

# Introduction to AAT. The Association of Accounting Technicians

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# What is AAT



- **The Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) is the world's leading professional body for Accounting Technicians, with over 130,000 members and licence holders worldwide .**
- AAT is an Ofqual licenced Awarding and Apprenticeship Organisation offering globally recognised qualifications and apprenticeships in Bookkeeping, and Accountancy.
- Recognised by International and Asian Accounting Federations; IFAC, CAPA, and AFA.
- The AAT is based at Canary Wharf, London and has 580 training and assessment centres across the UK.
- With representation in the rest of the world including the Middle East, Malaysia, Botswana and South Africa.
- Organisations such as Sainsburys, P&G, Mogan Stanley, the UK Ministry of Defence and many more choose to hire AAT members.
- AAT award about 80% of all vocational qualifications in accounting.

# The Role Accounting Technicians Play in the Global Accountancy Ecosystem (IFAC).

“Accounting Technicians (ATs) are part of the global accountancy profession, working across all sectors in financial management roles that are essential to a strong and sustainable accountancy profession, private and public sector organizations, and financial markets and economies.”

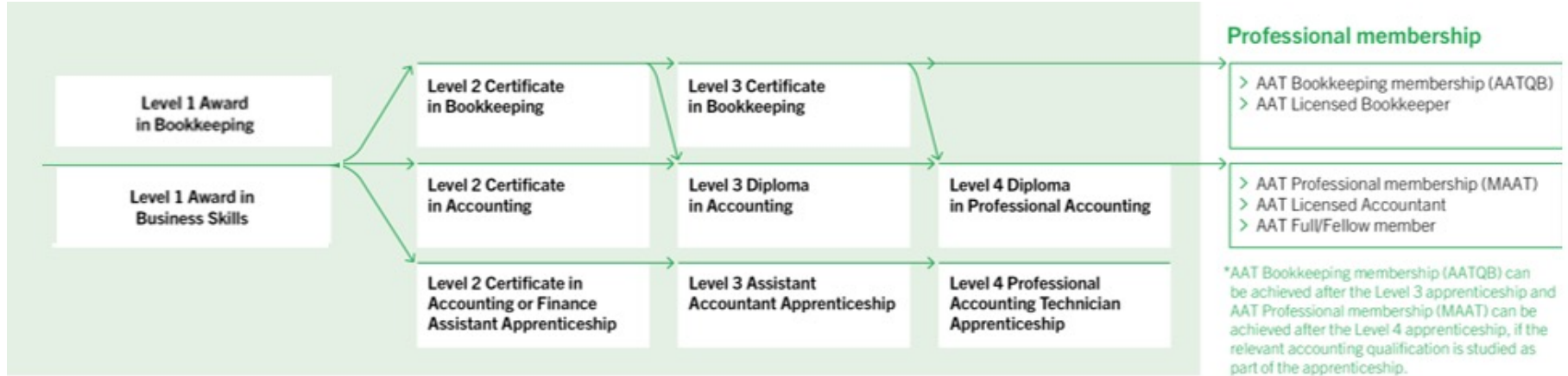
“When ATs are empowered with appropriate technical knowledge and practical skills— and valued by employers—they support the production of reliable financial and non-financial information that drives timely, and informed decision making and delivers transparency and accountability.”

“Accounting Technicians...

- underpin a strong and sustainable accountancy profession.
- support strong and sustainable private and public sector organizations.
- contribute to strong and sustainable financial markets & economies.”



# AAT qualifications, membership and related job roles.



## Alignment to job roles;

- Accounts Administrator
- Accounts Assistant
- Payroll Officer
- Sales Ledger Clerk
- Tax Trainee
- Assistant Accountant
- Audit Trainee
- Bookkeeper
- Credit Controller
- Payroll Supervisor
- Senior Finance Officer
- Senior Bookkeeper
- Tax Supervisor
- VAT Accountant

# AAT's Global Footprint 1985 - 2023

## AAT has Training Centres in;

- Australia
- Bahrain
- Botswana
- Cayman Islands
- Cyprus
- Gambia
- Ireland
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Myanmar
- New Zealand
- Seychelles
- South Africa
- The Philippines
- United Arab Emirates



And members in another 90 countries.

# Case Studies of AAT International Business

## Botswana



Active for 30 years in Southern Africa.  
Local staff and local AAT Membership.  
There are currently 12 AAT Training Providers based in Botswana, nine in Gaborone and three in Francistown.  
AAT locally funded and the role of Accountancy Technician growing in recognition.  
Development of specialist local Tax training programmes for Botswana.  
AAT qualifications mapped to Botswana Qualification Framework standards.

## Malaysia



Active for 4 years with local representative.  
Partnership with the Malaysia Institute of Accountants (MIA).  
Funding through several National Skills Funding programmes.  
AAT Qualifications under review by Malaysian Qualifications Authority (MQA).  
Working through 5 local Training Providers and Assessment centres.  
Expanding into Eastern Malaysia - Borneo

# Seeking information and partners for collaboration

## **Raising National recognition.**

- Government or State support for the recognition of formalised Accounting Technician Training.
- Partnerships with local Accounting Professional Organisations.
- Collaborating with large employers.
- Supporting Enterprise/SME initiatives.
- Supporting the formalisation of bookkeeping as a recognised profession.

## **Seeking local partnerships for;**

- Training Providers.
- Assessment Centres.
- Membership co-ordinators.
- Development of local accountancy programmes, such as local tax.
- Institutions seeking to develop alternative pathways into Accounting.

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# Thank you

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