As part of the Government’s National Skills Strategy 2025, the apprenticeship system is undergoing major reform and expanding into new industries.

In line with this transformation, we are delighted to launch the 1st Apprenticeship Council-approved professional apprenticeship in accountancy – the Accounting Technician Apprenticeship.

As a key influencer in guiding our country’s young minds towards their best career prospects, we would like to invite you to attend a special Information Session for Guidance Counsellors.

This session will provide you with all the information you need to guide your students towards a professional career with excellent employment prospects, through the practical, apprenticeship route.

Your invitation to our Information Session for Guidance Counsellors

When: Wednesday 20 April 2016, 12.30pm-1.30pm

Where: Lecture Hall, Accounting Technicians Ireland, Chartered Accountants House, 47-49 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Refreshments will be served

How to attend: Please RSVP by 1st April 2016 to kmcquillan@accountingtechniciansireland.ie

Tel: 01 649 8100.
What is an Accounting Technician?
Accounting Technicians are qualified accounting professionals employed throughout all levels of finance across the public sector, industry, private accountancy practices and self-employment.

They perform a wide range of roles including:
• Bookkeeping
• Financial Accounting & Budgeting
• Costing & Credit Control
• Payroll Administration
• Tax Returns

What is the Accounting Technician Apprenticeship Programme?
Our new programme is a professional apprenticeship which puts school-leavers on the fast track towards a rewarding career in accountancy. It is the only Apprenticeship Council-approved programme of its kind in the Republic of Ireland.

Who is the Apprenticeship for?
Apprentices will be recent school-leavers who have completed the Leaving Certificate. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age on or before 1st July in the year of entry.

Applicants:
• Must have Leaving Certificate-standard English & Maths
• Should normally have approximately 320 CAO points

Please note: Study of Accountancy at Leaving Certificate level is not a requirement

How does the programme work?
The Accounting Technician Apprenticeship is a two-year programme which combines ‘on-the-job’ work experience with academic study.

Apprentices will work at their employer’s office four days a week, and attend classes at a local college one day a week.

They are also given at least three weeks’ study leave each year. The Diploma for Accounting Technicians is awarded upon successful completion of the programme.

Successful graduates will also receive generous exemptions on Chartered Accountants Ireland’s study programmes, so that they can continue to progress their career within the profession.

Where will the 2016/2017 Accounting Technician Apprenticeship Programme be run?
ATI is delighted to partner with the following colleges in the delivery of the 2016/2017 Programme:

Cork College of Commerce
Rathmines College of Further Education, Dublin 6
Blackrock Further Education Institute, Co Dublin
Bray Institute of Further Education
Monaghan Institute

Who are the Employers?
Large and small accountancy practices, service firms and industry employers around the country have already committed to taking on school-leavers as Accounting Technician Apprentices.

Who Pays?
Study Fees
As part of this government initiative to expand the apprenticeship, a significant commitment has been made to funding. This includes:
• Student Registration Fees
• Tuition Fees
• Exam Fees

‘Earn as you Learn’
Students earn the standard industry salary for an incoming trainee Accounting Technician.

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