

Developing your Career

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Why We Work at ABG....



I joined ABG after graduating from university in 2005. From the offers I received to undertake an ACA training contract, I chose ABG with the confidence they could offer me a supported training programme as well as a breadth of experience. The Firm's support and encouragement during my study has enabled me to qualify with first time passes.

On reflection of my time at ABG, I have had the opportunity to work on a wide variety of assignments from audit to due diligence. I've also had exposure to many different clients in a range of industries from owner-managed businesses to large Plc's.

The Firm's open door policy gives a friendly and relaxed environment in which to work, learn and achieve. As my career develops as a Chartered Accountant, I know ABG can continue to provide in terms of ongoing learning and experiences so I can reach my full potential.

Vicky - 3rd Year Trainee

I arrived in the UK as a part-qualified accountant from South Africa. Within a week of arriving, I accepted a role as a temporary audit senior at ABG. My original intention was to work as a temp and travel as much as I could in two years, then to return to South Africa.

Fast forward to ten years later and here I am, a UK qualified accountant, still happy at ABG and a manager to boot! I blame ABG for changing the course of my life so dramatically – they just couldn't help themselves with what they had to offer:

The diversity of the clients is exceptional (you really do learn something new each day and no two days are ever the same)

The people are fun, friendly and interesting (ABG accountants are definitely not boring!)

The opportunities are superb – career progression is very real at ABG (after all, it happened to me!). Five of ABG's managers started off as trainees, one partner started off as an audit senior and four partners started off as managers.

The work/life balance is very good (and I should know, being a busy mum of two small children)

I would recommend ABG to any graduate contemplating a career in accountancy. It's focus on professional development and it's progressive nature will, in my opinion, provide graduates with a challenging, yet enjoyable, opportunity.

Inge - Manager



I am a second year trainee at ABG. During the year, I have gone from having no accounting knowledge to being able to carry out smaller audits alone. I have always been asked what a typical working day is like at ABG. Answer is – there is none! Read on for my diary at work:

Monday 9:30am: Planning meeting

A planning meeting is carried out before an audit. It is attended by the team, the manager and partner involved. The purpose is to communicate to the audit team the priorities and what is expected of them. Today's meeting was short but informative.

Tuesday 9:00am: Audit

The audit was carried out with a senior at one of ABG's retail clients. It was a nice getaway from Central London – about 20 minutes by train. At ABG you will be overwhelmed by the variety of clients and will also be given opportunities to visit places you would never have thought of!

Wednesday 1:00pm: Lunchtime training sessions

This informal training is carried out by managers to help incorporate our practical and technical knowledge in carrying out accounts preparation. This is an example of ABG's commitment in ensuring their trainees receive the best possible training. I enjoy attending the training sessions as it is very interactive and lunch is always provided too!

Thursday 3:00pm: Mentoring meeting

Each trainee is assigned a Mentor upon joining. They are assigned to provide us with support and guidance. At the meeting, we talk about anything and everything - It is not always about work. We also talked about exams and the impending results.

Friday 1:00pm: Social lunch

Our social lunches are held monthly that brings everyone in the audit team together. They are usually very well attended. The atmosphere is very informal and you will find yourself speaking to people at all levels within the firm. It is also a great way to catch up with colleagues you don't usually speak to.

All in all, ABG is one big family that has helped me grow on a work and personal level. They emphasise in helping everyone realise their potential. A word of advice for anyone considering a career in chartered accountancy – don't stereotype a boring, grey suited number cruncher. The number of opportunities this career can bring is far greater than people realise!

Yean - 2nd Year Trainee