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Have you ever considered a future in accounting?

Accounting is an age-old profession that attracts people from all backgrounds. Multiple entry routes are available to Leaving Cert students, graduates and to workers seeking a mid-stream career change.

5 There are few roles that are as central to a company's success than accounting. One of the greatest benefits is that the skills are highly transferable. You could work in the financial services industry, banking, retail, government, healthcare, information technology or even in the music industry as practically every business has a need for accountants.

10 There are several paths open to those wishing to work in the industry and programmes include full-time, part-time, online and apprenticeship options. Prospective accountants should have no difficulty finding a course that suits their personal circumstances.

15 To become an accountant the path you choose will depend on what area you wish to work in, what type of course you wish to pursue and how long you wish to spend studying.

Accountants generally work with company finances. They are responsible for keeping and preparing financial records and will analyse financial information and create financial statements in the course of their work. They will also ensure the company is in compliance with government and industry standard regulations.

20 The work is varied and can include preparation of tax returns, financial strategy and provision of guidance on cost reduction, financial forecasting and risk analysis.

Qualified accountants will be members of an accountancy body and will have passed certified examinations. They can work in multiple different roles in organisations and with some specialising areas such as in tax or in compliance.

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