally.

20 Meetings and conferences can now be done by video calls, as long as the internet speeds are up to scratch². Using up to date programmes and software, and helping your clients and staff use them too, should make home working easier, and cut down on travel hours.

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