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### The Life of an Accountant

Who helps people that are millionaires to people who make less than a million with all of the money that they make? A tax accountant helps people manage their money so that they will not lose their investments and keep as much of their earned income as possible. I am researching the education needed, the duties and responsibilities required, and the outlook available for a career as an accountant. To become an accountant, one needs a certain amount of education to get the job. As an accountant, he or she needs to be good with money and math. An accountant keeps track of a person's money and make sure that his or her clients have correct records and pay their taxes.

To become an account, one must complete certain education and training. People who are interested in becoming an accountant should start working on this career in high school: "Interested individuals should begin to prepare in high school by taking math courses"(Accountant Management 99). For example, to become an accountant, one should be proficient in math, so one needs to start working on this during high school, or else one will not be prepared. Therefore, students who are interested in becoming an accountant should take many math classes like algebra, calculus, and statistics. Once the student graduates from high school, he or she

needs to major in accounting and take courses in college for accounting: "In college they should follow an organized program of courses to build a well-rounded knowledge of accounting" (Accountant Management 99). Majoring in accounting is a good way to learn to be an accountant. Students should take courses in mathematics, accounting methods, and computers. People interested in accounting should take certain courses in college that will help them learn more about the job. After one has completed four years of college, he or she will receive a bachelor's degree: "Most accountant and auditor positions require at least a bachelors degree in accounting or a related field" (Accountant and Auditors 4). A bachelors degree shows that one has been educated in a specific course. However, if one gets a masters degree, one has a wider variety of what type of accounting one would like to do. After one completed four years of college and he or she wishes to be a tax accountant, he or she will go to law school: "Many accountants and auditors choose to obtain certification to help advance their careers" (Business and Financial Operations Occupation 78). At law school, one will learn how to analyze and learn what one needs to do to be a successful accountant. Then, he or she will receive his or her law degree. To get ahead of the gang, one would try to get a master's degree in business or accounting: "Some employers prefer applicants with a master's degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting" (Business and Financial Operations Occupations 78). The master's degree will give one a wider variety of accounting jobs one would like to do. If he or she has a masters degree, one will have a better chance of getting a job. Some employers prefer

if one does have a master's degree because the employers like the fact people have a higher education. Therefore, being an accountant takes certain knowledge and a certain amount of education.

There are also important jobs and responsibilities that an accountant must complete. Accountants keep records of their clients to see how much money he or she has lost or gained: "They analyze and communicate financial information for various entities such as companies; individual clients; and federal state, and local governments" (Business and Financial Operations Occupations 77). Sometimes, the accountant can be dealing with a little amount of money, and other times, one can be dealing with millions of dollars. Therefore, accountants keep records of their clients' money to see how much they have lost or made. Accountants also try to find ways to save money for their clients: " They also look into all the ways a company can save money on its taxes through deductions and tax shelters" (Accountant, Management 99). When the accountant is dealing with big business, the business will want to save as much money as they can so they can make more with the amount they have now. Therefore accountants also try to help their clients save as much money as they can. Accountants make sure that they have their clients pay their taxes correctly and on time: "Accountant and auditors help to ensure that firms are run efficiently, public records kept accurately, and taxes are paid properly and on time" (Accountants and Auditors 1). If one is an accountant, one will want to do a good job for his or her clients and keep them happy. In order to do that, one must make sure that the client pays his or her taxes

correctly so the client does not get in trouble with the IRS. Therefore, there are duties and responsibilities that an accountant must do.

Furthermore, a career in accounting has lots of job opportunities for the future. An accountant is expected to get a job much faster than other jobs: "This occupation will have a very large number of new jobs arise, about 279,400 over the projections of the decade" (Accountant and Auditors 7). Therefore, there will many jobs that will be open for the next decade. Accountants are needed because people and companies need accountants: "Management accountants have many opportunities to advance because their work is essential to the operation of any business or agency" (Accountant, Management 100). Businesses will keep growing, and they will need accountants to keep track of their money for them and the same for many other people. Accountants should get a job faster than average because of what they do, and it is always needed: "According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of accountants was expected to increase faster than average for all professions through the year 2014" (Accountant, Management 100). The job is average now, and it will even get better for the future. Because of the business growth and the money in the world, accountants have a great outlook for the future.

I am researching the education, duties and responsibilities, and outlook for a career as an accountant. In about eleven years, when I am finished with all my education and training; I may have my own office that I walk into everyday.

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