

Top Students in the Accredited Accounting Technician (AAT) Examination

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Paper 1 – Accounting and Computerized Accounts

Li Shan Shan

Job title: Senior Accountant

Industry: CPA firm

Ms. Li studied for the examination by herself.



Thoughts from Ms. Li:

I prepared for the examination through self-study without receiving any formal training for this subject and without taking any revision courses prior to the examination. There is no magic shortcut to my study approach. I started preparing for the examination two months in advance. All I did was to read the notes thoroughly and ask questions about topics that I did not understand. When it came to certain difficult topics, I read through the study materials many times which helped me understand the concepts. There is no secret method for success. You just need to set a clear goal, create a workable study plan, and then stick to it.

**Paper 2 – Business Communication and Organization and Management &
Paper 8 – Principles of Auditing and Management Information Systems**

Chan Wing Yan

Industry: Audit firm

Miss Chan studied for the examination by herself.

Thoughts from Miss Chan:

I am currently working in an audit firm and this made me think about getting a professional qualification in accountancy. After seeking advice from my mentors, I eventually decided to take the AAT qualification as my start in the accounting profession.

Good time management and persistence are the prerequisites for achieving good examination results. Developing study kits which include comprehensive study materials recommended by the HKIAAT can also help your studies. Practice makes perfect, and therefore attempting past papers would be a good opportunity for you to consolidate and to test your understanding of your newly acquired knowledge.

Last but not least, I would like to extend my gratitude to Alfred Lee who supported and encouraged me to take the examinations, not only in words but also by giving me study materials and past papers to help me in my studies. Without his unconditional support, I don't think I could have achieved this good result.

Paper 3 – Management Accounting

Tang Sin Ying Dara

Job title: Audit Staff

Company: Falcon C.P.A. Limited

Miss Tang studied for the examination by herself.



Thoughts from Miss Tang:

I would like to share my thoughts on achieving goals with all HKIAAT students. I think the most important thing is to have passion and be enthusiastic about learning, especially keen students who plan to obtain the AAT qualification in a short period of time and therefore attempt several papers in a session as I did. You need to be focused, committed and if possible, try to love the subject you are studying. Otherwise, you may give up easily.

To have passion, you need to find compelling reasons for your studies. If you just think of passing the examination or getting a new job, this may not be enough to motivate you. Instead, you need to imagine all the incredible benefits you will get or how your life will change with the AAT qualification. Or you may exaggerate the adverse things that will happen to you if you fail.

To conclude, passion is the key to success. So be enthusiastic about your studies!

Paper 4 – Business Economics and Financial Mathematics

Wu Man Hong

Job title: Senior Translator

Company: Capital Translation Services Limited

Mr. Wu graduated with a Postgraduate Certificate in Education from The University of Hong Kong. He studied for the examination by himself.

Thoughts from Mr. Wu:

I am honoured to be one of the Top Students. I studied Mathematics and Economics during my senior secondary school studies and so have already possessed some basic knowledge in these areas and did not find them too difficult. To prepare for this paper, I did past papers and even referred to my text books from secondary school. In my opinion, having a thorough understanding of the underlying principles is the winning way to attain a good result.

The most challenging thing for me in preparing for the examination was in handling work and studies concurrently as sometimes I needed to work overtime. So whenever I had spare time, I would take every opportunity to revise in order to catch up with my schedule.

Paper 5 – Principles of Taxation

Lin Mingzhu

Job title: Accounting Clerk

Company: Ngai Sing Engineering Company

Miss Lin graduated with a College Degree in Accounting of Finance from Hainan Tax College. She is studying the Higher Group Diploma in Accountancy at the Hong Kong School of Commerce.



Thoughts from Miss Lin:

I would like to thank the Hong Kong School of Commerce and my teacher, Tong Hiu Wong. Mr. Tong's teaching is clear and effective. He also encouraged us to practice past papers as practice makes perfect.

I took Paper 5 and Paper 8 in this session, and I started to prepare for them about two months prior to the examination. I devoted no less than 10 hours per week to my studies. Finally, I got a Distinction in Paper 5 and a Pass with Credit in Paper 8, so my efforts paid off. I wish HKIAAT students every success in their examination. Nothing is impossible, just work hard and you will achieve your goal.

Paper 6 – Fundamentals of Business Law**Yeung Wai Suet**

Miss Yeung graduated with a Diploma in Professional Accounting from the Hong Kong Christian Service Kwun Tong Vocational Training Centre.

***Thoughts from Miss Yeung:***

It is my honour to be the Top Student in this paper. To prepare for the examination, it is important for you to have a holistic understanding of all the topics and also know how to apply legal theories to cases. You should also spend as much time as possible reviewing and practicing past papers. This can help you better understand examination techniques and the requirements for answering the questions, and to analyze examination trends.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my teacher, Mr. Lo, for his time in giving me tutorials to prepare for the examination.

Paper 7 – Financial Accounting**Chan Siu Ming**

Job title: Audit Assistant
Company: Alex So & Co.

Mr. Chan graduated with a Diploma in Accountancy from the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Haking Wong).

***Thoughts from Mr. Chan:***

I am very surprised and honoured to be the Top Student in this paper. The teachers in IVE gave me great support, and the course equipped me with a solid foundation and practical knowledge of accounting. My current work in a CPA firm also helps my study of accounting and auditing.

I remember that when I was looking for a job after graduation, an interviewer said to me that it is very difficult to pass four AAT Examination papers in one session. Now, I did it! Nothing is impossible unless you quit. We all face many challenges in our studies and careers. We should try to overcome those obstacles and never give up easily.

Last but not least, I would like to share this award with all my teachers. I could not have achieved so much without their help.