

ICAS<sup>s</sup>

GRADUATING WITH AN  
ICAS ACCREDITED DEGREE

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A young man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, a light blue dress shirt, and a dark tie with white polka dots, is smiling broadly. He is positioned in the foreground. In the background, a large, ornate Gothic cathedral tower with multiple spires and arched windows is visible against a light sky. The overall scene is a professional portrait set in an urban, historical environment.

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JORDON BROWN  
training with



Jordan chose a career in accountancy as it provided him with the opportunity to pursue his interest in the business world, and would enable him to work with businesses in different sectors. With this in mind Jordan studied an ICAS accredited degree, at the University of Glasgow meaning he was fully exempt from the five subjects in Test of Competence (TC). Jordan is in his second year of training to become a CA with KPMG Tax Business School where he is working in corporate tax.

### WHAT DOES BEING ICAS TRAINED MEAN FOR YOU?

I felt becoming a CA offered the prospect of an exciting career in business. The CA qualification combines exams in areas such as accountancy, finance, internal control and tax - which are vital to the running of a business - with three years of practical work experience. The CA qualification is a world renowned professional accountancy qualification that has enabled me to get involved in interesting work projects, helped me develop my personal and business skills and has given me the chance to meet key figures in the business world.

CA training can therefore open doors to job opportunities, both in the UK and overseas and within public accountancy practice, industry and financial services, that would not otherwise be opened.

### WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

My role is predominately office based and involves dealing with company tax compliance matters. My most interesting project has been on a large privately owned hotel group. I have been involved in planning, and undertaking the compliance work for forty five companies in this group. This has been interesting as I have learnt about how a large business operates and how to manage a large work project. Whilst I am only half way through my training contract, I have had the chance to work in different offices as well as spending two months on secondment to audit where I worked on the audits of a retail bank and a private equity house. These experiences have helped develop my technical tax and audit knowledge.

If you are studying towards an ICAS accredited degree you could be eligible for up to five exemptions from the Test of Competence (TC) classes and examinations. There are generally no exemptions available for TPS, TPE and Business Ethics.

The following universities offer fully ICAS accredited degrees:

University of Aberdeen  
University of Dundee  
University of Edinburgh  
Edinburgh Napier University  
Exeter University  
Glasgow Caledonian University  
University of Glasgow  
Heriot-Watt University  
Lancaster University  
University of Liverpool  
Robert Gordon University  
University of Stirling  
University of Strathclyde  
University of the West of Scotland

To find out if your degree is ICAS accredited visit [icas.org.uk/exemptions](https://www.icas.org.uk/exemptions) or speak to your university course leader.

Not all employers support their CA students taking up exemptions they may be eligible for so you should check your employer's policy before applying to ICAS for exemptions.

### **WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

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