

**How can you  
tell if your  
accountant  
is qualified?**



# Did you know?

The term '**accountant**' does not have the same legal protection in the UK as roles such as doctors and lawyers.

This means **anyone can call themselves an accountant**, even if they do not have the qualification.

Here are some  
major credentials  
to look out for



# Credentials

Look out for these letters



**Chartered Accountants**

ICAEW  
CHARTERED  
ACCOUNTANTS



**ACCA**  
**FCA**

**Chartered Certified Accountants**

**ACCA**

**ACCA**  
**FCCA**

**Chartered Tax Advisers**



**Chartered  
Institute of  
Taxation.**

**CTA**

# Searching for an accountant



Most accountants will also be members of a recognised professional body such as the **Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)** or the **Institute of Financial Accountants (IFA)**.

If you are looking to validate an accountant or double check their credentials, many membership bodies provide **searchable online directories**.

# Searching for an accountant



**Google** and **LinkedIn** are also great tools to carry out further background research on potential accountants and their career history.



Don't disregard the power of **word of mouth** as first-hand experience is invaluable when making a decision.

The key is to do your **research**,  
and make sure the accountant  
you are choosing has  
**appropriate experience**  
in the right area.

If you are looking for  
an accountant, **Monahans**  
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