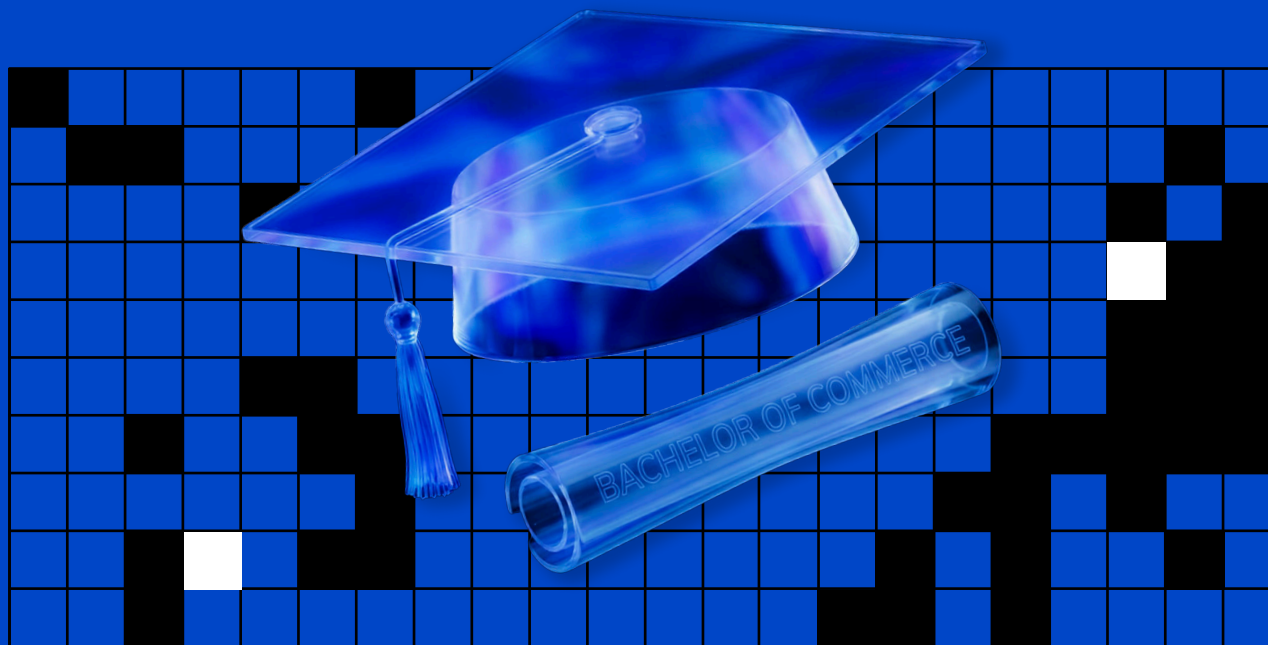




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01. Introduction

This eBook provides a comprehensive guide to the MAHE Online BCom (Professional) programme and its integration with the ACCA qualification.

It is designed for prospective learners, enrolled learners, and anyone seeking to understand the strategic value of this uniquely designed undergraduate commerce programme.

Imagine finishing your BCom degree and walking out the door already exempt from 9 out of 13 ACCA exams — papers that ordinarily take other candidates one to two additional years to clear. That is exactly what MAHE's Online BCom (Professional) programme, now ACCA-accredited, makes possible for its learners.

This is not a marginal advantage. In a profession where every paper counts, where every year saved is a year of earnings gained, and where every globally recognised credential opens a door that otherwise remains shut, the MAHE BCom (Professional) is one of the most strategically designed undergraduate commerce programmes available in India today.



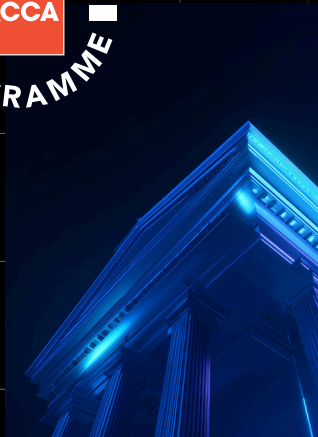
02. What Is ACCA and Why Does It Matter?

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) is the world's largest global professional accounting body, headquartered in the United Kingdom. Founded over a century ago, ACCA today boasts more than 247,000 members and over 526,000 students and affiliates spread across 181 countries. It is, by virtually any measure, the most internationally recognised accounting qualification in the world.

ACCA-qualified professionals are in demand not just in the UK and Europe, but across major financial hubs including the UAE, Singapore, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, and India's own Big 4 and multinational firms.

The qualification is designed to go far beyond technical accounting knowledge — it encompasses business strategy, ethics, governance, financial management, audit, and advanced reporting, making its holders genuinely versatile finance professionals.

For commerce students in India, the question has historically been: do I do BCom first and then pursue ACCA separately, spending additional years and money? Or is there a smarter route? MAHE's ACCA-accredited BCom (Professional) is the answer to that question.



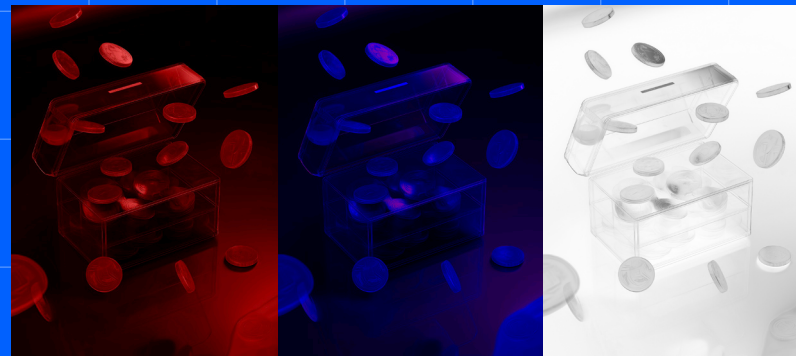
03. Understanding the Full ACCA Qualification: 15 Papers – 13 Mandatory, 2 Elective

ACCA is a comprehensive qualification comprising 15 papers spread across three progressive levels, of which 13 are mandatory and 2 are chosen as electives from a list of 4 options at the Strategic Professional level.

Level 1 | Applied Knowledge (3 Papers, All Mandatory)

This is the foundation level. It introduces learners to the core concepts of business, technology, management accounting, and financial accounting. All three papers at this level are mandatory:

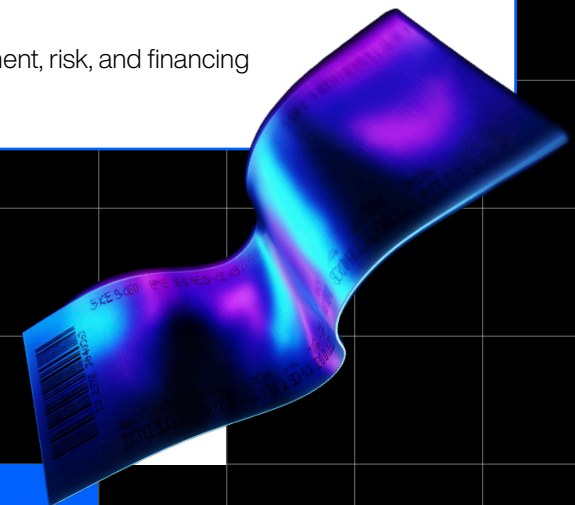
Paper Code	Paper Name	What It Covers
BT	Business and Technology	The business environment, organisational structure, technology's role in business, and how accountants contribute to ethical and effective organisations.
MA	Management Accounting	Costing techniques, budgeting, variance analysis, and performance measurement to support internal decision-making.
FA	Financial Accounting	Preparation of financial statements, double-entry bookkeeping, and the conceptual framework of accounting.



Level 2 | Applied Skills (6 Papers, All Mandatory)

This level moves from foundational concepts to applied, technical knowledge. Learners learn to handle complex scenarios across law, taxation, audit, financial reporting, and financial management. All six papers are mandatory:

Paper Code	Paper Name	What It Covers
LW	Corporate and Business Law	The legal framework within which businesses operate — contract law, company law, and employment law.
PM	Performance Management	Advanced management accounting techniques including activity-based costing, transfer pricing, and performance measurement systems.
TX	Taxation	Tax principles applicable to individuals, partnerships, and companies.
FR	Financial Reporting	Preparation and interpretation of financial statements under international financial reporting standards (IFRS).
AA	Audit and Assurance	Audit planning, risk assessment, evidence gathering, and reporting for internal and external audits.
FM	Financial Management	Investment appraisal, working capital management, risk, and financing decisions for businesses.



Level 3 | Strategic Professional (6 Papers: 2 Mandatory Essentials + 4 Options, Choose 2)

This is the highest level of the ACCA qualification and is designed to build strategic thinking, leadership, and advanced technical expertise. There are two mandatory Essential papers and four Optional papers, from which learners must choose two. This is where the "15 papers" count comes from: 9 Applied Knowledge + Applied Skills + 2 mandatory Strategic Professional + 2 chosen from 4 options = 13 mandatory + 2 elective = 15 total.

Paper Code	Paper Name	Type	What It Covers
SBL	Strategic Business Leader	Mandatory	A multi-disciplinary case study exam combining governance, strategy, leadership, risk, and technology.
SBR	Strategic Business Reporting	Mandatory	Advanced financial reporting under IFRS — preparation, interpretation, and analysis of complex financial statements.
AFM	Advanced Financial Management	Optional	Advanced treasury, risk, investment, and corporate finance strategy.
APM	Advanced Performance Management	Optional	Strategic performance measurement, environmental management accounting, and big data analytics.
ATX	Advanced Taxation	Optional	Complex tax issues — offshore structures, transfer pricing, and international tax planning.
AAA	Advanced Audit and Assurance	Optional	Advanced assurance services, professional liability, and reporting on complex audit engagements.

Key Takeaway: The 13+2 Structure

Of the 15 ACCA papers, 13 are mandatory (BT, MA, FA, LW, PM, TX, FR, AA, FM, SBL, SBR, and 2 chosen optional are technically mandatory once chosen). Two are genuinely elective - you choose 2 from AFM, APM, ATX, and AAA based on your career specialisation.

04. How MAHE BCom (Professional) Integrates with ACCA

The MAHE ACCA-accredited BCom (Professional) curriculum maps to the ACCA qualification across two distinct categories of benefit:

Exemption from 9 ACCA papers

Learners who successfully complete the relevant BCom subjects are awarded exemptions, meaning they do not need to sit these ACCA exams at all.

In-curriculum training for 4 ACCA papers

For the remaining Strategic Professional papers that must be attempted, MAHE provides structured in-curriculum training, covering the syllabus, providing study material, and offering guidance from qualified ACCA trainers.

The 9 Exempted Papers: A Detailed Map

The curriculum has been rigorously assessed and accredited by ACCA to grant exemptions across all three Applied Knowledge papers and all six Applied Skills papers:

ACCA Paper	ACCA Paper Name	Equivalent BCom Subject at MAHE	Status
BT	Business and Technology	Business and Technology	Exempted
MA	Management Accounting	Management Accounting	Exempted
FA	Financial Accounting	Financial Accounting	Exempted
LW	Corporate and Business Law	Corporate and Business Law	Exempted
PM	Performance Management	Performance Management	Exempted
TX	Taxation	Taxation	Exempted
FR	Financial Reporting	Financial Reporting	Exempted
AA	Audit and Assurance	Audit and Assurance	Exempted
FM	Financial Management	Financial Management	Exempted

The significance of this cannot be overstated. The Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills levels represent the foundational and technical backbone of the ACCA qualification. They constitute 9 of 13 exam papers. By earning exemptions for all nine, MAHE graduates effectively begin their ACCA journey at the very top: the Strategic Professional level.

05. The 4 Papers You Will Be Trained For

ACCA exemptions are not available for the Strategic Professional level papers. These must be attempted and passed by all candidates, including MAHE BCom (Professional) graduates. However, MAHE does not leave you to figure these out on your own. The curriculum provides structured training, study materials, and guidance for all four Strategic Professional papers during the degree itself:

ACCA Paper	Paper Name	Type	Training Provided
SBR	Strategic Business Reporting	Mandatory	In-curriculum coverage in Semester 3. Covers advanced IFRS reporting, group accounts, and professional judgement covered within the degree curriculum.
SBL	Strategic Business Leader	Mandatory	In-curriculum coverage in Semester 4. Covers strategy, governance, risk, leadership, and ethics. Case study preparation provided.
APM	Advanced Performance Management	Optional	Training provided in Semester 5. Covers strategic performance, data analytics, and management control systems.
AFM	Advanced Financial Management	Optional (Elective)	Training provided as part of Elective in Semester 6. Covers advanced treasury, risk, and corporate finance topics.

In addition to curriculum alignment, MAHE provides free study material for the Strategic Professional papers, delivered through a combination of academic faculty and qualified ACCA trainers – ensuring learners are not starting from zero when they sit these exams.

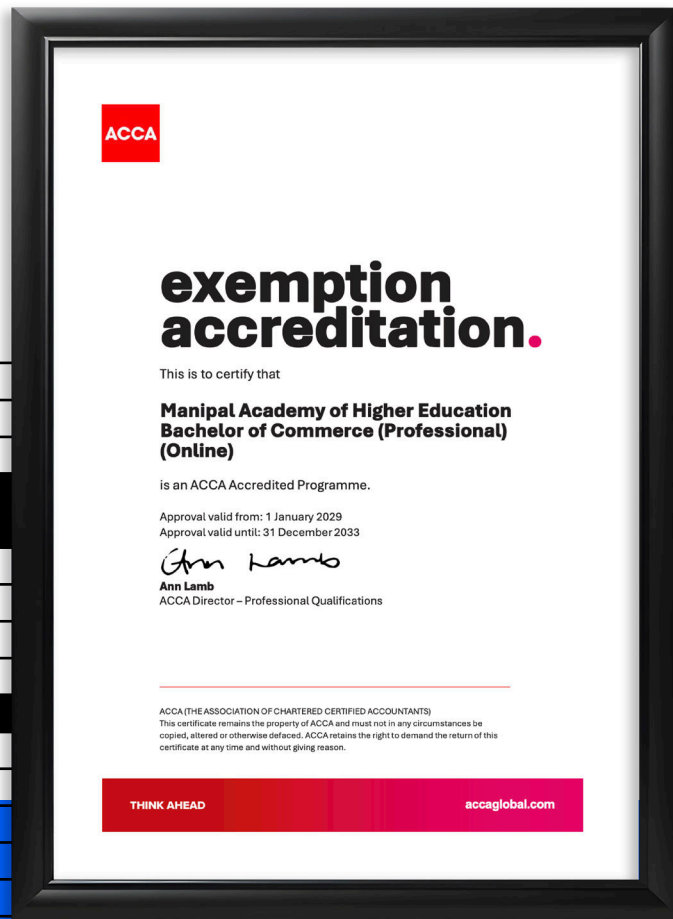
06. Complete Semester-Wise Curriculum Breakdown

To fully appreciate the depth of MAHE's BCom (Professional) programme, here is the complete subject-by-subject curriculum across all six semesters, showing how ACCA-aligned subjects are woven throughout the degree:

Semester	Subjects	ACCA Relevance	Credits
Semester 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business and Technology (BT) Financial Accounting (FA) Management Accounting (MA) Business Communication Managerial Economics 	BT, FA, MA — All three Applied Knowledge papers covered and exempted.	4 each = 20 total
Semester 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Statistics & Mathematics Financial Reporting (FR) Taxation (TX) Analytics using Computer Applications Environmental Studies 	FR and TX — Applied Skills papers covered and exempted.	4 each = 20 total
Semester 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit and Assurance (AA) Financial Management (FM) Corporate and Business Law (LW) Strategic Business Reporting (SBR) Cybersecurity in Finance 	<p>AA, FM, LW – Applied Skills papers covered and exempted.</p> <p>SBR – Strategic Professional training begins.</p>	4 each = 20 total

07. MAHE's ACCA Accreditation and Exemption Certificate: Validity and What It Means

Let's now understand the validity of the ACCA accreditation and the exemption certificate issued upon graduation:



The Accreditation Period

MAHE's ACCA accreditation for the BCom (Professional) programme is valid for learners graduating between 2029 and 2033. This means:

- Learners who enrol in the programme now and complete their degree within the standard three-year duration will graduate within this accreditation window.
- Their ACCA exemption certificate, issued upon graduation, will be recognised and honoured by ACCA for the purposes of claiming the 9 paper exemptions.
- The accreditation is institutional — it is MAHE's programme that holds the accreditation, not individual learners. As long as you graduate during the valid period, your exemptions are secure.

Post-2033: The Membership Fee for Continued Validity

After the initial accreditation period ends (post-2033), learners who have not yet claimed or converted their exemptions to active ACCA student status will be required to pay a membership/ renewal fee to ACCA to maintain the validity of their exemption certificate. This is standard ACCA practice globally where exemption certificates derived from institutional accreditations are time-bound, and ACCA requires periodic renewal of accreditation agreements with universities.

For most students, this is a non-issue: the typical path is to register with ACCA during or immediately after graduation (well within the 2029-2033 window) and to begin sitting Strategic Professional papers shortly thereafter. However, if you anticipate a delay in your ACCA journey beyond 2033, it is advisable to:

- Register with ACCA promptly upon graduation and claim your exemptions within the accreditation validity period.
- Understand that ACCA's exemption fees (per paper exempted) must be paid within 30 days of exemptions being awarded.
- Keep your ACCA student status active by paying the annual subscription fee each year.



Important Note on ACCA Exemption Fees

Even when exemptions are awarded based on your MAHE BCom degree, ACCA charges a per-paper exemption fee. This is a standard ACCA policy globally and applies to all institutions whose programmes carry ACCA accreditation. For MAHE BCom (Professional) students, ACCA has offered a discounted registration fee of INR 2,400 (compared to the standard INR 3,500-10,500), and the first year's subscription is also exempted — significantly reducing the cost of entry.

08. The Financial Case: What MAHE BCom (Professional) Saves You

The decision to pursue the MAHE BCom (Professional) over a traditional BCom followed by standalone ACCA study is not just about time – it is a significant financial decision. Here is a comprehensive comparison:

Expenses	BCom without ACCA	ACCA integrated BCom (MAHE)
BCom Degree Fee (3 Years)	INR 100,000 – INR 300,000	INR 294,000
ACCA Registration Fee	INR 3,500 – INR 10,500* <small>*ACCA may offer discounts from time to time</small>	INR 2400* <small>* Discounted fee only for students of BCom (Professional) ACCA accredited</small>
ACCA Annual Subscription	INR 15,800 x 3 = ₹47,400	INR 15,800 x 2* = INR 31,600 <small>* First year subscription is exempted</small>
ACCA Exam Fees (13 Papers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Knowledge (3 papers): INR 30,000 – INR 40,800 • Applied Skills (6 papers): INR 102,000 – 259,800 • Strategic Professional (4 papers): INR 94,000 – INR 192,000 Total Fee: INR 226,000 – INR 492,600 <small>*Depends on mode of exam or entry time</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Knowledge (3 papers): Exempted • Applied Skills (6 papers): Exempted • Strategic Professional (4 papers): INR 94,000 Total Fee: INR 94,000
ACCA Coaching (Optional)	INR 130,000- INR 260,000* <small>*Depends on institution or mode of study</small>	Included* <small>*Training provided by faculty + Qualified ACCA trainers</small>
Total Estimated Cost	INR 5.07 – ₹11.10 lakhs	INR 4.22 lakhs
Total Required	5–6 years (BCom + ACCA prep)	3 years BCom + 1 year for 4 Strategic Papers

Bottom line: MAHE BCom (Professional) saves learners an estimated INR 1 lakh to INR 5 lakhs in cost and 2–3 years in time compared to pursuing BCom and ACCA separately.

09. The Complete Pathway from MAHE BCom to Full ACCA Membership

Earning exemptions is the beginning, not the end. Here is the complete roadmap from enrolling in MAHE's BCom (Professional) to achieving full ACCA membership:

Stage	Milestone	Details
Stage 1	Complete MAHE BCom (Professional)	3-year online programme. Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills covered. Strategic Professional papers trained in-curriculum.
Stage 2	Register with ACCA and Claim Exemptions	Register as an ACCA student. Submit your MAHE degree and transcripts to claim all 9 paper exemptions. Pay exemption fees within 30 days of award. Discounted registration of INR 2,400 for MAHE students.
Stage 3	Complete the Ethics and Professional Skills Module (EPSM)	An online module that takes approximately 20 hours to complete. Can be started after completing Applied Knowledge. Should ideally be completed before sitting Strategic Business Leader (SBL).
Stage 4	Sit and Pass 4 Strategic Professional Papers	SBL and SBR are mandatory. Choose 2 from AFM, APM, ATX, AAA. Exams held quarterly (March, June, September, December). MAHE's in-curriculum training means you are already prepared.
Stage 5	Achieve ACCA Affiliate Status	Upon passing all 13 papers and completing EPSM, you become an ACCA Affiliate. You can use the designation 'ACCA Affiliate' and begin applying for roles that require ACCA qualification.
Stage 6	Complete Practical Experience Requirement (PER)	36 months of supervised, relevant work experience in accounting or finance. Must achieve performance objectives across 5 Essential and 4 Technical areas, signed off by a workplace mentor.
Stage 7	Apply for Full ACCA Membership	Submit your PER evidence and EPSM completion to ACCA. Pay the one-time admission fee. Become a fully qualified ACCA member — entitled to use 'ACCA' after your name and recognised globally.

10. How to Register for ACCA Exams and Claim Exemptions: A Step-by-Step Guide for MAHE Learners

One of the most common areas of confusion for new ACCA students is the process of actually claiming exemptions and booking exams. Here is a clear, step-by-step guide specifically for MAHE BCom (Professional) learners:

Step 1: Register as an ACCA Student

Visit the ACCA Global website (accaglobal.com) and begin a new student registration. You will need to provide proof of identity (passport or driving licence) and proof of your educational qualifications. For MAHE students, this means your degree certificate and official transcripts upon graduation. MAHE students enjoy a discounted registration fee of INR 2,400.

Step 2: Apply for Exemptions During Registration

During the registration process, you will be prompted to apply for exemptions. Select 'Manipal Academy of Higher Education' as your institution and 'BCom Professional' as your qualifying programme. ACCA's system will display the 9 papers for which you are eligible for exemption based on MAHE's accreditation. Upload your transcripts and degree certificate as supporting evidence.

Step 3: Pay Exemption Fees Within 30 Days

ACCA charges a per-paper exemption fee for each of the 9 papers. Once exemptions are awarded to your MyACCA account, you have exactly 30 days to pay these fees. Failure to pay within this window will result in the exemptions becoming overdue and may prevent you from booking exams. You can pay through the MyACCA portal via debit card, credit card, or international wallet.

Step 4: Start the Ethics and Professional Skills Module (EPSM)

The EPSM is an online, self-paced module that must be completed before you can qualify for full ACCA membership. It is strongly recommended to begin this module early — ideally after completing your Applied Knowledge level (which, for MAHE graduates, means as soon as you register). The module takes approximately 20 hours and costs a separate fee.

Step 5: Book Strategic Professional Exams

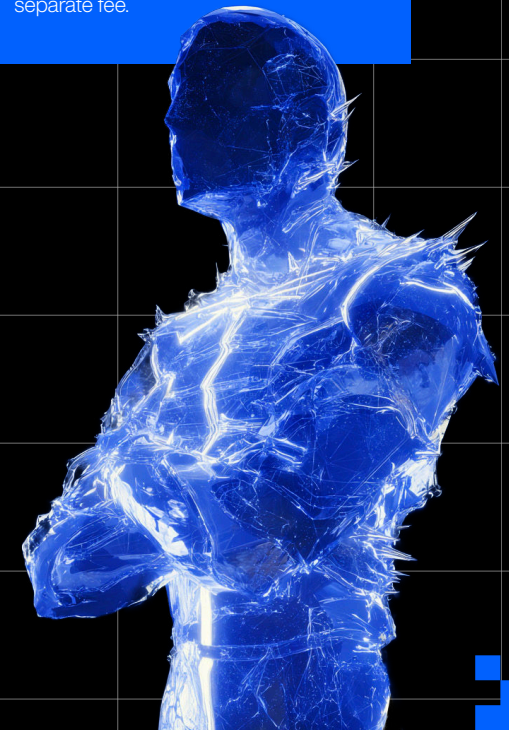
ACCA exams are held four times a year — in March, June, September, and December. You can book exams through the MyACCA portal. Booking early (in the early entry window) significantly reduces the exam fee per paper. A maximum of 4 papers can be attempted per exam session across a maximum of 8 papers in a calendar year.

Step 6: Use Conditional Exemptions If You Haven't Yet Graduated

ACCA offers conditional exemptions to students who are still studying and will graduate at a future date. MAHE learners who register with ACCA before they graduate can apply for conditional exemptions up to the Financial Management (FM) paper. Once you graduate and submit your final transcripts to ACCA, these conditional exemptions are converted to full exemptions automatically.

Step 7: Monitor Timelines and Pay Annual Subscription

Once registered, ACCA requires an annual student subscription fee to keep your account active. This is payable every year even if you are not sitting exams that year. Failing to pay results in account suspension. For MAHE students, the first year of subscription is exempted as part of the programme benefit, making the total first-year cost significantly lower.



11. Career Opportunities After MAHE BCom (Professional) with ACCA

With 9 ACCA exemptions in hand and Strategic Professional training completed, MAHE BCom (Professional) graduates are positioned for roles that typically require several more years of study for candidates from traditional commerce programmes. The ACCA qualification is recognised and actively sought by employers across a wide range of industries globally.

Key Job Roles

- Financial Accountant
- Management Accountant
- Financial Analyst Tax
- Consultant Audit Associate / Senior Auditor
- Financial Reporting Manager
- Cost Accountant
- Financial Planning & Analysis Manager
- Corporate Finance Associate Risk & Compliance Manager CFO (with experience)
- Management Consultant

Industries Where ACCA Professionals Are Hired

- Professional Services (Big 4: Deloitte, PwC, EY, KPMG)
- Banking and Financial Services
- Public Sector and Government
- Finance Retail and Consumer Goods
- Telecommunications
- Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals
- Information Technology and FinTech
- Logistics and Supply Chain
- Media and Entertainment
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Legal and Compliance Services Insurance



Because ACCA is recognised in 181 countries, MAHE graduates also have access to international job markets — particularly in the UK, UAE, Singapore, Canada, Australia, and across Europe — without requiring additional requalification. This global portability is one of ACCA's most distinctive advantages over India-only qualifications.

Additional Qualifications Unlocked Along the Way

One of the lesser known but highly valuable aspects of the ACCA pathway via MAHE is that it also opens doors to additional prestigious academic qualifications:

- **M.Sc in Professional Accountancy (University of London):** Students who pass all 13 ACCA exams become eligible to enrol in the M.Sc in Professional Accountancy programme offered by the University of London, one of the world's leading universities. This is a prestigious academic qualification that can be pursued alongside or after completing ACCA exams.
- **ACCA Affiliate Status:** Upon completing all Strategic Professional modules (SBL, SBR, and chosen optional from AFM, APM, ATX, AAA) along with the EPSM, candidates achieve ACCA Affiliate status. This is a significant professional milestone recognised by employers.

What MAHE Online's BCom (Professional) Programme Offers: Complete Benefits Summary

- UGC-entitled BCom (Professional) degree from Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), one of India's highest-ranked universities.
- ACCA-accredited programme curriculum, rigorously assessed by ACCA's Professional Qualifications Approvals team.
- Maximum 9 ACCA paper exemptions covering all Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills levels.
- In-curriculum training for all 4 Strategic Professional papers, delivered by ACCA-qualified trainers with free study material.
- Discounted ACCA student registration fee of INR 2,400 (vs. standard INR 3,500-10,500).
- First year of ACCA annual subscription exempted — significantly reducing Year 1 ACCA costs.
- Flexible online learning format — complete your degree while working or managing other commitments.
- Access to MAHE's professional network of alumni, ACCA professionals, and industry experts.
- Career services support: resume writing assistance, mock interviews, employer connections, and job listing access.
- Pathway to ACCA Affiliate status upon completing all 13 exams and the EPSM.
- Eligibility for the M.Sc in Professional Accountancy from the University of London after passing all ACCA exams.
- Global career readiness — ACCA recognised in 181 countries, enabling international job opportunities.

12. Conclusion: The Smartest Start to a Global Finance Career

The MAHE Online BCom (Professional) with ACCA accreditation is not merely an upgraded commerce degree. It is a carefully engineered pathway that recognises the reality of what it takes to succeed in global finance and accounting — and builds that reality into the undergraduate curriculum itself.

By the time you graduate, you will have covered the equivalent of 9 ACCA exams through your degree coursework, received in-curriculum training for all 4 remaining Strategic Professional papers, and positioned yourself to complete the ACCA qualification with only 4 exams remaining — exams for which you are already trained.

For students who are serious about a career in finance, whether in India or internationally, and who want to begin that career with genuine, demonstrable, globally recognised credentials, MAHE's BCom (Professional) is the place to start.



13. FAQs

The following FAQs have been compiled specifically for MAHE Online BCom (Professional) learners, drawing on common queries from the ACCA Global exemptions portal and questions raised by students considering this programme.

About ACCA Exemptions

Q1. Which 9 ACCA papers am I exempted from through MAHE's BCom?

MAHE's BCom (Professional) grants exemptions for all three Applied Knowledge papers (Business and Technology, Management Accounting, Financial Accounting) and all six Applied Skills papers (Corporate and Business Law, Performance Management, Taxation, Financial Reporting, Audit and Assurance, Financial Management). These 9 papers span the two foundational levels of the ACCA qualification.

Q2. Can I apply for ACCA exemptions before I graduate from MAHE?

Yes. ACCA offers conditional exemptions to students who are currently enrolled in an accredited programme but have not yet graduated. You can claim conditional exemptions for papers up to Financial Management (FM) at the Applied Skills level. Once you graduate and provide ACCA with your official transcripts and degree certificate confirming successful completion, these conditional exemptions are automatically converted to full exemptions.

Q3. Are there any fees associated with claiming the 9 exemptions?

Yes. ACCA charges an exemption fee for each of the 9 papers you are awarded an exemption from. This is a standard ACCA policy that applies globally to all students who claim exemptions based on prior qualifications.

Q4. What happens if my qualification modules have different names or codes than what ACCA shows?

If there are discrepancies between the subject names or codes shown on ACCA's Exemptions Calculator and the subjects listed on your MAHE transcripts, ACCA's Accreditation team will verify these changes with MAHE directly. If you are aware of any such discrepancies, you should ask your course leader or MAHE's academic administration team to contact ACCA to update the information. Do not assume the exemption will be auto applied without correct documentation.

Q5. Can I choose NOT to claim some of my exemptions?

Yes. ACCA allows students to forfeit exemptions they have been awarded, especially if they feel their knowledge in a particular area may benefit from revision through the exam itself.

Q6. I registered with ACCA under a previous syllabus and received different exemptions. Can I have them re-assessed?

If you registered with ACCA under an older syllabus and received exemptions that differ from what the current Exemptions Calculator shows for MAHE's BCom (Professional), you may request a re-assessment from ACCA.

About Exams and the Path to Qualification

Q7. After claiming 9 exemptions, which papers do I need to sit?

You will need to sit and pass 4 papers at the Strategic Professional level: Strategic Business Leader (SBL) — mandatory; Strategic Business Reporting (SBR) — mandatory; and 2 Optional papers chosen from Advanced Financial Management (AFM), Advanced Performance Management (APM), Advanced Taxation (ATX), and Advanced Audit and Assurance (AAA). In addition to these exams, you must complete the Ethics and Professional Skills Module (EPSM).

Q8. How often are ACCA Strategic Professional exams held?

ACCA exams at the Strategic Professional level are held four times a year: in March, June, September, and December. The Applied Knowledge exams are available on demand through computer-based testing. You can sit a maximum of 4 papers per exam session and a maximum of 8 papers per calendar year.

Q9. What is the pass mark for ACCA exams?

The pass mark for all ACCA exams is 50%. This applies uniformly across all levels and all papers.

Q10. Is there a time limit within which I must complete all ACCA exams after claiming exemptions?

For the Strategic Professional level, ACCA's 7-year rule applies: once you attempt your first Strategic Professional exam, you must pass all required Strategic Professional papers within 7 years of that first attempt, or earlier passed papers will expire.

Q11. Can I work while pursuing ACCA after completing my MAHE BCom?

Absolutely — and in fact, this is the typical and recommended path. The 3-year Practical Experience Requirement (PER) for full ACCA membership requires relevant work experience in accounting or finance. Starting your career immediately after graduation and working towards PER while simultaneously sitting the 4 remaining Strategic Professional exams is the most efficient route to full ACCA membership. Many employers specifically value ACCA candidates and support exam preparation.

About Fees

Q12. What are the annual fees I need to pay as a MAHE BCom student pursuing ACCA?

The key fees you will encounter are: the one-time ACCA student registration fee (INR 2,400 discounted for MAHE students); annual ACCA student subscription (approximately INR 12,000-16,000 per year, with the first year exempted for MAHE students); per-paper exemption fees for the 9 exempted papers; exam entry fees for the 4 Strategic Professional papers; and the EPSM module fee. Upon becoming an Affiliate, you pay an annual affiliate subscription for up to 3 years. Full membership requires a one-time admission fee plus an annual membership subscription.

Q13. Does the ACCA exemption certificate expire if I do not register with ACCA immediately after graduation?

MAHE's ACCA accreditation is valid for graduates from 2029 to 2033. If you register with ACCA and claim your exemptions within this window, your exemptions are fully honoured. If you wait until after 2033 to begin the ACCA registration process, you will need to contact ACCA and may be required to pay a fee to have the exemption certificate re-validated or may need ACCA to re-assess your qualification at that point. The safest approach is to register with ACCA promptly upon or even before graduation..

About Career and International Recognition

Q14. Is ACCA recognised in India by employers and regulators?

Yes. ACCA is increasingly recognised in India, with all major Big 4 accounting firms (Deloitte, PwC, EY, KPMG), MNCs, banks, NBFCs, and financial services companies actively recruiting ACCA professionals. ACCA India has a formal presence and engages with Indian regulators and industry bodies.

Q15. Can I use my MAHE BCom (Professional) with ACCA exemptions to work internationally?

Yes. This is one of the most significant advantages of the ACCA qualification. With your 9 exemptions claimed and the 4 Strategic Professional papers passed, you become either an ACCA Affiliate or full ACCA Member — both of which are globally recognised designations. ACCA professionals work in 181 countries, and the qualification is particularly valued in the UK, UAE, Singapore, Hong Kong, Canada, Australia, and across Europe.

Practical Questions for MAHE Learners

Q16. What documents do I need to submit to ACCA to claim my exemptions?

You will need to submit copies of your MAHE BCom (Professional) degree certificate and official academic transcripts showing all subjects studied and marks obtained. Documents must be in English (MAHE's official documents are in English). If any documents are in another language, a certified English translation must be provided. Copies should be clear and complete — ACCA cannot process exemptions based on partial or illegible documents. You should also have a valid photo ID (passport or driving licence) for identity verification.

Q17. Can I use the ACCA Exemptions Calculator to verify my eligibility before applying?

Yes, and this is strongly recommended. ACCA's Exemptions Calculator (available at accaglobal.com) allows you to search for 'Manipal Academy of Higher Education' and the BCom (Professional) programme to see the exact exemptions available. This takes less than five minutes and gives you an email-ready summary of your results. Using the Calculator before registering ensures you know exactly what to expect and can plan your ACCA journey accordingly. If your course details are not correctly listed on the Calculator, contact your MAHE course leader to have ACCA update the information.

14. References and Further Resources

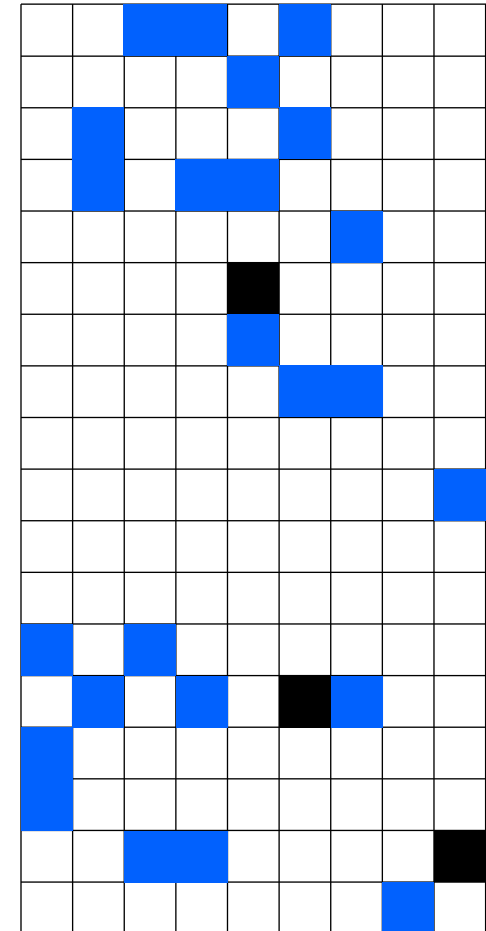
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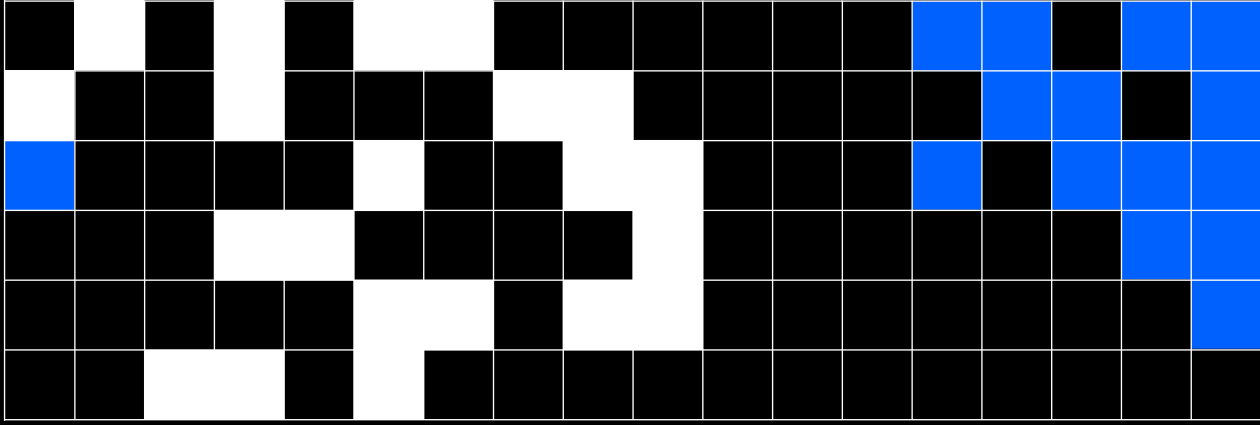
ACCA Official Resources

- ACCA Global Website: <https://www.accaglobal.com>
- ACCA Exemptions Calculator: <https://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/help/exemptions-calculator.html>
- ACCA Qualification Structure: <https://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/qualifications/glance.html>
- ACCA Student Registration: <https://www.accaglobal.com/acca-registration-intro.html>
- ACCA Ethics and Professional Skills Module (EPSM): <https://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/affiliates/completing-your-epsm.html>
- ACCA Practical Experience Requirement (PER): <https://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/student/practical-experience-per.html>

MAHE Official Resources

- Manipal Academy of Higher Education — MAHE Online:
<https://www.onlinemanipal.com/institution/manipal-academy-of-higher-education>
- MAHE Online BCom (Professional) Programme: <https://www.onlinemanipal.com/online-bcom-professional-mahe>





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