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# *Helping shape your future* Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

PwC's Academy

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## About PwC's Academy

*PwC's Academy is the educational business of PwC. Our goal is to help improve the knowledge, skills, competence and expertise of our people in finance and business; to help organisations across the region grow and retain their talent. Our foundation is our team of expert professionals who convey their wealth of knowledge and the practical experience they have gained within leading organisations around the world.*

PwC's Academy is committed to supporting the sustainable growth of local talent across the region. Our expanding Academy currently operates across the Middle East from six countries: UAE, Oman, Egypt, Lebanon, Qatar and Saudi Arabia. PwC's Academies in the Middle East are part of a growing network of Academies present in over 30 countries worldwide. We offer a variety of training courses covering financial competencies, management skills and professional qualifications. Our courses are based on the best practices of PwC Global and the individual experiences of our experts. We constantly adapt our courses to meet the needs of modern business, customising them to our client's requirements and assisting our clients in reaching their organisational training and strategic objectives.

PwC's Academy's global network of professionals sets us apart from other providers. We communicate constantly, exchange best practice, ideas and experience. We take this knowledge and evolve our courses to meet the ever-changing needs of modern businesses and their people in the region; this way we make sure that we are providing the very best training programmes for our clients, our students and their sponsors.



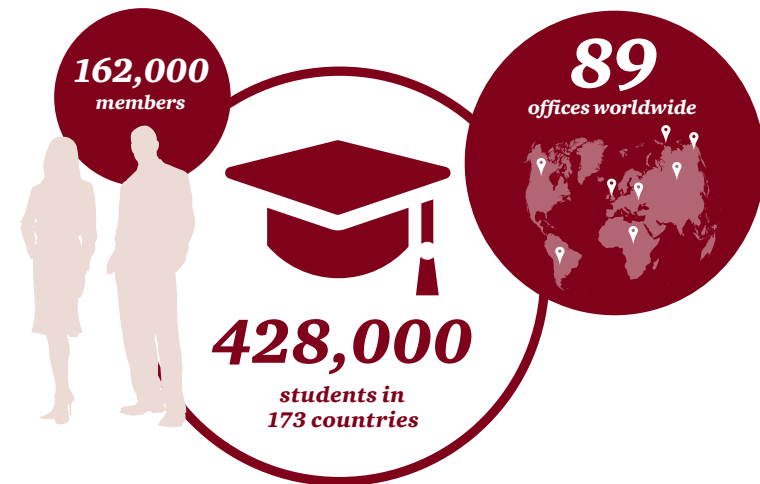




## About the ACCA

*The ACCA is one of the largest and fastest growing global accountancy bodies. The ACCA qualification covers a broad range of subjects; Financial and Management Accounting, Law, Financial Management, Taxation, Governance and Business Analysis. Providing more than accounting knowledge, the ACCA qualification prepares students for business, instilling in them the professional skills, values and ethics to enable them to succeed in international business.*

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) is the global body for professional accountants. The ACCA network is made up of:



The ACCA qualification is recognised across the globe and allows members international mobility in their careers. It offers complete flexibility to work in any business sector from the public or corporate sectors to financial services or public practice.

ACCA has over 100 years of experience and through this time it has built and developed strong relationships with a vast network of employers, governmental bodies and professional institutes across the world.

# Getting Qualified

To become an ACCA member, you must meet the eligibility requirements which include passing exams in 14 subjects (exemptions from some subjects are available for relevant degrees), completion of an ethics module, and gaining 36 months of relevant work experience.

The ACCA exams are divided into two levels: Fundamental and Professional.

Fundamental Levels	Professional Levels
Knowledge Module	Essentials
F1. Accountant in Business	P1. Governance, Risk and Ethics
F2. Management Accounting	P2. Corporate Reporting
F3. Financial Accounting	P3. Business Analysis
Skills Module	Options (two to be completed)
F4. Corporate and Business Law	P4. Advanced Financial Management
F5. Performance Management	P5. Advanced Performance Management
F6. Taxation	P6. Advanced Taxation
F7. Financial Reporting	P7. Advanced Audit and Assurance
F8. Audit and Assurance	
F9. Financial Management	

- The knowledge module exams are computer based and can be taken at any time. For all other papers there are 2 examination sessions per year; one in June and another in December.
- The pass mark for all papers is 50%.
- Exams consist of a mixture of MCQ, computational and written questions .
- Upon completing the Knowledge module, you will be awarded the ACCA Diploma in Accounting and Business.
- The Advanced Diploma in Accounting and Business is awarded upon completion of the Skills modules.
- At this point you are eligible to study for the Oxford Brookes Bachelor's degree in Applied Accounting.
- You will be eligible for ACCA membership upon completion of the professional level exams which are equivalent, in the level of ability demonstrated, to a Master's degree.

## Minimum Entry Requirements

- Two A-Levels and three GCSEs (or their equivalent)
- These need to be in five separate subjects including English and Maths.

If you don't meet the minimum entry requirements you can still join ACCA to study accounting as a student, but you will need to start your studies with the Foundation level F1, F2 and F3 - Foundations in Accountancy (FIA).

## How long does it take?

The pace at which you study for your ACCA is very flexible. But there is a ten-year time limit to complete the exams which starts from the date of your initial registration.

You can choose how you study, how often you sit your exams and where you get your relevant practical experience. You can choose from a variety of different study options including:

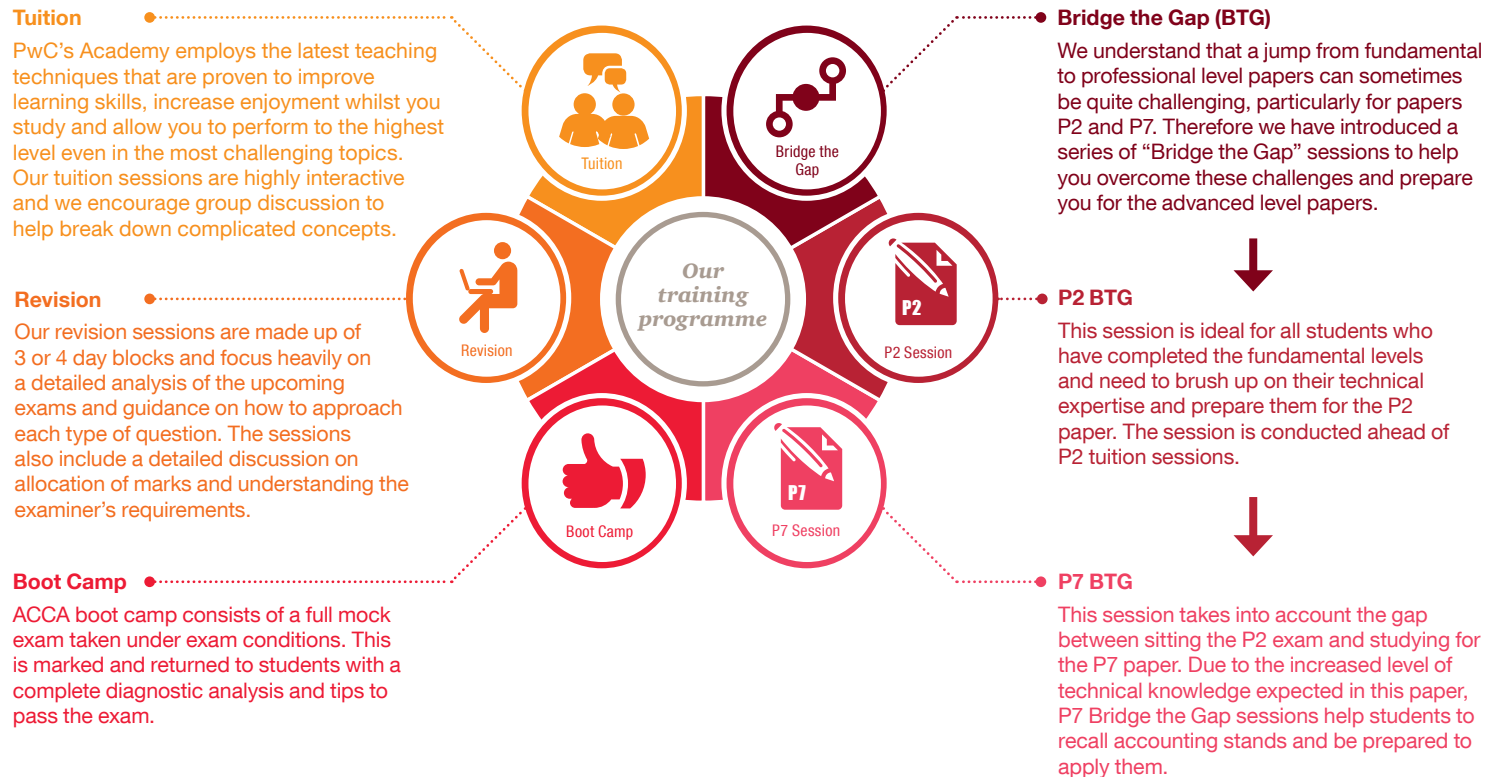
- Full-time courses
- Part-time day or evening courses
- Revision courses.

Full time students typically complete their studies in 1.5 – 2 years and part time students in 2-3 years. However this will be dependent in part on the number of exemptions awarded if you already hold a bachelor's degree. For more information about ACCA, please visit [www.accaglobal.com](http://www.accaglobal.com).



# Our ACCA training programme

PwC's Academy is a Platinum Approved Learning Partner for ACCA. Our training programme is made up of tuition, revision classes and boot camps.



## Getting a BSc in Applied Accounting

ACCA and Oxford Brookes University have worked together to develop a BSc (Hons) Degree in Applied Accounting, which is available exclusively to ACCA students who wish to obtain a degree while studying towards the ACCA qualification. PwC's Academy provides mentoring sessions throughout the ACCA programme for students who wish to pursue the degree.

- Pass all fundamental levels
- Submit a 6500 word research project
- Submit a 2000 word personal statement



## Schedule and Fees

*We have two intakes each term for the ACCA training programme which include tuition, revision sessions and boot camps for the exams.*

ACCA exams can be taken in June or December and we strongly recommend you allow plenty of time to complete the training programme for your preferred exam dates.

Programme	Term starts	Duration
Tuition	August/February	30-36 hours over 10-12 weeks
Revision	November/May	18-24 hours over 3 or 4 days
Boot Camp	November/May	1 day

Papers	Tuition per paper (AED)	Revision per paper (AED)	Full course (AED)
F1, F2, F3	2,500	Free	2,500
F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9	2,500	1,800	3,850
P1	2,200	1,800	3,600
P2	2,800	2,400	4,550
P3	2,800	1,800	4,150
P4	2,800	2,600	4,550
P5	2,800	1,800	4,150
P6	2,800	2,400	4,550
P7	2,800	1,800	4,150

In addition early bird, group and corporate discounts may be available.

# Why choose PwC's Academy

## Ensuring you pass

At PwC's Academy our focus is to make sure you have all the knowledge and exam technique you need to achieve your ACCA qualification. Our core objective is to help you pass your exams and our ability to do this is demonstrated by our exceptional pass rates.

Our ACCA programme is designed to give you the expertise and knowledge you need to be an effective accounting professional and understand the examiners requirements so that you get the maximum marks. We provide you with the very best course materials written especially for PwC students in addition to study texts and question banks. We give you extensive exam practice through past papers and questions and test your knowledge throughout the programme to equip you with the techniques that will help you perform your best in the exams.

## Our lecturers

At PwC's Academy, our foundation is our fantastic team of lecturers, all of whom have huge experience teaching ACCA. All our lecturers are experts in the subjects they teach and understand the examiners requirements so that they are able to help you get the best results. Our lecturers are always close by so you don't have to wait until class to ask questions and get your problems solved. In each sitting we have multiple prize winners – an achievement of which we and our lecturers are very proud.

## Our premises

Our new Academy premises provide you with a professional environment in which to study and interact with other students and our lecturers. Our Academy is equipped with state of the art facilities including:



Free wireless in all classrooms and 8 desktop computers in the lounge area



Lounge area in which to relax and chat to other students and lecturers



Library with a full range of reference books



Provision of a quiet study area



Pantry area with comfortable seating and free tea and coffee



5 spacious classrooms

We are a 5 minute walk from the Dubai Mall and a short journey to Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC). The Academy is also located on the metro line making us accessible no matter where you are coming from.

## Going the extra mile

We want your time studying with us to be a positive and happy experience and so we provide a range of services that help you to get the most out of your time with us.

- Consultation and guidance from the ACCA course manager
- Programme advisors to guide you throughout your studies
- Student counselling and career guidance
- Full time lecturers always available to help and support you
- Internship and graduate recruitment opportunities at PwC
- Student events and activities organised by PwC's Academy
- Student visas for international students
- Scholarships for top performers
- Regular ACCA presentations on the latest updates and syllabus/registration changes.







# What our students say

*In my experience the financial trainers have gone over and above their responsibility in making sure that we as students are given everything we need to do well and clear our papers. My trainers have always taken time, out of class hours to help me with class related doubts and matters that relate to my life as a professional accountant. It's hard to find trainers who actually invest in the lives of their students, but I found it at the PwC academy. Dr. Dino brings a wealth of experience. His lectures are very interactive and intellectually stimulating. He made the subject so very interesting and I look forward to working with him on my BSc. Oxford Brookes Project.*

**Joseph Paul,**  
Audit Associate,  
Crowe Horwarth International

*From my very first contact with the PwC's Academy in the UAE, I have found the team to be responsive as well as accommodating to student needs and going the extra mile in every respect. The registration procedure was simple and the Academy co-ordinators were always on hand to assist, if needed. Study texts as well as student notes are provided before the first lecture is held, and additional notes and tips from the tutors are included. The facilities at PwC are excellent and the smaller classes are conducive to student interaction with the lecturers.*

**Razena Schroeder,**  
Al Jaber L.E.G.T Engineering & Contracting (ALEC)

*Asaad has been my tutor since the start of my ACCA journey. What sets him apart from most tutors would be the fact that he truly invests in his students. His role as a tutor does not end with the classroom, it goes above and beyond that. He is very approachable and always ready to help whether it's doubts about the subject or advice relating to your future as a professional accountant. Asaad has definitely made a lasting impact on my ACCA journey. I am truly grateful to him for the knowledge and advice he has given me.*

**Aman Bandhari,**  
Full time student

*Fazeela's enthusiasm and charisma echoes through her lectures as the 3 hours fly by so quickly. She is helpful both in terms of ACCA and other professional queries with an attitude that discourages you from giving up. Whether it's what optional paper you should choose to what job opportunities are available, Fazeela is a guide and mentor through and through. She makes sure she answers every email, text or phone call to ensure the satisfaction of every student. With her well known quotes and dynamic teaching techniques my time with her is truly unforgettable. PwC Academy has given her the opportunity to show her leadership skills to transform our ACCA programme to give students the very best.*

**Atika Noor Muhammad,**  
PwC Assurance

*After completing my university studies, I joined PwC's Academy after a three year break from any kind of examinations. My first two papers were F6 Taxation and P2 Corporate Finance, both with Fazeela. I was initially very nervous about taking these challenging subjects and prior to joining the Academy my confidence levels were somewhat low. However, from the onset of the lectures, the high standards of teaching and genuine interest in the student's progression were evident, and my determination and confidence grew exponentially. After my success in these subjects, I studied P1 Ethics and P3 Business Analysis with Dr Dino, and again found the teaching to be of the highest calibre. The subject knowledge of the tutors and their determination for the students to succeed is second to none. The tutors were always very friendly and approachable, and I look forward to completing my ACCA studies at the Academy.*

**Christopher Yates,**  
PwC Assurance

*PwC's Academy has changed my perception of what a financial training institute does and can do for its students. In my experience the academy is not just about pass rates or taking on the most number of students, they look to accomplish so much more than that. Excellent qualified trainers, amazing infrastructure and well equipped lecture rooms are just a few of the features of PwC's Academy.*

**Arjun Agarwal,**  
Full time student

# Lecturer profile

## **Fazeela Gopalani – ACCA**

Fazeela is the course manager for the ACCA programme and a lecturer in financial and corporate reporting papers, IFRS, Diploma and UK tax. She also teaches core MBA modules for two prestigious British Universities.

In addition, Fazeela has delivered a wide range of accounting and finance training courses for corporate clients throughout the GCC and Middle East.

Fazeela graduated from the University of Birmingham, UK with a BSc in Accounting and Finance and is an ACCA member.

She has successfully managed her own accountancy practice in the UK with a 350+ client base.

Fazeela brings a broad range of professional expertise and knowledge and has multifaceted experience through a range of teaching that includes students making their first steps into the accounting and finance world and highly experienced professionals who wish to develop their skills further.

## **Taimur Ali Mir CFA, ACCA**

Taimur is an accomplished lecturer for PwC's Academy in the UAE and has over 7 years training experience. He is the CFA course manager and a specialist trainer at all levels. Taimur has also been actively involved in developing, organising and delivering the content of customised financial training programmes for corporate clients in the areas of investment management, fixed income, equity valuation, economics, financial reporting and corporate reporting.

Taimur has over 9 years commercial experience in investment management and advisory. During this time he was involved in training for distributors and investors. He is a CFA charter holder and an ACCA member.

## **Asaad Ali Khan ACCA, MA**

Asaad is an accomplished lecturer specialising in performance management, and management accounting papers for the ACCA qualification. In addition, Asaad also teaches accountant in business, and corporate and business Law. Asaad is an ACCA member and has a Masters in Finance and Investment from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Asaad has a wealth of experience in the audit function and has worked across various regions within the PwC global network. His experience has exposed him to practical implementation and complexities of International Financial Reporting Standards, International Standards of Auditing and best practices with respect to financial and risk management. His portfolio of audit clients includes Barclays, HSBC, Citibank and the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Asaad has been involved with the designing and delivery of financial training programmes for large corporations. He takes a practical hands on approach to teaching allowing his students to grasp complex concepts in a simple manner.

## **Dr Constantine Kiritsis APBM, MA, BA**

Dr. Constantine teaches core modules of PwC's ACCA programme as well as guiding ACCA students through the Oxford Brookes BSc programme. He possesses a PhD in International Relations from the University of Surrey, UK.

He has extensive experience in education and professional training and development and has delivered over 7,000 hours of professional training over the past 15 years. Dr. Constantine's specialist areas include strategy, business acumen, human resources, corporate governance, business ethics and strategic leadership. Within his specialist areas he has taught ACCA, CIMA, Diploma in IFRS and CIA professional qualifications and a number of MBA programmes within highly reputable Universities.

Dr. Constantine has a wealth of experience in setting up training institutions and has served as a Partner and member of the Board of Directors for Global training in Greece. He is also the Founder and President of the Teachers Without Borders in Greece, Educational Chair and Member of Young Leaders in Greece and Member of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations. His global experience and hands on teaching style make him a favourite amongst our students.

## **Ross MacMillan CFA, ACCA, MBA**

Ross is a lecturer for PwC's ACCA P4 paper. Ross is a CFA charter holder with an MBA from the EDHEC Business School, France. His extensive commercial experience coupled with his passion for teaching fosters an interactive and lively classroom environment. Students not only successfully pass the examinations with Ross, they also retain the knowledge to both benefit their employers and advance in their careers.

Ross has over 9 years' experience in asset management, alternative investment management, risk management and securities analysis giving him exposure to a broad array of asset classes around the globe.

He also held the position of portfolio manager for a Canadian firm with over CAD 2 billion under management. He was also an Analyst for an Alternative Asset Investment Manager for over CAD 1 billion AUM under their hedge fund strategy. Prior to joining PwC, Ross was a trainer for a Canadian bank with responsibility for the new graduate training programme.

## **Jenny Plumtree**

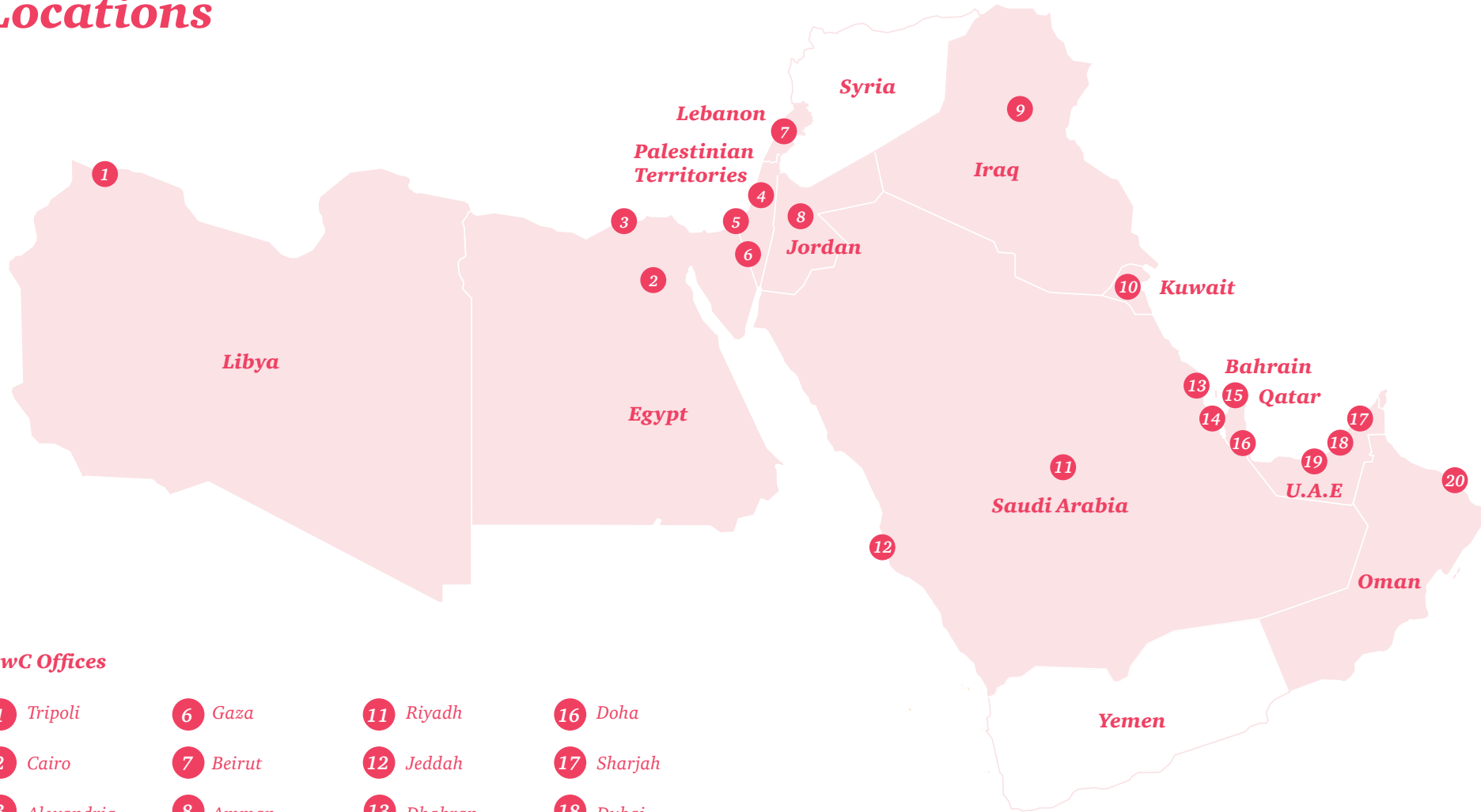
Jenny is an experienced lecturer, and Senior manager in PwC's Academy with over 10 years experience in professional qualification training. Throughout her career Jenny has been involved in the design and development of material as well as classroom delivery of training. Jenny currently teaches F6 (taxation) and P6 (advanced taxation) for the ACCA programme.

Jenny's training experience is split between the UK and Middle East; working in the UK (London) for 7 years and specialising in professional examination training in UK Taxation (ICAEW, ACCA, AAT, CIMA) and Case Study (ICAEW) before moving to the Middle East and continuing to deliver taxation courses for both the ICAEW and ACCA qualifications.

Jenny has also developed and delivered customised technical training for both corporate and UK public sector clients, on subjects including; finance for non finance professionals, budgeting, planning, financial accounting.

As well as delivering training, Jenny is an experienced marker for UK professional examinations and has a wealth of knowledge on exam preparation strategies, exam technique, time management and presentation skills.

# Locations



## PwC Offices

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