

FAQ

Question: What is an Accounting Technician?

Answer: Accounting Technicians work alongside qualified accountants in business, industry, private sector and the public sector. They play a wide range of roles in any organization, from accounts clerk to assistant accountant or credit controller. When you become an Accounting Technicians you have the letters MIATI after your name and a valuable business qualification.

Question: Where can I study the Accounting Technicians course?

Answer: The Accounting Technicians Ireland course is available for both full-time and part-time students. We have over 80 licensed colleges throughout the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Accounting Technicians Ireland now has a newly licensed college, running Year 1 of the course in our state of the art facility at Pearse Street, Dublin 2. It is also possible to study the course through distance learning, our licensed provider is McKeon Murray Business Training Services, 01-2959087. You can find a full list of colleges on www.AccountingTechniciansIreland.ie

Question: What is the total cost I will incur in the first year if I choose to study the Accounting Technicians Ireland course?

Answer: In order to commence study it is necessary to register with both Accounting Technicians Ireland and a licensed college of your choice. The tuition fees that are payable to your college are separate to fees payable to us. Each college will set its own fees and should be contacted directly.

Our fee structure is as follows:

First Year

Student Registration	€200	£180
Examination Fee (per subject)	€70	£60
Seminar Fee (per subject)	€70	£62.50
Exemption Fee (per subject)	€50	£45
Manuals (per subject)	€60	£55

Question: Are all fee's payable at time of registration?

Answer: No, this year Accounting Technicians Ireland is launching a stepped payment facility to allow students to spread the cost of their payments over three instalments during the course of the academic year. Students who register on line from 1st September 2009 can avail of this service. However, if you wish to pay your registration, manuals and seminar fees at the same time you can. The examination application has a separate deadline of 8th February 2010. All relevant application forms can be found on our website www.AccountingTechniciansIreland.ie .

Question: What subjects will I be studying?

Answer: The Accounting Technicians course is a two year course, First and Second Year. First Year provides you with a good foundation in all four subjects, while Second Year will allow you to build a deeper understanding of more advanced accounting issues. The subjects are as outlined below, please also beware that you can find a detailed description of all our subjects within the 2009/2010 syllabus at www.AccountingTechniciansIreland.ie

First Year

Financial Accounting I
Taxation I
Law & Ethics
Business Management

Second Year

Financial Accounting II
Taxation II
Management Accounting
Integrated Accounting Systems

Question: I have studied previously, can I get exemption?

Answer: Exemptions are granted on an individual basis. It is necessary to submit an exemption application with your supporting documentation to Naomi McGrath in our Student Services Department www.nmcgrath@AccountingTechniciansIreland.ie . You may be eligible to apply for exemptions from some or all of the First Year subjects if you have completed another qualification such as HETAC, BETAC or equivalent course of study. If you hold an Irish Honours degree in a relevant subject area, you may be entitled to a full First Year exemption.

Question: I am under 21 years of age and would like to begin studying the Accounting Technicians Ireland Qualification, what are the entry requirements?

Answer: If you are under 21 years of age and from the Republic of Ireland, you must meet one of the following criteria:

- Leaving Certificate with five passes on ordinary level papers. (passes to include English and either Mathematics or Accountancy)
- Leaving Certificate with four passes of which at least two are on Higher Level papers. (passed to include English and either Mathematics or Accountancy) , or
- A fully completed relevant FETAC level 5 qualification.

Students from Northern Ireland must meet one of the following criteria:

- 1 A-Level or 2 AS Levels with grades in English and at least one subject from Mathematics or Accountancy not lower than grade C at GCSE level.
- BTEC National Diploma or Advanced GNVQ or equivalent.

Question: I am over 21 and would like to study the Accounting Technicians course, are there any minimum requirements?

Answer: If you are over 21 years of age you are deemed to be a mature student, there is no proof of previous academic achievement required.

Question: I am a second year student do I have to register for my second year?

Answer: No, there is no need to register again. It is necessary to pay your annual subscription, which is due every year until you become a member. We will notify you of this payment in advance in October of your second year.