

Professional Body: Institute of Public Accountants in Ireland

A 'CPA' is a qualified member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Ireland. The CPA qualification is recognised as equivalent to those of other statutory bodies in the EU, and the qualification is included in the EC Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications – the Mutual Recognition Directive (89/48/EEC). As an independent body, its affairs are controlled from Ireland, but 'CPA' is the most popular international designation for professional accountants and is recognised world-wide.

Entry Requirements

Entry Routes to the CPA qualification are;

- Holder of Leaving Certificate, or A Levels, having obtained passes in six subjects, three of which are at least Grade C or higher in three higher-level papers.
- Entry is open to all persons over 18 years of age, subject to a satisfactory standard of English (IELTS 5.5).
- IELTS 4.0 if English language preparatory course starting May 8th is included.

Exemptions

Holders of recognised certificates, diplomas, degrees and professional qualifications are entitled to exemptions from some of the papers from Formation 1, Formation 2 and Professional 1 below on a subject-by-subject basis. Students should contact the CPA on +353 1 676 7353 to discuss in further detail .

Course Details:

The CPA exam structure consists of four exam levels, Formation 1, Formation 2, Professional 1 and Professional 2.

Formation 1

Paper 1: Business Mathematics and Quantitative Methods
Paper 2: Economics and the Business Environment
Paper 3: Legal Framework

Professional 1

Paper 1: Financial Accounting
Paper 2: Auditing
Paper 3: Strategic Management Accounting
Paper 4: Management and Strategy

Formation 2

Paper 1: Accounting Framework
Paper 2: Taxation
Paper 3: IT Technology for Managers
Paper 4: Management Accounting

Professional 2

Paper 1: Advanced Taxation
Paper 2: Advanced Financial Accounting
Paper 3: Audit Practice
Paper 4: Financial Management

Registration: Closing date for course registration with Genesis Business College is July 31st 2007. Places are allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Duration: These courses are all full-time and involve an average 24 hours of timetabled classes per week commencing September 17th 2007. Start date including English language preparatory course is May 8th 2007.

Cost per Year: International students: €5000 including books and tuition fees. €6250 for longer course including preparatory English course.

Further Study: Successful candidates will be fully qualified accountants and will therefore have deemed to have met the minimum entry requirements for a range of advanced higher education institutions/courses.