

## **Expiry of ACCA-ISCA Joint Pathway Programme (JPP) for Professional Qualification**

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

#### **1. How do I know if I am under the JPP?**

All students residing in Singapore who had registered for the ACCA Qualification at the Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills level were automatically put on the JPP from 1 July 2015 onwards.

#### **2. What is the reason for the ending of the JPP?**

The ACCA-ISCA Partnership Agreement saw the development of ACCA-ISCA JPP for Professional Qualification, valid for a tenure of five years (expiring on 30 June 2020), where both professional bodies collaborated on the Applied Skills Level (formerly known as Fundamentals Level) of the ACCA Qualification with the objective to develop a diverse pool of accounting and finance professionals in Singapore.

In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and global economic uncertainties, ACCA and ISCA will continue to explore new and meaningful programmes to equip our students and members with digital and analytical skills, enhance their employability as well as grow the accounting and finance industry in Singapore.

#### **3. How does the JPP expiry impact me?**

The ACCA Diploma in Accounting and Business (RQF Level 4) and Advanced Diploma in Accounting and Business awarded by ACCA will no longer be jointly branded with ISCA.

ACCA and ISCA will also cease the awarding of joint-prizes to top-performing ACCA students of the JPP. The final presentation of the joint-prizes will be for the March 2020 exam session.

#### **4. Does the expiry of the JPP affect me in the pathway to professional membership with ACCA?**

No. ACCA Students will be eligible for ACCA membership after the completion of

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the ACCA Strategic Professional exams, the Ethics and Professional Skills module and obtaining three years of relevant practical experience.

#### **5. Is there any impact on me if I am pursuing the BSc in Applied Accounting degree from Oxford Brookes University?**

No. ACCA Students are eligible for the Oxford Brookes University BSc degree. However, students must ensure that they have opted-in to the BSc degree scheme and meet the University's eligibility and graduation requirements. More details may be found here: <http://www.accaglobal.com/sg/en/student/exam-entry-and-administration/oxford-brookes-bsc-hons-in-applied-accounting/eligibility-for-the-oxford-brookesbsc.html>

#### **6. Does the JPP have any impact on the expected Reciprocal Membership Agreement (RMA) between ACCA and ISCA?**

The JPP does not impact any future RMA negotiations between ACCA and ISCA. The JPP was a separate programme to support students in pursuit of their ACCA Qualification.

#### **7. How can I become a Chartered Accountant of Singapore [CA (Singapore)]?**

ACCA is currently working with the relevant authorities towards reciprocity arrangements and a pathway to CA (Singapore) will be announced in due course. In the meantime, ACCA members should also consider embarking on life-long education offered by both organisations to stay ahead and be ready for opportunities in future accountancy careers.

#### **8. Are the ACCA-ISCA co-branded certificates still recognised?**

Yes, the co-branded certificates are recognised as official documents awarded by ACCA on the completion of certain exams within the ACCA Qualification.

#### **9. How will ACCA continue to work with ISCA?**

ACCA and ISCA will continue to explore possible collaboration to support the accountancy profession in Singapore with in-demand skills and knowledge to

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enhance employability and support the growth of the accounting and finance industry.

#### **10. How does the termination of the JPP affect my full ACCA Membership?**

The JPP is not relevant to full ACCA members and will have no impact on their ACCA membership benefits and rights. The JPP only applies to active ACCA students at the Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills level.

#### **11. Who can I contact if I have more questions?**

For further enquiries, please email [info.sg@accaglobal.com](mailto:info.sg@accaglobal.com) or call ACCA Connect at 6734 8110.

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