



Accountants help people and companies manage their money.

For instance, someone who helps your parents to work out how much tax they have to pay the government is most likely an accountant.

Accountants also provide a range of other services for instance they may work in business such as Sony or Play Station, for a charity such as World Vision or for the government.

## **Some of the things you might do as an Accountant include:**

- research out how much was spent on different items
- work out the income or costs
- help people to maximize how much money they make
- keep accurate records of all spending or earnings
- set income or cost targets
- advise others on how much profit is being made

## **Careers you may also look at include:**

### **Finance Manager**

A finance manager prepares reports and does presentations on how much profit and / or costs are being made by a company or individual. They also work out the best way to invest money.

### **Auditor**

Like detectives, an auditor examines financial statements to make sure all financial spending is legal and correctly recorded.

### **Investment Analyst**

An investment analyst works out how to best spend money so you make more money.

## **Education & Training**

Careers in this area usually require you to complete a TAFE or Uni diploma or degree in business or commerce. To get into these courses you usually need to pass secondary school.

It is a good idea to develop your English and math skills.

## **Further Information:**

CPA: [www.cpaaustralia.com.au](http://www.cpaaustralia.com.au)

Institute of Chartered Accountants: [www.flyhigher.com](http://www.flyhigher.com)

National Institute of Accountants: [www.nia.org.au](http://www.nia.org.au)