

The Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) Australia is the country's largest paraprofessional body in the bookkeeping tier of the accounting sector and is supported by CPA Australia, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and the National Institute of Accountants.



AAT Australia

**Rewards
Recognition
Reliability**

AAT Australia Student membership

Membership of an association at the student level demonstrates to employers your commitment to your career development and gives you a competitive edge in the employment market. Your qualification, combined with membership of AAT Australia will assist you in seeking employment in the accounting and financial areas.

Join as a Student member of AAT Australia and receive many benefits and services including:

- Access to AAT Australia's website based employment services.
- Accessing the advantages of AAT Australia's alliances with selected recruitment agencies.
- Up-to-date industry information through AAT Australia's quarterly magazine 'Accounting Technician' and monthly e-newsletter 'News Update'.
- Access to AAT Australia's member benefits products, such as discounted financial services text books, member-only discounts on insurance packages and much more.
- Access to AAT Australia's continuing professional education courses, ensuring you keep up to date with the latest legislative and technical changes.
- A Student membership certificate printed with the logos of the three professional bodies.
- A Student pack with some great promotional products.

Who are accounting technicians?

Accounting technicians are an emerging group of paraprofessional accountants that include bookkeepers employed in small to medium size businesses, self employed bookkeepers and BAS agents, accounts payable/receivable officers, payroll officers, assistant accountants and other accounting support staff.

There is a world wide network of AAT organisations, the largest dedicated group representing accounting paraprofessionals with in excess of 100,000 members internationally.

AAT Australia is:

- An association for paraprofessional accounting technicians, representing members working in all sectors of commerce in Australia.
- A recognised BAS Agent Association under the Tax Agent Services Act 2009.
- Dedicated to supporting members and their employers, through continuing professional education programs; technical information; professional standards; ethical guidelines and more.
- A not-for-profit organisation – our entire financial resources are committed to providing practical and supportive services for our members.

AAT Australia has set new standards for accounting technicians and offers extended support to students giving you the new-found confidence that is required to set your career in the right direction.

Career direction

There is a number of career pathways available based upon completing a Certificate IV in Financial Services (Accounting) or (Bookkeeping) including:

- Becoming part of the financial resource team in a small/medium size business.
- Administering payroll or accounts payable/receivable in a larger organisation.
- Becoming an assistant accountant.
- Starting your own business as a self employed contract bookkeeper, with experience registering as a BAS agent and preparing Business Activity Statements (BAS) for a client base.

AAT Australia can help you find a job or establish your bookkeeping practice. By joining AAT Australia, you have the advantage when seeking employment:

- Preferred status with recruitment agencies and employers.
- Evidence that you are qualified and part of a worldwide organisation.
- Access to continuing professional education and technical updates.
- Support from the three professional accounting bodies.

How to comply with the Tax Agent Services Act 2009

For bookkeepers wanting to establish their own business providing BAS services to clients for a fee, a new law was introduced in March 2010 requiring these people to register with the Tax Practitioners Board. The registration requirements are as follows;

- Certificate IV in Financial Services (Bookkeeping) or (Accounting).
- Must be able to demonstrate 1,400 hours of experience in the preceding three years (if you are a full Member of AAT Australia you only need to demonstrate 1000 hours of experience).
- Must complete the prescribed BAS/GST unit FNSBKPG404A Carry out Business Activity and Instalment Activity Tasks.



Why representation for this sector?

AAT Australia membership indicates that you are competent, have met the strict member entry requirements, and are bound by the AAT Australia code of ethics. Membership provides you with a credential that identifies you with those qualities to employers and clients, enhancing your employment prospects.

A shortage of qualified accountants in Australia has resulted in a growing need for additional support staff to perform functions once performed by the accountant.

AAT Australia's ongoing training and support network will elevate your skills allowing you to play an even greater role in your chosen profession.

AAT Australia can offer you a starting point on your pathway to success.

Join AAT Australia today and start reaping the rewards!

Call 1800 000 961 or visit www.aat.org.au for more information.



AAT AUSTRALIA MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Enrolled in a Certificate IV in Financial Services (Accounting) or (Bookkeeping) or higher at TAFE (or a registered training organisation)

STUDENT

AFFILIATE

Over 21 years of age with four years of bookkeeping experience; or Graduates of the Certificate IV in Financial Services (Accounting) or (Bookkeeping), or higher, with less than 1 year of relevant work experience.

Graduates of the Certificate IV in Financial Services (Accounting) or (Bookkeeping), or higher, with 1 or more years relevant work experience.

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