

Top Students in the Professional Bridging Examination (PBE)

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Pau Lu Fai	Kwan Hoi Yin	Chan Ka Lok	Chow Yiu Lam

Paper I – PBE Financial Accounting

Pau Lu Fai

Job title: Accounts Clerk
Industry: Tammy Travel (International) Limited

Mr. Pau graduated with a Diploma in Accounting Studies from the Hong Kong School of Commerce. He studied for the examination by himself.



Thoughts from Mr. Pau:

I am honoured to be awarded the Top Student prize for this paper. I would like to take this chance to thank Mr. Cheung, my teacher at the Hong Kong School of Commerce, for his help and time in answering my questions after school.

I think time management is essential for exam success. Personally, I designed a workable timetable to balance my studies with some rest time. This not only helped me study efficiently, but also reduced exam stress.

Furthermore, there is no short cut to success: the only route is diligence.

Paper II – PBE Management Accounting and Finance

Kwan Hoi Yin

Job title: Accounts Clerk
Industry: Yip, Tse & Tang

Miss Kwan graduated with a Higher Diploma in Business (Accounting) from The University of Hong Kong School of Professional and Continuing Education (HKU SPACE). She completed the preparatory programme for PBE II at HKU SPACE.



Thoughts from Miss Kwan:

This is my honour to be awarded the Top Student prize for this paper. I would like to thank my family and friends for supporting me through my studies.

Time management is crucial, both during the preparation for the exam and during the exam. To study effectively, I used to underline key words in my reading materials. This helped commit the key points to my memory. I preferred studying at home as I could concentrate on my revision with a clear mind. I also discussed problems with my friends when I came across difficult questions.

Paper III – PBE Auditing and Information Systems

Chan Ka Lok

Job title: Semi Senior Accountant
Industry: ANDA CPA Limited

Mr. Chan graduated with a Bachelor of Social Science in Geography at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He studied for the examination by himself.



Thoughts from Mr. Chan:

I had been working in other fields for several years before deciding to pursue a career in the accounting profession. After completing the AAT Examination, I am taking the PBE to advance my career further.

I am currently working in a CPA firm. My thanks go to my employer who supports my studies and provides me with a positive learning environment. I have been learning a lot from my daily work, especially in auditing, and this helps with my exam preparations.

In my opinion, effective time management is essential when preparing for the examinations. Setting up your own personal timetable can help you monitor your study progress closely. During the examination, proper time management is also crucial. Avoid spending too much time on particular questions; otherwise you will not have enough time to finish the entire exam paper and to review your answers.



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Paper IV – PBE Business Law and Taxation

Chow Yiu Lam

Job title: Accounts Assistant
Industry: Ernst & Young Tax Services Ltd.

Mr. Chow graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration (Business Management) from City University of Hong Kong. He studied for the examination by himself.



Thoughts from Mr. Chow:

As a part-time student with a full-time job, I did not only choose to study by myself for the examination, but also decided to take all four papers in one go. It was a challenging mission and put me under a great deal of stress during my preparations.

Although most of the topics were covered in the Associate Degree programme at the City University of Hong Kong, taking public examinations is still very challenging and tough. Consistent preparation and review is essential. Effective time management is also extremely important.

To be honest, I found some topics and concepts really difficult to understand. What I did was try to use my own words to restate the materials and connect the subject to things I had learnt before. When I came across questions which I could not solve immediately, I would skip them and read other easier topics first. This helped me keep my confidence high for the examinations.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students great success in their examinations.