



# AAT Accounting and Finance Level 2

The AAT Level 2 Certificate in Accounting course will allow you to pursue a career in Finance and Accounting.

This course is an entry level accounting qualification which is ideal for anyone wishing to study accountancy and finance as it covers a broad range of core accounting skills, as well as accountancy-related business skills and personal skills.

Key themes have also been introduced throughout the qualification including technology, ethics, sustainability and communication. This course will provide you with an opportunity to gain your first professional qualification within this field and give you the ability to develop your skills to an advanced level.

Waltham Forest College is putting sustainability at the heart of everything that we do, and in this course, you will also learn how you can conduct accounting sustainably, such as activities that have an impact on the social, environmental and economic performance of a business. The Government's requirement on making tax digital also reduces the carbon footprint of a business when completing tax returns.

The course is scheduled over 3 days per week and will be a mixture of theory and practical lessons.

- [Sector Overview](#)

The Accounting and Finance sector plays a critical role in the global economy by providing essential financial management services to businesses, organisations and individuals.

The sector encompasses a wide range of activities, including financial planning, analysis, reporting, auditing, taxation, and risk management. It serves as the backbone of decision-making processes and ensures the efficient allocation and utilisation of financial resources.

The UK's financial services industry has faced many challenges over the past few years, but it has met them head on. Accountants, and the accounting functions, are the backbone of any business and, as such, roles in finance are applicable to every industry.

- [Entry Requirements](#)

The entry requirements for this course are:

- 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including maths and English
- Interview and assessment

- [What will I study?](#)

This course consists of the following modules:

- Introduction to bookkeeping
- Principles of bookkeeping controls
- Principles of costing
- The business environment synoptic assessment

- [How will I be assessed?](#)

You will be assessed via:

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- AAT certified computer-based assessments
- [Enrichment](#)  
To further enhance your progression, you will actively participate in skills competitions, such as the Big Idea Challenge and Skills London.  
You will be involved in taking part in trips and visits, such as The Bank of England and attend Business and Finance Conferences.  
You will also have access to key employers that will deliver guest lectures to build your industry knowledge and contacts.
- [Work Experience](#)  
You must complete at least 36 hours (1 week) of external work placement which is an essential part of the programme. Some of the opportunities will include placements with employers such as:
  - Ernest & Young
  - Future Connect
  - MTC Learning
- [Progression opportunities](#)  
This course will lead to:
  - Accounting Level 3
  - Employment in the Accounting and Finance Sector
  - Accountant Assistant Apprenticeship Level 3
- [Alumni](#)  
Waltham Forest College is a vibrant and aspirational college and will support you to reach your career aspirations. Last year 96% of learners progressed onto a positive destination either to higher levels of study, employment, or an Apprenticeship.

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