



Professional Diploma in Sustainability

Sustainability: the future.

And it's happening now. You don't want to get left behind – and our new qualification is especially designed to keep you ahead.





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PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA IN SUSTAINABILITY
EMBRACE CHANGE. STAY ON TOP.
REALISE YOUR POTENTIAL.



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Who is this Professional Diploma for?

The Professional Diploma is ideally suited to finance professionals at all levels who are looking to gain a comprehensive understanding of sustainability – and an accreditation to prove it.

Finance professionals should register if they want to:

- learn how to adapt to new regulations
- gain in-depth knowledge of key issues
- protect themselves from getting left behind.

Once completed, the Professional Diploma acts as a comprehensive accreditation in the core areas of sustainability.



The Professional Diploma: at a glance

60

Up to 60 hours
of flexible, online
learning

4

courses
(available as
individual Certificates)

2

approaches to
completion, to suit your
business needs

1

integrated
case study exam



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Course syllabus and learning outcomes

The 60 hours of learning for the Professional Diploma in Sustainability breaks down into:

1

The Certificate in Sustainability Frameworks and Ethics

Your employees will gain a rigorous grounding in sustainability frameworks, how they differ globally, as well as ethical standards for organisations and individuals.

2

The Certificate in Sustainability and Management

Your teams will understand how to translate your organisation's sustainability goals into business activities and policies – as well as measuring risks, monitoring performance, and setting up measurement systems.

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The Certificate in Sustainability Reporting

Here, your employees will learn how to create compliant reports that meet IFRS Sustainability Standards, and understand what makes reporting useful to investors. They'll also be guided on how financial statements should account for sustainability.

4

The Certificate in Sustainability Assurance

Finally, they'll understand the need for assurance – as well as the challenges associated with it – and the sustainability assurance cycle.

The Exam

After the four Certificates, it's time to complete the Professional Diploma in Sustainability exam.

The exam lasts three hours and 15 minutes. It presents an integrated case study, with different exhibits of information related to sustainability in an organisation.

Questions will include a mix of computational and discursive tasks, to best test the student's knowledge and grasp of the key issues.

Included: Our practice and revision module

To help your employees prepare for the exam, our Professional Diploma in Sustainability bundle includes a practice and revision module. Learners have the opportunity to join live webinars from 2025.



Assessment

The exam – FAQs

How do I take the exam?

The Professional Diploma in Sustainability exam can be taken either remotely, or in one of our partner test centres

When can i take the exam?

The first examination sitting takes place in the first 2 weeks of March 2025, and will then be available during ACCA's standard exam weeks in June and December.

Can students retake the exam?

Yes – at subsequent sittings (for example June 2025 or December 2025).

Is the Professional Diploma only available to ACCA members?

No – the Professional Diploma is open to non-ACCA members as well. It's designed for any professional accountant or auditor, or wider financial professionals looking to expand their sustainability knowledge.



Thank you!

