



ACCA Open Evening January 2026

STRATEGIC PROFESSIONAL

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Why Study at AccountancySchool

ACCA Platinum
Approved College



Students regularly
placed FIRST in
IRELAND and WORLD

Leading Team of
ACCA Lectures in
Ireland and probably
in the World

Homework on the
ACCA CBE
Platform

ACCA Approved
materials

Best Lecturers
Best materials
Best pass rates





**First in the World
over 2021,2022,
2023 and 2024.**

- *Elizabeth Howard and Aoife Mc Walters Tax June 2024*
- *Regina Carpenter Advanced Tax December 2023*
- *Reece Carvin APM June 2023*
- *Reece Carvin AAA March 2023*
- *Lorna Forde AA December 2022*
- *Katie Howard APM March 2022*
- *Fearghus Mahon APM December 2021*
- *Reece Carvin PM March 2021*



Attending the Meeting

-  Michael Shiel from ACCA Ireland
-  Shane O'Grady – Lecturer SBL
-  Liam Doran – Lecturer SBR and AFM
-  Dave O'Donoghue, Managing Director AccountancySchool.ie
-  Michael Barry – Lecturer APM
-  Michael Donnelly – Lecturer AAA
-  Sandra Gleeson – Lecturer ATX
-  Gary Wall, Operations Director AccountancySchool.ie
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ACCA Subjects

Applied Knowledge

- BT
- MA
- FA

Applied Skills

- Corporate and Business Law
- Performance Management
- Taxation
- Financial Reporting
- Audit and Assurance
- Financial Management

Strategic Professional

Essentials:

Strategic Business Leader (SBL)

Strategic Business Reporting (SBR)

Options:

Advanced Financial Management (AFM)

Advanced Performance Management (APM)

Advanced Taxation (ATX)

Advanced Audit and Assurance (AAA)



Exemptions

If you are unsure of your exemptions, you should check them on the

ACCA Exemptions Calculator

<https://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/help/exemptions-calculator.html>

FAQs are covered at
Frequently asked questions on exemptions from accountancy exams | ACCA | ACCA Global

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Online Courses



Courses at AccountancySchool.ie

Online Classes (Classroom Live)

- Regular classes
- Ensures that students maintain the consistent attendance at lectures and covering content
- Gives a structure to lectures, homework and self-study
- Regular contact with the lecturer

On Demand

- Work at your own pace
- Very important to put a study plan at the start
- Can use the Classroom live timetable to help you put together this structure.



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On-Line Courses – Classroom Live



ACCOUNTANCYSCHOOL.IE STREAMS ALL OUR ACCA COURSES LIVE.



YOU CAN NOW ATTEND ACCOUNTANCYSCHOOL.IE PLATINUM APPROVED COURSES FROM YOUR DESK AT WORK OR AT HOME IN TRALEE/LONDON/GALWAY/CORK/RIO DE JANERIO/DUBLIN OR ELSEWHERE.



YOU CAN ASK THE LECTURER QUESTIONS AS IF YOU WERE IN THE CLASSROOM.



HOMEWORK IS ATTEMPTED ON THE ACCA CBE PRACTICE PLATFORM



ALL CLASSES ARE RECORDED SO YOU CAN REVIEW AT ANY TIME THAT SUITS YOU. WORK AT YOUR OWN PACE IF THAT IS YOUR PREFERENCE.



What is the best order to sit the exams in?



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Strategic Professional (SP) Papers:



These can be sat in any order.



General rule is to attempt SBL first as some of the skills will help with the Option papers.



Note you should ensure that you have sat SBR before you attempt AAA.

Useful to attempt SBL before APM.



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4 Sittings per Annum



4 Sittings

MARCH

JUNE

SEPTEMBER

DECEMBER

Cannot sit
ATX

All Papers

Cannot sit
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All Papers



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Employer



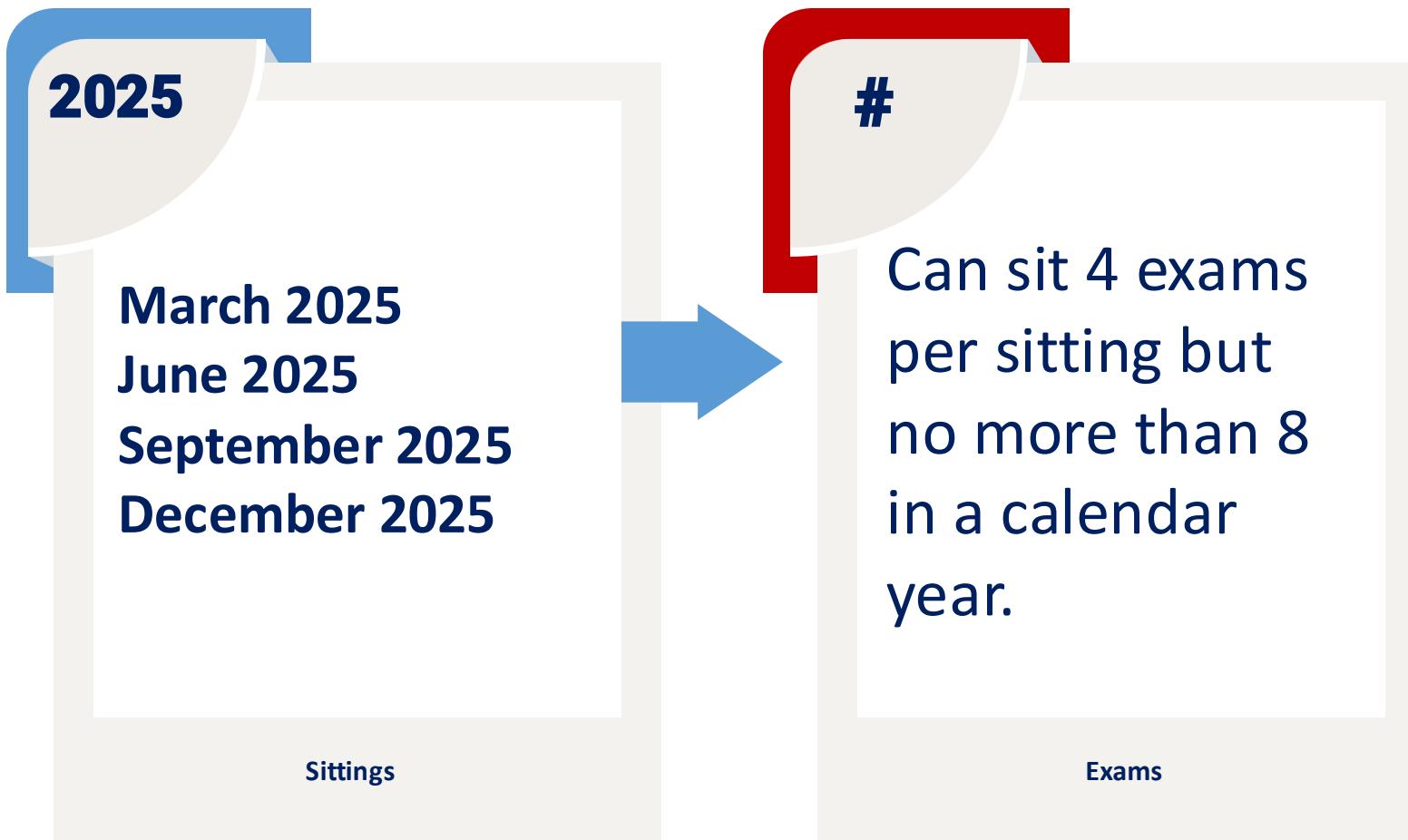
Individual
Employer
Restrictions



- A number of employers have policies where students will not be given permission to sit exams at specific sittings.
- For example, this may be the March sitting.
- Always ensure that appropriate permission is received before making plans for exams.



4 Sittings Per Annum: You Need a Plan!



‘Short Courses’ – March & September

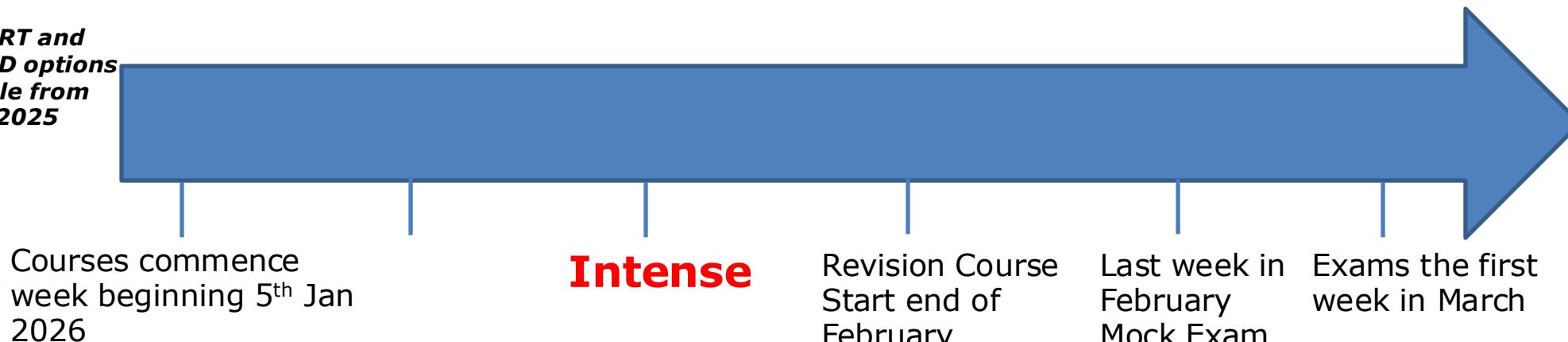


- March and September are our ‘short’ courses.
- Will be intense, generally either
 - 2 evenings per week and a number of weekend dates or
 - 1 evening per week and Saturday or Sunday every week.
- **Issues to consider:**
 - No other major events in your personal or work lives
 - 7 weeks to the exams
 - Very achievable with a high level of commitment.
 - Less work than having 2 subjects at the one exam sitting.
 - Online early start options will be available



March 2026 Course (5th January to 1st March– 7 weeks)

**EARLY START and
ON DEMAND options
are available from
December 2025**



Exceptions

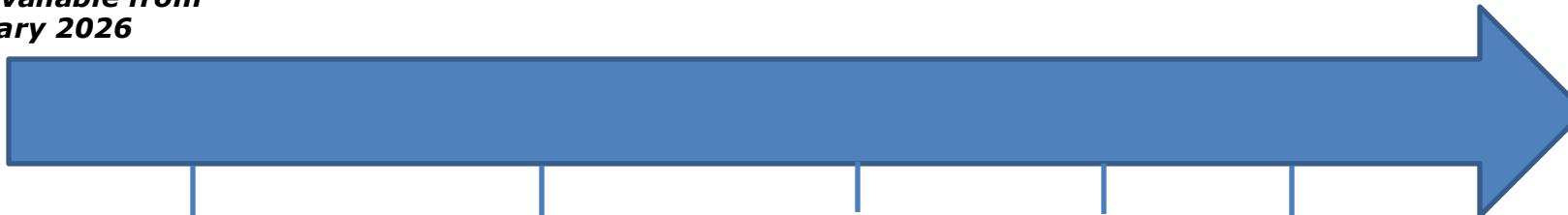
No tax exams in March

- All classes are live streamed and recorded.
 - You can create your own start date and timetable!
- If you are also sitting exams in June 2026 there will be an overlap at the end of February between the courses.
- You will overcome this by catching up on the June course (online) once you sit your March exam.



June 2026 Course- Start 23th February to 31st May (13 weeks)

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ON DEMAND options
are available from
January 2026**



Most Course
commences week
beginning Saturday 7th
March

Exceptions
SBL (cf Timetable)
ATX (ct Timetable)

One evening
a week and
some
weekend
dates

Revision
Course
Start Dates in
May

Last week in
May
Mock Exam

Exams the first
week in June
2026

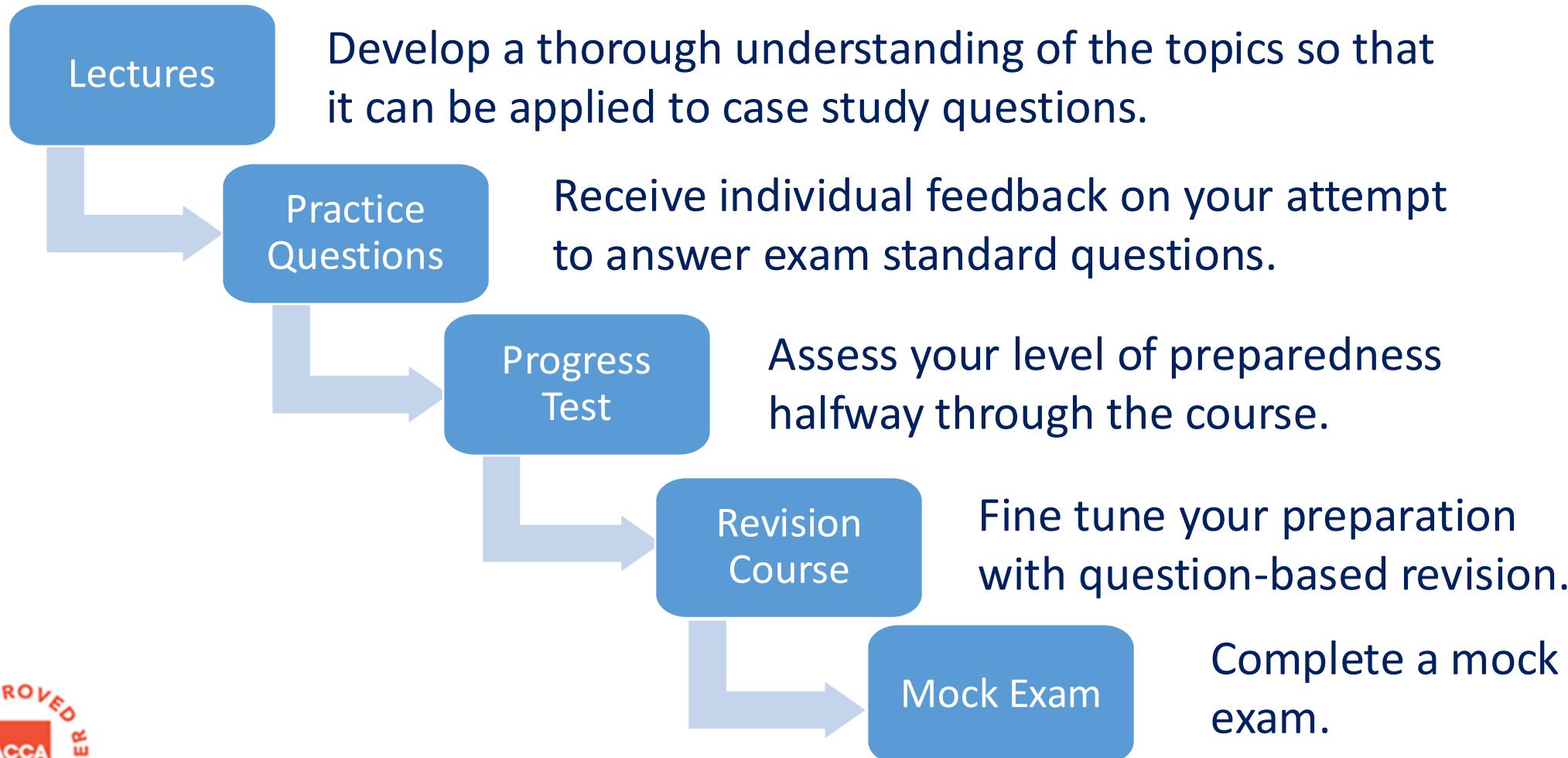
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Structure of Our Courses



How our courses are structured



Materials Used



AccountancySchool.ie notes written by the lecturers.



AccountancySchool.ie will be using BPP platinum approved materials on all the courses.



Weekly homework given, corrected and returned. Given the nature of this exam this is a key element of the course to help you develop the skills to pass.



Option Papers



Option Papers at AccountancySchool.ie

<http://accountancyschool.ie/option-papers/>



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General Advice

Enjoyed/did well on

- FM => AFM
- Tax => ATX
- PM, SBL => APM
- AA and SBR => AAA

Review the last 3 available exam papers.

- Can you understand the terminology in the case studies?
- Would you be able to attempt the requirements?



Option Papers Lecturers

Subject name	Lecturer
Advanced Financial Management (AFM)	Liam Doran
Advanced Performance Management (APM)	Michael Barry
Advanced Taxation (ATX)	Sandra Gleeson
Advanced Audit and Assurance (AAA)	Michael Donnelly



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Progression Rules



Progression Rules: Applied Level



The current progression rule is that all Applied Knowledge and Skills papers must be attempted or being attempted before a student can commence the Strategic Professional Papers.



There are no time limits for passing the Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills exams (generally) may be some rules to consider at the Applied Knowledge exams.



Progression Rules: Strategic Professional Level

Under the current rules a **seven-year time limit** has been introduced at the Strategic Professional level.



Students will have seven years to pass the exams at SP level.



If a student does not pass all the SP level exams within seven years, they will lose any passes that were achieved more than seven years ago and will need to retake.



The seven-year time limit starts when a student passes his/her first SP level exam.



Ethics and Professional Skills

Completing your EPSM | ACCA Global



When to sit the Ethics and Professional Skills?



To take maximum advantage of the support provided by the module, ACCA recommends you complete it **before** attempting any exams at Strategic Professional, but as close as you can to the completion of your Applied Skills examinations.





Practical Experience Record (PER)

- Practical experience | ACCA Global
- <https://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/student/practical-experience-per.html>

Practical
Experience
Requirement

06/01/2026





Practical Experience Record (PER)

- To complete PER you'll need to achieve **36 months of supervised experience** in a relevant accounting or finance role and complete **nine performance objectives** (all five Essentials and four Technical objectives).
- **Many types of experience count** towards your PER. Work completed before registering for the ACCA can also count provided your previous supervisor will sign-off your achievements from that time. – you don't have to achieve 36 months with the same employer
 - Before, during or after you sit your ACCA exams
 - Any industry, sector or country
 - Part-time, temporary or voluntary work
 - Work before registering with ACCA as a student.
 - Internships and volunteering





PER – Approved Employer

- However, if you join an **ACCA approved employer** with training development approval at **Gold or Platinum level** then you can potentially claim performance objective exemption. In that case, you must still complete 36-months of experience before you become an ACCA member.



Trainee Development - Gold



Trainee Development - Platinum

QUESTIONS????????????????????????????







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