



# CHARTERHOUSE

## HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREERS

### Professional Apprenticeships

#### Introduction

There are now many professional opportunities available to school leavers without going to University first.

#### Chartered Accountant



Students do not have to go to university to become an ICAEW Chartered Accountant in the UK. A number of Accountancy firms will employ 18-19 year old school leavers, allowing them to combine part-time study for a professional accounting qualification with the practical experience of paid employment with an accountancy firm. Starting salaries vary depending on the size and location of the organisation, but usually range from £12,000 to £18,000 per year. Entry requirements vary by firm but are usually a minimum of BCC or IB 24 points.

This apprenticeship route usually takes 4 to 5 years. This compares to the traditional route which would take 6 years (a 3 year degree followed by a 3 year graduate programme at an accounting firm which would involve combining study for the ACA with paid employment). An accounting degree would give you exceptions from some of the papers but won't enable you to complete the qualification quicker.

The application process involves completing an online application form, followed by a combination of on-line tests, assessment days and interviews. Accountancy firms who offer this route to a professional qualification include:



[PWC](#)



[EY](#)



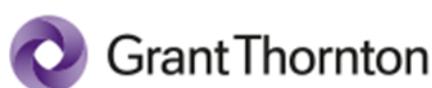
[Deloitte](#)



[KPMG](#)



[BDO](#)



[GT](#)

## Solicitor

A solicitor apprenticeship provides an alternative to the traditional path to becoming a qualified solicitor. The scheme combines part-time study (approximately one day a week) with the practical experience of paid employment with a law firm. This apprenticeship incorporates a law degree. Students don't pay tuition fees. Training is delivered by a combination of on-line and face-to-face learning.

This route takes 6 years to become a qualified solicitor compared with the traditional route which also takes 6 years with a law degree (3 years law degree followed by 1 year legal practice course at law school then 2 years paid training working in a law firm) or 7 years with a non-law degree (3 years university degree followed by 2 years at law school followed by 2 years paid training working in a law firm).

Salaries usually range from £11,000 to £21,000. Entry requirements vary but are usually range from ABB to BBB. Applications are made directly to the employer.

Law firms that currently offer this route include:

EVERSHEDS  
SUTHERLAND

[Eversheds](#)

Burges  
Salmon

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GODDARD

[Addleshaw Goddard](#)

CRS | CharlesRussell  
Speechlys

[Charles Russell](#)

Osborne  
Clarke

[Osbourne Clarke](#)

MAYER | BROWN

[Mayer Brown](#)

Degrees for the above firms are awarded by BPP University Law School or City, University of London.

## Chartered Surveyor

### Chartered Surveyor Degree Apprenticeship

The Chartered Surveyor degree apprenticeship includes a BSc (Hons) Degree and a Professional Chartered Surveyor qualification (membership of the RICS (MRICS)). The scheme combines part-time study (approximately one day a week) with the practical experience of paid employment with a surveying firm. Students don't pay tuition fees. This route usually takes 5 to 6 years. This compares to the traditional route which takes 5 years if you have a relevant degree (3 year degree followed by 2 years paid on the job training) or 6 years if you have a non-relevant degree (3 year degree followed by 1 year post-graduate RICS accredited degree for one year then 2 years paid on the job training).

Starting salaries vary but are approximately £17,000. Minimum entry requirements typically CCC.



[CBRE](#)



[Cushmans](#)



[Savills](#)



[LSH](#)

Degree providers for the above firms include the University of Westminster, Kingston and University College of Estate Management

### Other considerations

Whilst there are many benefits to taking this route to a professional qualification, it isn't the right choice for everyone. Trainees will miss out on a University experience and good time management skills will be required to balance work and study.

### How we can help

For any further information or an individual consultation, please contact us at [Careers@Charterhouse.org.uk](mailto:Careers@Charterhouse.org.uk).