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AAT Accounting



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What is AAT?

AAT stands for the Association of Accounting Technicians.

AAT qualifications are recognised by employers as practical and technical qualifications that prepare students for the world of work and for working specifically in accountancy and finance roles.

At Tameside College, there are 3 pathways available for the AAT programmes:

[AAT Accounting Level 2 Foundation](#)

[AAT Accounting Level 3 Advanced](#)

[AAT Accounting Level 4 Professional Diploma](#)



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AAT Accounting – Level 2 Foundation

The Level 2 Foundation course covers the following units:

- Bookkeeping Transactions
- Bookkeeping Controls
- Elements of Costing
- Working Effectively in Accounting and Finance
- Using Accounting Software

You will sit an exam for each of these units and a synoptic exam that covers the first 4 units.

You must pass all the exams to gain the qualification.

You will learn through a variety of methods which will aim to meet the needs of each individual and accommodate different learning styles for example, case studies, assessments, group work, practical work, projects and interactive activities.

- Learners must have;
5 GCSE's grade A* - C, including maths and English at grade 4
- A genuine interest in the subject
- Good communication skills



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AAT Accounting – Level 3 Advanced

The Level 3 Advanced covers a range of foundation accounting and finance skills in five mandatory units:

- **Advanced Bookkeeping**
- **Final Accounts Preparation**
- **Management Accounting: Costing**
- **Indirect Tax**
- **Synoptic – Ethics for Accountants, Spreadsheets for Accounting**

In this qualification, you will master more complex accounting disciplines including financial processes, advanced bookkeeping, final accounts and ethical practices for accountants. It is suited to students studying part time alongside employment or to those already working in finance.

This qualification is ideal for those looking to gain the skills required to move into a career in finance as it provides a clear pathway towards a successful career in accounting and finance.

You need to be 19+ and have completed the full Level 2 Foundation in Accounting, ideally with a merit. You also are expected to have achieved GCSE English and maths Grade 4 or above.



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AAT Accounting – Level 4 Professional Diploma

The Level 4 Professional Diploma is an industry specific qualification that is nationally recognised by employers in the accountancy field.

The course covers the following units:

- Financial accounting
- Management accounting and decision making
- The role of Budgeting within management accounting
- Business tax
- The control of credit and management of cash resources

The course is an 18 month course which runs over four terms.

You will learn through a variety of methods such as case studies, assessments, practical work, and interactive activities.

Learners must have achieved the AAT Level 3 or equivalent and be currently employed in an accounting or finance role or about to enter into such a role.



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How are the courses funded?

Level 2: £868

Membership fees are not included in the course fees.

If you are a Greater Manchester resident, and meet the unemployed criteria, or are employed, including where the low wage flexibility may apply, (or aged 19-23 and non GM resident) and don't already hold a qualification equivalent to 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (C) or above, tuition fees will be waived.

Level 3: £2,573 £2,573 Advanced Learner Loan Available

If you are aged between 19-23 and you don't have a qualification equivalent to 2 A-Levels, tuition fees will be waived. If aged 19-23, and do have a qualification equivalent to 2 A-Levels at the start of the course see the section on Advanced Learner loans, or tuition fees are payable. If you are aged over 23 at the start of the course see the section on Advanced Learner loans, or tuition fees are payable.

Level 4: £2,573 £2,573 Advanced Learner Loan Available

If you are aged 19+ at the start of the course please refer to the section on Advanced Learner loans.



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What next?



For more information, and to make an application to us, simply visit our website – www.tameside.ac.uk

Once we receive your application, our friendly admissions team will get in touch and support you through the process.

If you have any further questions about any of the courses in this document, you can email either:

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