

Registered Business Accountant (RBA)

The Registered Business Accountant (RBA) program builds upon the RCA program and includes Stage 3 of the ICMA's Graduate Program.

Program Structure

ICMA Subjects for RBA & Graduate Management Accountant (GMA)

Part 3: RBA Program

Financial Accounting

Marketing Management

Information Management

Strategic Management

Part 4: GMA Program

Financial Management

Financial Statement Analysis

Financial Modelling

Managerial Accounting

Program Highlights

The RBA qualification is equivalent to an Advanced Diploma from the Australian Technical and Further Education (TAFE) system.

The RBA program can be completed via the Global Business School.

Graduates of the RBA program receive credits toward the Institute's Graduate Member Program.

Upon completing an additional 4 subjects, graduates may qualify as Graduate Management Accountants (GMAs) of the ICMA.

Individuals with 3 years of relevant experience can apply for Associate Management Accountant (AMA) membership status with the ICMA.

Pathway Options

The RBA program provides flexibility in career progression. Students can:

Complete the Registered Cost Accountant (RCA) certification and articulate this into an undergraduate and Master's degree.

Alternatively, complete an Advanced Diploma at a Registered Training Organization (RTO), progress to the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) qualification, and then pursue a Master of Business Administration (MBA).

The second option is often a more time-effective pathway for older students with workplace experience.

Subject Details

Subject 1: Financial Accounting

Objectives

On completion of this subject, students will:

Possess a thorough understanding of the content of publicly listed company reports.

Be able to prepare reports in compliance with regulations from various regulatory bodies.

Be aware of current issues in financial reporting.

Stay cognizant of changes in disclosure requirements and critically evaluate proposed changes.

Subject 2: Marketing Management

Objectives

This subject provides students with a foundation for understanding marketing as distinct from other organizational functions. Students will:

Gain an understanding of markets, marketing concepts, and key marketing issues. Develop an understanding of the relationship between marketing and society as a whole.

Link theoretical knowledge with practical applications in marketing.

Subject 3: Information Management

Objectives

The aim of this subject is to equip students with an understanding of information technology (IT) and its role in management. Students will:

Explore how IT and e-commerce enable changes to skills, work practices, structures, and culture within organizations.

Learn how IT enhances business strategies, increases opportunities, and creates competitive advantages.

Understand IT's impact on clients, customers, suppliers, staff, and the community.

Combine IT expertise with general management skills to effectively manage organizational information systems.

Learn to collaborate with IT professionals to identify, select, and manage organizational IT systems.

Subject 4: Strategic Management

Objectives

On completion of this subject, students will:

Understand the dynamic nature of business and the strategic management process for achieving sustainable competitive advantage.

Apply and integrate general business skills and techniques for strategic problem-solving.

Communicate analysis and recommended solutions to strategic problems concisely and effectively.

Certification and Membership

Students completing the RBA Program are eligible to apply for Registered Business Accountant (RBA) certification from the ICMA.

Graduates can further enhance their qualifications by completing the GMA Program and earning the title of Graduate Management Accountant (GMA).