

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS: Where to, from here?

WEBINAR INVITATION

The **Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants (CAPA)** representing the regional accountancy profession, is pleased to invite you to attend this exclusive webinar.

In 2018, CAPA issued *Accounting Technicians: Exploring Opportunities for the Profession*. The aim of the publication was to encourage professional accountancy organisations (PAOs) to consider the importance of accounting technicians (ATs) as part of the wider accountancy profession. Two years later, CAPA released *Accounting Technicians - 2020 Update: Recent Developments* which identified five **'influencing factors'** leading to development decisions in regards to ATs.

The finding from both publications is clear - **a strong AT cohort can be beneficial to the economy, government, businesses and individuals, and is in the public interest.**

With increasing demands on the quality and depth of financial and performance information, sustainability of finances in all sectors, advances in technology, the current pandemic and therefore changes in the way we might work in the future, it is time to take the conversation further.

PURPOSE OF THE WEBINAR

This event will consider the next part of the journey for ATs, hence we will explore: **Where to, from here?**

We will start with updates from jurisdictions where AT development has been significant.

For the second part of the webinar, we want to hear from you.

- What is on your mind regarding ATs?
- What is happening regarding the AT cohort in your jurisdiction?
- Are there any pressing matters or areas of interest specific to AT development that need to be addressed?

Please send suggestions of any particular matters you would like to hear discussed to sumita@sumitashah.com by 2 July 2021 with the subject header: *CAPA AT Webinar*. These will be included for discussion or may be the subject of separate follow-up webinars.

Accounting Technicians
8 July 2021
LONDON: 8-10 AM
KUALA LUMPUR: 3-5 PM
SYDNEY: 5-7 PM
Webinar Series

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Those charged with considering or running AT programs and contributing to the way forward for the AT agenda
- PAO leadership and/or management interested in AT developments
- Representatives from international and regional accountancy organisations, relevant PAO development committees and development partners
- Other interested parties

For any enquiries about the webinar, please contact the CAPA Secretariat:
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Program

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM *Beijing, Kuala Lumpur*

Welcome and Introductions

Elaine Hong

Executive Director, CAPA

Opening Address

CAPA Member Development Committee (MDC) Chair shares an overview of CAPA's focus on Accounting Technicians (AT) and on its two ground-breaking publications.

Nancy Foran

Board Director, Chair - MDC and CAPA AT Taskforce (2018), CAPA

3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

Session 1: Developments and Emerging Issues for Accounting Technicians

Hear from jurisdictions where AT development is under constant consideration. The speakers will share their experiences and insights from leading and overseeing the strategic direction of their organisations.

Andrew Conway, Chief Executive, IPA, Australia

Rob Alder, Head of Business Development, AAT, United Kingdom

Henry Ong, Director, NIAT, Philippines

Sajid Hussain, Member Board of Governors, PIPFA, Pakistan

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Session 2: Q&A Roundtable

This facilitated session is an 'open discussion' which seeks to reflect on the updates in Session 1 and explore current key issues, challenges and opportunities for the future development of ATs. Attendees are encouraged to come prepared to share your views and 'what is on your mind'. Questions and comments raised during the webinar can be discussed. The output from this session will also inform topics for subsequent AT focused webinars.

Closing Remarks

Brian Blood, CAPA Chief Executive

