



CFAB / ACA (ICAEW)

Classroom Timetable and
Overview Planner 2026
Birmingham



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Please note: Information and dates in this timetable are subject to change.



ACA Course Information

This timetable details the courses that our centre is offering for the ACA exams.

Next Generation ACA		Next Generation ACA		Current ACA Syllabus	
Certificate Level		Professional Level		Advanced Level	
AF	Accounting Fundamentals	FCS	Fundamental Case Study	CR	Corporate Reporting
ARF	Assurance and Risk Fundamentals	ARR	Assurance, Risk & Reporting	SBM	Strategic Business Management
TF	Tax Fundamentals	TCP	Taxation Compliance and Planning	ACS	Advanced Case Study
BL	Business Law	CRDA	Corporate Reporting, Data & Assurance	Next Generation ACA Advanced Level exams will not be available until 2027. For comprehensive details on transitional rules, timelines, and guidance please see the ICAEW website.	
BIP	Business Insight and Performance	BDS	Business & Digital Strategy		
SE	Sustainability and Ethics	CFS	Corporate Financial Strategy		
EPA	End Point Assessment (1)				

(1) The EPA is a requirement of the Level 4 Apprenticeship and applies to apprentice learners only - more details on this can be viewed [here](#).

Kaplan's Recommended ACA Next Generation Pathway

Certificate Level (Months 1-6)	Professional Level (Months 7-23)			Advanced Level (Months 24-28)
	Professional sitting 1	Professional sitting 2	Professional sitting 3	
All	Fundamental Case Study (FCS)	Tax Compliance and Planning (TCP)	Business and Digital Strategy (BDS)	Technical Case Study (TCS)
	Assurance, Risk and Reporting (ARR)	Corporate Reporting, Data and Assurance (CRDA)	Corporate Financial Strategy (CFS)	Strategic Case Study (SCS)

If your preferred pathway is not available at your chosen Kaplan training location we will be able to provide your preferred pathway via our Live Online ACA course offering.

Next Generation ACA Advanced Level exams will not be available until 2027.

For detailed transitional rules, timelines and guidance please see the [ICAEW webpage](#).

Kaplan's ACA Next Generation Course Durations

Classroom Course Times: Weekday 09.00-16.30 (UK Time)

Certificate Days				
Subject	Tutor-Led	Focus Day*	OnDemand	Total
Accounting Fundamentals (AF)	7	1	-	8
Assurance and Risk Fundamentals (ARF)	3	1	-	4
Tax Fundamentals (TF)	5	1	-	6
Business Law (BL)**	-	-	4	4
Business Insight and Performance (BIP)	5	1	-	6
Sustainability and Ethics (SE)**	-	-	4	4

Professional Days					
Subject	Tuition		Exam Prep		Total
	Tutor-led	Focus Day*	Tutor-led	Focus Day*	
Fundamental Case Study (FCS)	2	-	2	1	5
Assurance, Risk & Reporting (ARR)	5	1	4	1	11
Taxation Compliance and Planning (TCP)	8	1	4	1	14
Corporate Reporting, Data & Assurance (CRDA)	5	1	4	1	11
Business & Digital Strategy (BDS)	3	1	3	1	8
Corporate Financial Strategy (CFS)	5	1	3	1	10

*A Focus Day is a scheduled day within the course for consolidating knowledge and reinforcing learning, with content and pace tailored to individual learners.

**Business Law (BL) and Sustainability and Ethics (SE), are available via OnDemand learning. Learners who prefer a more intensive study schedule may choose to study one or both Business Law and Sustainability and Ethics alongside Taxation Fundamentals (TF) and Business Insight and Performance (BIP).

ACA Advanced Level Course Information

Classroom Course Times: Weekday 09.00-16.30 (UK Time)

Pathway Options

Advanced Level	
CR	Corporate Reporting
SBM	Strategic Business Management
ACS	Advanced Case Study

Advanced Sitting 1	Advanced Sitting 2
CR/SBM/ACS	-
CR/SBM	ACS

Advanced Days				
Subject	Tuition		Exam Prep	Total
	Tutor-Led	Personalised	Tutor-Led	
CR	5	2	4	11
SBM	3	1	3	7
ACS	5	0	5	10

A learner may not attempt the Case Study until they have attempted all other exams. A learner can sit all three Advanced Level assessments at the same session and still comply with this rule. A learner may not attempt the Case Study until they have completed all but their last year of approved training by the end of the month in which the assessment is held.

Our Advanced Case Study Resit Courses are designed to allow learners to understand where their exam technique went wrong and show them how to improve it. To find out more about our Advanced Case Study Resit Courses please click [here](#).

Birmingham Certificate Level - First Half 2026

Week commencing:	February															March										May									
	2nd					9th					16th					23rd					11th					18th									
	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22
	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
Accounting Fundamentals (AF)	T	T	T			F	T	T	T		T																								
Assurance & Risk Fundamentals (ARF)				T	T					F	T																								
Tax Fundamentals (TF)																T	T	F	T	T	T														
Business Insight & Performance (BIP)																										T	T	T	F	T	T				

Birmingham Certificate Level - Second Half 2026

Week commencing:	September										October									
	14th					21st					28th					5th				
	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	1	2	5	6	7	8	9
	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
Accounting Fundamentals (AF) - Option 1	T	T	T			F	T	T	T		T									
Assurance & Risk Fundamentals (ARF) - Option 1				T	T					F		T								
Accounting Fundamentals (AF) - Option 2								T	T	T	F	T	T	T			T			
Assurance & Risk Fundamentals (ARF) - Option 2						T	T								F	T				
Tax Fundamentals (TF)	Dates for these courses will be confirmed soon.																			
Business Insight & Performance (BIP)																				

T Tuition
 F Focus Day *

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ACA Certificate exams are computer-based. **We recommend sitting your exam 2 weeks after the course finishes.** To book your exam please contact Kaplan Student Services or your employer (in cases where exams are booked centrally).

There are three study methods available: Classroom (dates shown above), Live Online or OnDemand

Birmingham Professional Level - March 2026

Week commencing:	January															February					
	5th					12th					19th					2nd					
	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	2	3	4	5	6	
Recommended Study Combinations	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	
FCS/ARR	T	T	T	T	T	F	T	T													
Individual Subject Dates																					
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - With ARR		T	T																		
Assurance, Risk & Reporting (ARR)	T			T	T	F	T	T													
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - Transitional									T	T											
Business & Digital Strategy (BDS)											T	T	F	T							
Tax Compliance & Planning (TCP)	T	T	T	T	F	T										T	T	T			

Week commencing:	February										March											
	16th					23th					2nd					9th						
Recommended Study Combinations	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13		
FCS/ARR	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F		
								EP	EP	EP	F	EP	EP	EP	F	E	E	E				
Individual Subject Dates																						
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - With ARR												EP	EP		F	E	E	E				
Assurance, Risk & Reporting (ARR)								EP	EP	EP	F			EP		E	E	E				
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - Transitional				EP	EP	F										E	E	E				
Business & Digital Strategy (BDS)												EP	EP	F	EP	E	E	E				
Tax Compliance & Planning (TCP)												EP	EP	EP	F	EP	E	E	E			

T	Tuition	EP	Exam Preparation
F	Focus Day *	E	Real Exam

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There are three study methods available: Classroom (dates shown above), Live Online or OnDemand.

Learners who are currently transiting from legacy to Next Generation ACA may require different subject combinations which can be selected as needed from the individual subject listing.

Birmingham Professional Level - June 2026

Week commencing:	March					April																												May
	30th					6th					13th					20th					27th													
	30	31	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	1									
Recommended Study Combinations	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F									
FCS/ARR - Option 1	T	T	T	T			T	F	T	T																								
FCS/ARR - Option 2	T	T	T	T			T	F	T	T																								
FCS/ARR - Option 3	T	T	T	T			T	F	T	T																								
BDS/CFS											T	T	F	T	T	T	F	T	T	T														
Individual Subject Dates																																		
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - Option 1 with ARR			T	T																														
Assurance, Risk & Reporting (ARR) - Option 1	T	T						T	F	T	T																							
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - Option 2 with ARR			T	T																														
Assurance, Risk & Reporting (ARR) - Option 2	T	T						T	F	T	T																							
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - Option 3 with ARR			T	T																														
Assurance, Risk & Reporting (ARR) - Option 3	T	T						T	F	T	T																							
Business & Digital Strategy (BDS) - with CFS											T	T	F	T																				
Corporate Financial Strategy (CFS)																T	T	F	T	T	T													
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - Transitional																										T	T							
Business & Digital Strategy (BDS) - Transitional											T	T	F	T																				
Tax Compliance & Planning (TCP)	T	T	T	T				F	T																T	T	T							

Week commencing:	May												June											
	18th					25th					1st					8th								
	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12				
Recommended Study Combinations	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F				
FCS/ARR - Option 1								EP	EP	EP	F	EP	F	EP	F	E	E	E						
FCS/ARR - Option 2								EP	EP	EP	F	EP	EP	EP	F	E	E	E						
FCS/ARR - Option 3								EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	F	EP	F	E	E	E						
BDS/CFS								EP	EP	EP	EP	F	EP	F	EP	E	E	E						
For information, please find the classroom and exam dates within the available study combinations of the individual subjects below:																								
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - Option 1 with ARR													F	EP	F	E	E	E						
Assurance, Risk & Reporting (ARR) - Option 1								EP	EP	EP	F	EP				E	E	E						
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - Option 2 with ARR													EP	EP		F	E	E	E					
Assurance, Risk & Reporting (ARR) - Option 2								EP	EP	EP	F				EP	E	E	E						
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - Option 3 with ARR											EP	EP				F	E	E	E					
Assurance, Risk & Reporting (ARR) - Option 3								EP	EP	EP			F	EP		E	E	E						
Business & Digital Strategy (BDS) - with CFS										EP	EP			F	EP	E	E	E						
Corporate Financial Strategy (CFS)								EP	EP			F	EP			E	E	E						
Fundamental Case Study (FCS) - Transitional				EP	EP		F									E	E	E						
Business & Digital Strategy (BDS) - Transitional										EP	EP			F	EP	E	E	E						
Tax Compliance & Planning (TCP)								EP	EP	EP	F	EP				E	E	E						

T	Tuition
F	Focus Day *
EP	Exam Preparation
E	Real Exam

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There are three study methods available: Classroom (dates shown above), Live Online or OnDemand.

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Birmingham Professional Level - September 2026

Week commencing:	June															July									
	15th					22nd					29th					20th					27th				
	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	1	2	3	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31
Available Study Combinations	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
FCS/ARR	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T																	
BDS/CFS																T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
TCP/CRDA						T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T						T	T	T	T	T

Week commencing:	August										September									
	24th					31st					7th									
	24	25	26	27	28	31	1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11					
Available Study Combinations	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F					
FCS/ARR			EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	E	E	E							
BDS/CFS			EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	E	E	E							
TCP/CRDA	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	E	E	E							



Tuition



Exam Preparation



Real Exam

There are three study methods available: Classroom (dates shown above), Live Online or OnDemand.

Birmingham Professional Level - December 2026

Available Study Combinations	Dates for these courses will be confirmed soon.
FCS/ARR	
BDS/CFS	
TCP/CRDA	

There are three study methods available: Classroom (dates shown above), Live Online or OnDemand.

Birmingham Advanced Level - July 2026

Week commencing:	April										May														
	20th					27th					4th					11th					18th				
	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22
Available Study Combinations	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
CR/SBM/ACS			T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T		T							T	T	T	T	T	T	T
CR/SBM - Option 1						T	T	T	T	T		T									T	T	T	T	T
CR/SBM - Option 2						T	T	T	T	T		T									T	T	T	T	T
ACS			T	T	T														T	T					
For information, please find the classroom and exam dates within the available study combinations of the individual subjects below:																									
Corporate Reporting (CR) - Option 1						T	T		T	T											T	T			T
Strategic Business Management (SBM) - Option 1								T				T											T	T	
Advanced Case Study (ACS)			T	T	T														T	T					
Corporate Reporting (CR) - Option 2							T	T	T	T											T	T	T		
Strategic Business Management (SBM) - Option 2						T						T												T	T

Week commencing:	June					July																		
	29th					6th					13th					20th								
	29	30	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24				
Available Study Combinations	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F				
CR/SBM/ACS				EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	E	E	E						
CR/SBM - Option 1						EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP				E	E							
CR/SBM - Option 2						EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP				E	E							
ACS				EP	EP									EP	EP	EP				E				
For information, please find the classroom and exam dates within the available study combinations of the individual subjects below:																								
Corporate Reporting (CR) - Option 1							EP		EP	EP		EP					E							
Strategic Business Management (SBM) - Option 1						EP		EP			EP						E							
Advanced Case Study (ACS)				EP	EP								EP	EP	EP				E					
Corporate Reporting (CR) - Option 2							EP	EP	EP			EP				E								
Strategic Business Management (SBM) - Option 2						EP				EP	EP						E							

T	Tuition	EP	Exam Preparation
T	T - Personalised *	E	Real Exam
T	Live Online/Exam **		

* Personalised days are studied flexibly online and there will not be a live session on these dates. The timetable dates provided for personalised days are indicative only. You ultimately have the flexibility to complete your personalised study in the period between the preceding and next classroom course dates as shown on the timetable.

** This day consists of an online teaching session in the morning, followed by a course exam in the afternoon.

There are three study methods available: Classroom (dates shown above), Live Online or OnDemand.

A complimentary Data & IT module is available on MyKaplan to recap Info and Excel functions used in CR & SBM.

Birmingham Advanced Level - November 2026

Available Study Combinations	Dates for these courses will be confirmed soon.
CR/SBM/ACS	
CR/SBM	
ACS	