



Transport & Public Sector Financial Consulting graduate programme

Length of programme	3 years
Qualifications you'll work for	ACA
Location	London & various regional offices. Please search the website for latest location availability
Entry requirements	As a general rule, you'll be expected to meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Minimum grade B GCSE (*) Maths– Minimum grade B GCSE (*) English Language– Minimum of 128 UCAS points under the 2017 tariff point system at A Level or equivalent qualifications (*)– Minimum 2:1 degree or above in any discipline Note: (*) Or equivalent

Please note, we only consider a candidate's 'top' 3 A Level grades and do not accept General Studies.

At KPMG, we look at more than just your academic results. We will review your application, together with your performance in our assessments, to ensure that you have the best opportunity to demonstrate your potential. We will be considering your strengths and achievements against KPMG's capabilities alongside a number of other metrics, including technical background and/or experience, to ensure that you have the skills to succeed at KPMG.

Transport and Public Sector Financial Consulting is a market leader in financial reporting and business planning advice to two high-profile sectors of critical importance to the UK: the land transport sector; and the public sector.

Our **Transport Advisory** services focus on providing commercial and financial advice to both public and private sector clients in the land transport industry. Our main clients are private sector rail and bus operators, infrastructure providers and public sector land transport authorities. We help clients grow, improve the financial performance of their operations, and bid for multi-billion pound government contracts – providing robust financial analysis to support them in making key strategic decisions.

Our **Public Sector Advisory** work focusses on delivering a range of accounting, financial reporting and financial management services across the public sector, with particular specialisms in defence and healthcare. Using our wealth of experience, we work together with our clients to understand their financial challenges, provide advice and implement recommendations.

As a graduate joining our Intensive Programme, you can expect to gain experience working in both of these areas.

COVID-19 is having an impact on every part of our lives and like the companies we work with, we're having to adapt. This means new working patterns, physical adjustments in our offices and new ways of interacting with our colleagues as well as the organisations we work with - we are harnessing technology to help underpin this change and working together to ensure that we can continue to deliver for our clients.

In depth

Joining Transport and Public Sector Financial Consulting offers you the chance to experience a range of different projects across our two service lines. As a graduate you are also likely to be given the opportunity to travel around the UK as part of the role; sometimes for extended periods of time and sometimes this travel can be global.

There may also be an opportunity to work on projects within our wider Financial Consulting community, supporting clients to improve their financial capability, financial processes, and financial systems.

What will your job involve?

Transport Advisory

In Transport Advisory, you will be involved in client projects as part of a team of transport specialists working on high profile projects with particular focus on the rail and bus industries. You will quickly gain exposure to the industry and clients (both within the UK and globally), developing sector expertise through producing financial forecasts, developing business cases and challenging financial and commercial assumptions.

You may be involved in undertaking research and analysis to support clients in assessing whether to enter new UK or geographical markets.

Public Sector Advisory

In Public Sector Advisory, you will be involved in client projects as part of a team that is focused on providing accounting and financial reporting services to the wider public sector. As part of the team you will be involved in providing technical accounting advice, undertaking assurance activities, budget and forecast analysis, accounts production and carve-out activities.

Training and Development

The training and development of our professionals is critical to the future success of our business, which is why our people are trained to become experts in their field and supported to study for a professional qualification. In Transport and Public Sector Financial Consulting we currently study for the ACA through an Intensive Programme.

Intensive Programme

The Intensive Programme is KPMG's front-loaded classroom based ACA product, which focuses on upskilling trainees more quickly. Meaning that for the first 12 months of your training contract you will solely focus on passing 14 out of 15 ACA exams and come into the business on two structured 6-8 week work experience placements.

You will also gain the Graduate Diploma in Accounting and Finance which will be an additional qualification but is the way in which KPMG can help you achieve 14 of your ACA exams in your first year. It is supported by a wide range of mechanisms that will be applied by your tuition provider or KPMG when you require them, but due to the intense pace of the programme you will need to be really dedicated in your approach to learning.

This product allows you to purely focus on your professional qualification in your first year, and then in the remaining two years of your training contract you can concentrate on building up a fantastic range of work experience as you will only have one exam left to complete, but will have the technical knowledge to apply within the work place.

KPMG are extremely proud and confident of our ACA products and ensure a supportive and inclusive learning environment. Whilst you study, you will be supported by KPMG's dedicated Professional Qualification Training and Accreditation team whose focus is to ensure that KPMG's trainees fulfil their potential. All programmes take 3 years to complete and you can be sure that you are joining a firm that takes your development as seriously as you do.

By joining KPMG you'll be joining a long list of graduates who've already excelled in their professional exams. The fact that KPMG trainees consistently outperform Institute pass marks is a real testament to our people and the quality of our training.

During the COVID-19 pandemic the vast majority of our staff have been able to continue with their studies and we expect a return to normal for our 2021 intake. Please refer to the FAQs for further detail.

FAQs

How will my work be planned?

A plan will be devised for your 3 year Graduate Programme that will give you the opportunity to work across the range of services that we offer. This plan will balance your work and studies as you train to become an ACA qualified accountant.

We'll also make sure that you meet the technical work experience requirements that are a part of the ACA qualification.

Which clients could I be working with?

You'll work with a variety of our clients in both the transport and public sector markets. Our clients are likely to be mainly large listed or large privately-owned groups, and major Government entities.

Will I get the opportunity to work in different business areas of the wider KPMG UK firm?

As a professional services firm, KPMG support their clients in a variety of different ways and as you develop skills on your graduate programme, you will often find yourself working on teams with colleagues from other areas of the firm. Opportunities for you to work on projects in other teams where you can utilise the skills you have developed or gained through your studies will also help you become a more rounded individual and, also increase your internal and external networks.

Will I need to travel?

Transport & Public Sector Financial Consulting projects can be based around the UK and even abroad. Although the COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on the way we work, with nearly all colleagues working remotely for extended periods, it is still very likely that you will be asked to travel at some point during your Graduate Programme.

Where could a career here lead me?

On the Graduate Programme, you'll receive broad accounting and commercial experience and a recognised accounting qualification. This will provide you with the valuable technical, business and personal skills needed to develop your career either within or outside of KPMG.

What was the impact of COVID-19 on professional qualification tuition?

The vast majority of KPMG's staff undertaking a professional qualification were able to continue with their studies and examinations following the COVID-19 pandemic, including those studying with the ICAEW. We expect studies to be back to our usual mix of classroom and remote learning detailed above for our 2021 intake, and exams to be scheduled normally.

Were exams and progression through training programmes impacted by COVID-19, and will that continue?

The ICAEW moved quickly to introduce new remotely invigilated exam solutions following the start of the pandemic. This meant that whilst there was some initial disruption, we were quickly able to ensure our students could continue with their exam pathways where individuals were comfortable to do so. These newly developed solutions may well continue to be used into the future, and thus will provide extra flexibility for our business and training.

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