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# *Helping shape your future* ACCA Diploma in IFRS

*PwC's Academy*

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## About PwC's Academy

*PwC's Academy is the educational business of PwC. Our goal is to help improve the knowledge, skills, competence and expertise of our people in finance and business; to help organisations across the region grow and retain their talent. Our foundation is our team of expert professionals who convey their wealth of knowledge and the practical experience they have gained within leading organisations around the world.*

PwC's Academy is committed to supporting the sustainable growth of local talent across the region. Our expanding Academy currently operates across the Middle East from six countries: UAE, Oman, Egypt, Lebanon, Qatar and Saudi Arabia. PwC's Academies in the Middle East are part of a growing network of Academies present in over 30 countries worldwide. We offer a variety of training courses covering financial competencies, management skills and professional qualifications. Our courses are based on the best practices of PwC Global and the individual experiences of our experts. We constantly adapt our courses to meet the needs of modern business, customising them to our client's requirements and assisting our clients in reaching their organisational training and strategic objectives.

PwC's Academy's global network of professionals sets us apart from other providers. We communicate constantly, exchange best practice, ideas and experience. We take this knowledge and evolve our courses to meet the ever-changing needs of modern businesses and their people in the region; this way we make sure that we are providing the very best training programmes for our clients, our students and their sponsors.





# ACCA Dip IFRS training programme

*The ACCA Diploma in IFRS is an international qualification in IFRS developed by the leading professional accounting organisation, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).*

Applying international Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) has become a major issue for most companies and finance professionals. A recent study by the IFRS Foundation gathered solid evidence that IFRS has already become the de facto global language for financial reporting. Over 130 countries require or permit the use of IFRS including Bahrain, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar and the UAE. In 2016/17 Saudi Arabia will also begin the adoption of IFRS.

The ACCA Diploma in IFRS will help you develop a working knowledge of IFRS, how to apply them as well as the key concepts and principles that underpin them.

This Diploma is a key qualification for CFO's and all those involved in financial reporting who want to broaden their knowledge of both the technical and practical aspects of IFRS and hold an internationally recognised certificate.





# Getting Qualified

To be awarded your ACCA Diploma in IFRS you must meet the eligibility requirements which include taking and passing one exam.

Exam	Breakdown	Marks
Section A	One groups question	40
Section B	Three scenario questions	60
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

- There are 2 examination sessions per year; in June and December
- The ACCA Diploma in IFRS exam is 3 hours long and consists of a mixture of calculations and written questions
- The pass mark is 50%

### *How long does it take?*

How you study for your ACCA Diploma in IFRS is very flexible and you can progress at your own pace. Students can complete the Diploma in 6-12 months. For more information about the ACCA Diploma in IFRS please visit [www.accaglobal.com](http://www.accaglobal.com).

### *Minimum entry requirements*

To get your ACCA Diploma in IFRS, you must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Professional financial qualification (ICAI, ICAP, ACCA, CPA, ICAEW)
- 3 years' relevant accounting experience ( a letter from your employer will be required)
- Relevant degree and 2 years' experience in the accounting field
- An ACCA certificate in International Financial Reporting and 2 years' relevant work experience.

# Our ACCA Dip IFRS training programme



**Tuition**  
PwC's Academy employs the latest teaching techniques that will help you understand IFRS standards and learn how to apply them. The programme is delivered by specialist lecturers who have a wealth of experience in applying IFRS in a range of industries across the globe. Our tuition sessions are highly interactive, we encourage group discussion, and real life examples are used to help your understanding and application of IFRS principles.



**Revision**  
Our revision sessions are focused on exam technique, guidance on answering exam questions and an understanding of the allocation of marks and the examiner's requirements. We provide exam questions from previous papers and a full mock exam as part of the revision process. One on one consultations identify gaps in your knowledge and application of IFRS.

## Schedule and Fees

Programme	Terms Starts	Duration
Tuition	September/February	8 evenings ( 6 hours per day)
Revision	November/May	2 evenings ( 6 hours per day)

  

Programme	Fees (AED)
ACCA Diploma in IFRS	8,750

In addition early bird, group and corporate discounts may be available.





# Why choose PwC's Academy

## Ensuring you pass

At PwC's Academy our focus is to make sure you have both a sound understanding of IFRS and how to apply them, and all the knowledge and exam techniques you need to achieve your ACCA Diploma in IFRS.

Our ACCA Diploma in IFRS programme is designed to help you learn the concepts and the principles which underpin IFRS standards. We provide you with the very best course materials written especially for PwC students in addition to study texts and online resources. Our course materials are designed to help the learning process: graphic-rich slides and exam-style question banks complement our lecturers' lively presentations. A progress test every few weeks ensures that you stay up to speed, in addition to a full mock exam after the revision course.

## Our lecturers

At PwC's Academy our foundation is our team of specialists who have years of experience in financial reporting and IFRS. Our lecturers understand the examiners requirements so that they are able to help you apply your knowledge and achieve the ACCA Diploma in IFRS.

## Our premises

Our new Academy premises provide you with a professional environment in which to study and interact with other students and our lecturers. Our Academy is equipped with state of the art facilities including:

-  Free wireless in all classrooms and 8 desktop computers in the lounge area
-  Lounge area in which to relax and chat to other students and lecturers
-  Library with a full range of reference books
-  Provision of a quiet study area
-  Pantry area with comfortable seating and free tea and coffee
-  5 spacious classrooms

We are a 5 minute walk from the Dubai Mall and a short journey to Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC). The Academy is also located on the metro line making us accessible no matter where you are coming from.

## Going the extra mile

We want your time studying with us to be a positive and happy experience and so we provide a range of services that help you to get the most out of your time with us.

- Mentoring and guidance from IFRS specialist lecturers
- Programme advisors to help with registrations and to guide you throughout your diploma
- Full time lecturers always available to help and support you
- Sessions on exam tips and strategies

## What our students say

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*PwC Academy's Training Program on ACCA Diploma in IFRS has been instrumental in broadening my knowledge and understanding of practical application of IFRS. With IFRS gaining more acceptability across regions, this training and certification program will definitely add another feather to the cap. The lecturers bring in the practical and conceptual understanding of the topics from their experience and insights and mix it with the right guidance and strategy for passing the exams.*

*I would recommend PwC Academy's Training Program on ACCA DipIFRS to all accounting professionals who are keen to enhance their skill sets in IFRS.*

**Nambiar Vinod,  
Financial Controller,  
Topaz Engineering**

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*PwC's Academy's Dip IFR lecturers are highly competent and the knowledge sharing is great.. The course has helped me lot in improving and sharpening my knowledge in IFRS. There is a very strong focus in getting through the exam which helps improve exam technique and grasp concepts. Overall, this has been a great experience.*

**S. Suresh Kumar,  
Finance & Accounts Department,  
Oman Insurance Company**



## ***Lecturer profile***

### ***Fazeela Gopalani – ACCA***

Fazeela is the course manager for our ACCA programmes, and a lecturer in financial and corporate reporting, IFRS, and tax. She also teaches core MBA modules for two prestigious British Universities.

In addition, Fazeela has delivered a wide range of accounting and finance training courses for corporate clients throughout the GCC and Middle East.

Fazeela graduated from the University of Birmingham, UK with a BSc in accounting and finance and is an ACCA member.

She has successfully managed her own accountancy practice in the UK with a 350+ client base.

Fazeela brings a broad range of professional expertise and knowledge and has multifaceted experience through a range of teaching that includes students making their first steps into the accounting and finance world and highly experienced professionals who wish to develop their skills further.

### ***Armon Nakhai***

Armon has over 10 years experience project managing the audits of large multi-national companies with a number of subsidiaries across the globe, including FTSE 350. Since 2010 Armon has worked in PwC's Global Accounting Consulting Services.

Armon is responsible for setting and developing the accounting component of PwC's internal mandatory training curriculum.

In the Middle-East, Armon has been responsible for the organisation and delivery of PwC's IFRS client training programme covering both general courses and client specific events. He has travelled across the Middle-East presenting IFRS training.

Armon has contributed to various accounting publications issued by PwC and most recently, Armon acted as a reviewer of the 2014 edition of PwC's global IFRS Manual of Accounting.

Armon has provided advice to some of the largest companies in the UK and the Middle-East and has performed technical reviews on the financial statements of a number of FTSE 100 companies as well as some of the top listed companies on the Middle-East Stock Exchange.



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