

I joined Edmund Carr in August 2021 as a Graduate ACCA trainee after completing my degree in Finance, Accounting and Management at the University of Nottingham. The ACCA qualification involves 13 exams, however, due to my degree being in a related subject, I have exemptions from 7 of these exams. This has meant that I have spent a considerable amount of time in the office, learning about the various systems we use and being able to see how things I learned in my degree can be applied in real world situations.

I am released from the office to attend study sessions at First Intuition, as well as for revision days before exams. Edmund Carr and First Intuition have provided me with a provisional timetable for all my exams up until 2024, which I have found very helpful as it means I can plan when to start preparing.

Edmund Carr have also allowed me to take time off work to attend study sessions for some of the exams that I am exempt from, to ensure that the knowledge I am assumed to have from my degree is consolidated and to a high enough level to then take the more advanced ACCA exams in the future.

Working at Edmund Carr has allowed me to gain experience in a variety of areas such as accounts preparation and audits, for entities such as sole traders, limited companies, and charities. This experience will help me when it comes to my college courses, as what I learn about will not only be theoretical, but potentially something I have worked on already.

The friendly environment at Edmund Carr has made starting my first job much less daunting than I expected, especially when joining in the middle of the pandemic! I was assigned a mentor when I started, who I have regular check-ins with, and I get feedback from every job I do, so I know what to work on. These have been great tools as it means I always know what I am doing well and what I need to do to improve.

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