



# Accountancy with a difference – working with charities & studying the ACA

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‘The objective of an audit is to form an independent opinion on the financial statements of the audited entity’

What is an audit for Sayer Vincent? How is this different?

... but we are not just all about audit!

- Accounts Preparation
- Internal Audit
- Tax
- Grant audits
- USAID audits
- Training





## About Sayer Vincent

- Clear focus on the charity sector
- Experience with a range of organisations
- All round advice
- All our staff are charity specialists
- Focus on relationships
- Performance measured in client feedback, not fees!

# Why choose Sayer Vincent?



# Some of our clients



the **Howard League** for **Penal Reform**



## The sectors you could be working in...

Arts and  
Culture

International  
Development

Membership  
bodies

Health  
and Social  
Care

Social  
Enterprises

Legal



# Your experience at Sayer Vincent

- London based
- Travel across the UK
- Work life balance
- Responsibility from early on in your training contract
- Supportive environment
- Resources to succeed



# Structure of your ACA qualification



# The Exams





# Professional development programme- the ICAEW 'ladders'

- About mile-stoning your professional development alongside your exams
- Progress tracked as part of your online training file
- Focus areas:
  - Ethics and professionalism
  - Communication
  - Teamwork
  - Decision making
  - Problem solving
  - Adding value
  - Technical competence



# Ethics

- What the ICAEW say... 'Ethics is more than just knowing the rules around confidentiality, integrity and objectivity. It's about identifying ethical dilemmas, understanding the implications and behaving appropriately. Ethics is integrated throughout the ACA qualification to develop your ethical capabilities - so you'll always know how to make the right decisions and justify them.'

# What does this mean?

- Access to an online ethics programme with 6 modules to complete
- Final ethics exam to pass
- Ethics webinars with peers
- Ethics in the exams





## Practical work experience

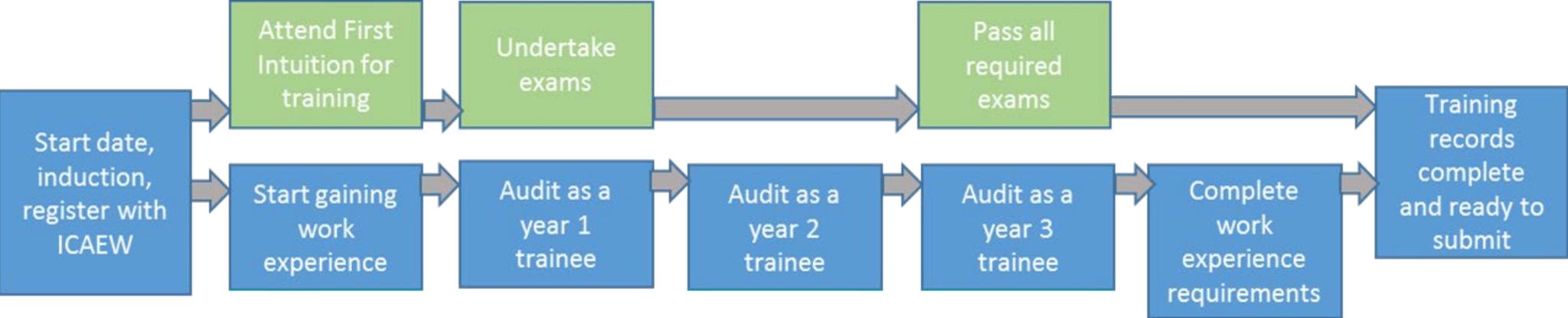
- 450 practical work experience days- this will take three years over your training contract
- Log these
- Practical work experience will give you the opportunity to:
  - apply the technical knowledge gained during your studies
  - develop your personal effectiveness
  - develop business awareness skills
  - exercise professional judgement



# Audit Qualification

- What is this?
- How long will I have it for?
- Does it cost me any more?
- Do I need to do anything extra?
- Recognised Qualifying Body (RQB)
- Recognised Supervisory Bodies (RSB)

# Your time as a trainee at SV







# Where do our trainees come from?

- PHD Material Chemistry
- Casting Director
- Teacher
- BA Linguistics
- BA Law
- BA Classics
- MA Japanese
- BA Finance and Business studies
- BA Physics
- BA Environmental Geo Physicist

# Fun at SV





*Any Questions?*