THE PwC FLYING START PROGRAMME

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FAQ





FAQ 01

What is the PwC Flying Start Programme?

This is a unique PwC programme adapted for Mauritius with PwC Mauritius, Curtin Mauritius and ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales). The programme combines academic study, integrated professional work placements and progress towards the prestigious ICAEW Chartered Accountancy qualification, the ACA.

Once you have completed the Curtin University degree, you will be left with only 3 exams and you could be one year away from completing the full ACA qualification.

How long does the programme last?

> This is a four year progamme during which you will fast track your career in Accounting and Finance.
> Placements, studies and holidays all form part of the curriculum.
> The Flying Start Programme is structured according to Curtin University BCom Accounting and Finance requirements and will be aligned with the internship placements at PwC. The full study plan will be communicated to FSP students when they join.

Can you give me more details about the work placements?

> The programme includes progressive work placements with PwC Mauritius (or in the PwC network) for over 56 weeks or more, spread throughout the 4-year period of study.

FAQ 02

How is this Curtin BCom Accounting and Finance degree different from accounting degrees offered by most other universities?

> Most universities offer a single major in Accounting. This degree is a double major in Accounting and Finance.

> In addition to Accounting and Finance, the degree also provides an orientation towards business and management.

> ICAEW offers Next Generation ACA unit exemptions (5 certificate level and 2 professional level papers) to holders of the BCom Accounting and Finance degree.

> Students benefit from work-integrated learning opportunities throughout the degree including projects, work placements and industry guest speakers.

Will the work placement be paid?

> PwC will offer an attractive placement fee for all periods of placement that will be commensurate with the progress in your academic studies and the work experience you would have gained.

Am I guaranteed a job with PwC at the end of the degree programme?

> You have a unique opportunity to impress PwC during your placements and demonstrate your confidence and skills to secure a full-time position.

What are the ACA papers that I will need to complete and what support will be provided?

> Students graduating with the Curtin BCom Accounting and Finance course are exempted for 5 out of 6 certificate level and 2 professional level Next Generation ACA modules. Four remaining professional level ACA modules will need to be completed during Years 2, 3 and 4 of the programme namely: Fundamental Case Study, Assurance, Risk and Reporting, Corporate Reporting, Data and Assurance, Tax Compliance and Planning.

Curtin Mauritius will provide learning support sessions to prepare the students for each of the four professional level Next Generation ACA modules.

Upon successful completion of the FSP, students will left with one certificate level module (Sustainability and Ethics) and 2 Advanced level modules (Technical Case Study and Strategic Case Study) to complete.





FAQ 03

Will I be a qualified accountant by the time I have completed the degree?

> Upon successful completion of the PwC Flying Start Programme i.e 4 years, you will be left with one certificate level exam and two Advanced Level exams.

> Your placements at PwC will contribute towards approximately half of the relevant work experience with an ICAEW authorised training employer, required to become an ICAEW Chartered Accountant

What are the fees for this degree programme?

(I) Curtin University BCom Accounting and Finance fees - Approximately 900,600

(II) Additional payment for ICAEW Annual Student Fee, ACA learning materials, tuition fee for ACA modules and ACA exams - Approximately 205,791 [based on current exchange rate and fees charged by ICAEW] *

(III) You should be able to recover part of these additional payments through your 56 weeks or more of placement with PwC

Does the programme offer scholarships?

The FSP is a self-funded programme and there is, for the moment, no scholarship associated with the programme. However, FSP students will get the opportunity to be remunerated during their work placement at PwC.

How many attempts are permitted when taking ACA exams ?

ICAEW regulations allow a maximum of four attempts at each Professional Level exam. As part of the FSP, you will be expected to successfully pass four professional level exam within the time frame of the
programme. In the event that you fail an exam, you will be required to take it again before the next exam is due. Once you have commenced your second work-placement, you will enter into a formal ACA Training Agreement with PwC. You will have to pass the exams in accordance with this agreement.

* Disclaimer: ICAEW fees may be subject to change.



FAQ 04

What type of candidate is likely to be successful in securing an offer on the PwC Flying Start Programme?

> This is an academically demanding programme. Progression requirements for each year will be higher than for our other degree programmes

> We will need evidence of your academic ability to meet entry requirements. Your career motivation and evidence of potential professional skills and competencies are equally important

> There will be 3 stages in the selection process:
Stage 1: Meeting Curtin Mauritius entry criteria based on predictive results
2: Interview with PwC / Curtin Mauritius
3: Aptitude test

Prior to your individual interview, you will receive a link to a PwC-approved aptitude test. The purpose of this test is to help us better understand your problem-solving ability, time management skills, agility, and ability to work under pressure.

Your place on the FSP will be confirmed subject to final confirmation of HSC results meeting the entry requirements.

How do I apply for the Flying Start Programme ?

> Please send your motivation letter, SC and HSC results to **study@curtinmauritius.ac.mu**

> **Application deadline:** 10 Feb 2027

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ABOUT PwC

At PwC, our purpose is to build trust in society and solve important problems. In Mauritius, we are recognised as thought leader and change initiators, where our 500+ professional staff combine the resources of our global network with detailed knowledge of local issues.

PwC's focus on quality, independence, transparency and advanced methodology is – like all our services – designed to ensure compliance with professional standards, as well as optimising value for our clients and our stakeholders.

Our programmes will empower you to learn new skills for the digital world, to reimagine the possible on how you work with clients, harness your skills to work on multiple projects through client engagements and study towards your professional qualification.

Read more on (pwc.com/mu) and follow **PwC Mauritius** on our social media platforms.



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ABOUT ICAEW

There are more than 1.8m chartered accountants and students around the world and 186,500 of them are members and students of ICAEW. They are talented, ethical and committed professionals, which is why all of the top 100 Global Brands employ chartered accountants.*

ICAEW promotes inclusivity, diversity and fairness. We attract talented individuals into the profession and give them the skills and values they need to build resilient businesses, economies and societies, while ensuring our planet's resources are managed sustainably.

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

ICAEW is proud to be part of Chartered Accountants Worldwide, a global network of 750,000 members across 190 countries, which promotes the expertise and skills of chartered accountants on a global basis.

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

*ICAW, 2020 - Interbrand, Best Global Brands 2019



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PwC refers to the Mauritius member firm, and may sometimes refer to the PwC network. Each member firm is a separate legal entity. Please see www.pwc.com/structure for further details.

Curtin Disclaimer: The tuition provider undertakes to prepare students enrolled on the PwC Flying Start Programme for four ACA professional level exams. It however reserves the right to make alterations to the sequencing of modules and the timing of delivery of these modules over the whole study period.

For more information about the ICAEW ACA qualification, please visit icaew.com/acamauritius