

THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 313219

Details

Other names C A E T

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1973-01-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (A) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY IN ACCOUNTANCY, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND SUBJECTS RELATED THERETO. (B) THE AWARDING TO PERSONS DESIROUS OF STUDYING ACCOUNTANCY, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND RELATED SUBJECTS OF EXHIBITIONS. (C) ASSISTING IN GENERAL OR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION. (D) THE AWARDING OF PRIZES. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CLAUSE 4 OF TRUST DEED).

Activities: The charity's principal objects include the advancement of education in accountancy, financial management and related subjects as well as the support of individuals studying such subjects. It provides CPD (Continuing Professional Development) to members of ACCA and members of the public. It also provides a magazine Student Accountant, technical publications and promotes accounting research.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Anguilla
- Antigua And Barbuda
- Armenia
- Aruba
- Australia
- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Bermuda
- Bhutan
- Bosnia And Herzegovina
- Botswana
- British Virgin Islands
- Brunei
- Bulgaria
- Burma
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Canada
- Cayman Islands
- China
- Congo
- Congo (Democratic Republic)
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- Egypt

- Eritrea
- Estonia
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Ghana
- Gibraltar
- Greece
- Grenada
- Guernsey
- Hong Kong
- Hungary
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Ireland
- Isle Of Man
- Italy
- Ivory Coast
- Jamaica
- Jersey
- Kazakhstan
- Kenya
- Kuwait
- Laos
- Latvia
- Liberia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Macau
- Macedonia
- Madagascar
- Malawi

- Malaysia
- Malta
- Mauritius
- Moldova
- Mongolia
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Northern Ireland
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Poland
- Qatar
- Romania
- Russia
- Rwanda
- Saint Vincent
- Saudi Arabia
- Scotland
- Senegal
- Serbia
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- St Kitts And Nevis
- St Lucia
- Sudan

- Switzerland
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- The Bahamas
- The Gambia
- Togo
- Trinidad And Tobago
- Turks And Caicos Islands
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- United States
- Uzbekistan
- Vietnam
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£296,658	£82,089	-	-
2024-03-31	£298,397	£77,045	-	-
2023-03-31	£631,073	£678,976	£6,213,531	0
2022-03-31	£1,118,151	£910,827	£6,259,836	0
2021-03-31	£1,145,240	£1,021,276	£6,045,796	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUSTEES LTD		

Linked charities

- FUAD SALEH SABA OVERSEAS PRIZE FUND (313219-1)
- H A G LEWIS FUND (313219-10)
- V R COPE MEMORIAL FUND (313219-2)
- VERNON BUTTERWORTH MEMORIAL FUND (313219-3)
- CHARLES CARPENTER MEMORIAL FUND (313219-4)
- J C LATHAM PRIZE FUND (313219-5)
- LAUD STEWART FUND (313219-6)
- EDGAR SPENCER MEMORIAL FUND (313219-7)
- LORD LATHAM PRIZE FUND (313219-8)
- J E HARRIS FUND (313219-9)

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Accounts

**THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS
EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**(REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 313219)
(REGISTERED WITH OSCR SC039200)**

THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustee submits its annual report and financial statements of the charity (Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

Structure, governance and management

The Trust was established by Trust Deed on 13 December 1972. Its principal object is the advancement of education in accountancy, financial management and related subjects. Its other objects are the support of individuals studying such subjects and the awarding of prizes in connection with ACCA examinations. There is also a general power to do any other things conducive to the principal object.

The Trust is registered by the Charity Commission for England and Wales, registration number 313219 and by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, registration number SC039200. Its sole Trustee since establishment has been, and continues to be, The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited, a company wholly owned by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). New trustees can be elected at the Annual General Meeting if appropriate.

Helen Brand and Raymond Jack were directors of the corporate Trustee for the whole of the year. The directors of the corporate Trustee meet once a year to approve the annual financial statements. ACCA's Accountancy Futures Academy identifies and explores issues of major significance for the global accountancy profession and informs ACCA's research and insights by developing a network of high-level contributors to ACCA's work. ACCA's Council Board meets six times a year and has oversight over all of ACCA activities. This includes the review of the provision of Post Professional Qualifications.

ACCA's Chief Executive and Executive Board are responsible for the management of the Trust and they delegate the day-to-day responsibilities of organising post professional qualification courses, publishing of educational content, dealing with research grant applications and the financial administration of the Trust to the appropriate ACCA employees.

The Memorandum and Articles of the Corporate Trustee provide for a minimum of two and a maximum of seven directors to be appointed. In practice two directors are in post at any time and consist of the Chief Executive of ACCA and an officer or immediate Past President of ACCA.

The Trust has developed a Trustee Induction pack for the directors of the Corporate Trustee, which includes a copy of the Trust Deed, the last three years' financial statements, recent minutes and a copy of the Charity Commission guidance 'The Essential Trustee'. Training needs will be identified and where appropriate training will be arranged for those directors.

Objectives and activities

The policies adopted by the Trustee to further the objects of the Trust have been, and continue to be, to promote the ACCA qualification among potential students, to provide ACCA students with access to scholarships and provide opportunities for post professional qualifications via online education. Following a reorganisation of activities with the ACCA group over the last couple of years, the Trust's main activities during the year related to the provision of the Simpson Scholarship Fund whereby the Trust pays for the costs of ACCA fees and subscriptions for Simpson Scholarship winners. Activities such as educational publications, online certificates, the digitalised magazine called *Student Accountant*, the award of research grants and the provision of conferences and courses for ACCA members are now carried out by other ACCA group companies. The Trustee is considering various options as to develop other sources of charitable activities.

ACCA bears certain central overheads on behalf of the Trust, however the Trust is not significantly dependent on the services of volunteers or on donations in kind.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

The Trust's funds comprise unrestricted funds and three restricted funds. The Simpson Scholarship Fund was established by a legacy from Miss M I Simpson in November 1983 for the purpose of establishing and maintaining scholarships, such that the whole of the principal and interest may be expended within a period of 25 years from the date of the bequest following which a decision would be taken to reclassify it as unrestricted if appropriate. Applicants are required to submit an essay detailing how the award of a scholarship would help the student reach their full potential. Submissions are reviewed by a panel appointed by the Trustee and scholarships are awarded to assist payment of subscription fees and exam related costs. The Trustee has considered that it is appropriate to continue to treat the Simpson Scholarship Fund as restricted, as it is a separate charity recognised with OSCR.

In August 2013, the Trust received a donation of £100,000 which was used to set up the ACCA Scholarship Fund. The scholarships used to be awarded annually to two final year university undergraduates studying accounting and finance degrees at state-run universities in ACCA's growth markets in Africa and South Asia. By awarding the scholarships to final year undergraduates studying relevant degrees the Trust will be benefiting students who are already showing commitment to a career in accounting and finance through their choice of degree. The scholarships will cover all ACCA fees, tuition fees with an ACCA Approved Learning Provider and all study texts. Applicants have been required to submit an essay explaining how and why they would benefit from receiving the scholarship/what it would mean to receive the scholarship. Representatives from ACCA and the universities have made up the panel to award the scholarships, however activity has been low since Covid and ACCA intends to review the process for awarding the scholarship in the forthcoming year. The Trustee has considered that it is appropriate to treat the ACCA Scholarship Fund as a restricted fund.

The Prize Fund was established by an endowment and provides the funds to award prizes to students as appropriate. The Trustee has considered that it is appropriate to treat the Prize Fund as a restricted fund.

Financial review

A surplus of £224,147 arose in the year (2024: surplus £225,353). During the year, the Trust's expenditure on its charitable objects was £82,089 (2024: £77,045). This comprised direct expenditure on charitable activities of £29,057 (2024: £22,960), and support and governance costs of £53,032 (2024: £54,085). The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 are shown on pages 7 to 18. The statement of financial activities on page 7 shows the incoming resources available to the Trust and the extent to which its funds have been spent. This, together with the balance sheet on page 8, shows that the current value of the Trust's restricted and unrestricted funds is £6,663,031 (2024: £6,438,884).

The Trust's total income of £296,658 (2024: £298,397) was sufficient to meet the majority of direct charitable expenditure as well as the Trust's governance costs. Included in the income figure are donations from ACCA relating to support costs of £1,887 (2024: £1,740). There was no Technical and professional education income in the year (2024: £111) nor was there any Career promotion or advertising income in the year (2024: £28,000).

The Trust held £61,641 (2024: £55,113) in bank balances at 31 March 2025 and, in the Trustee's opinion, both the restricted and unrestricted funds are sufficient to allow the Trust to pursue its charitable activities in the future.

Going concern

ACCA has carried out various stress tests on its ability to operate, the results of which were positive. The Trustee continues to monitor the changing operational landscape and impact on assets and related income.

Reserves policy

The Trustee reviews the reserves of the charity annually. The review encompasses the nature of the income and expenditure streams and the expected donations from ACCA and its subsidiaries. The Trustee's policy is, generally, to maintain reserves at a level to be able to fund its activities, and to be able to fund any new strategic initiatives. In the light of the funding provided by ACCA, the Trustee considers that the balance of the unrestricted fund is satisfactory.

Grant making policy

The Trust has established its grant making policy to meet the objects of public benefit by providing grants to students who are deemed to be able to benefit from the grant and advance their career in accountancy. Applicants for grants are selected by the ACCA Team who will review the applications and look for areas as to how the award will inspire the recipient to make positive contributions to their career, community and the accounting profession in general.

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Risk management

The Trustee has examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Trust faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks. The Trust generates income from CPD courses which are becoming more and more freely available online and there is a risk of lower future revenues from this source if participants decide to pursue CPD activities via a different route.

Achievements and performance

As noted above, previous activities carried out by the Trust have now been fully transferred to other ACCA group companies, and as such the level of activities has been greatly reduced.

The Trust awarded 20 (2024: 25) Simpson Scholarships to ACCA students which amounted to £10,107 (2024: £8,911). There were no ACCA Scholarship awards in the year (2024: no awards).

Public benefit

In setting the objectives and planning the activities the Trustee has considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The Trust provides scholarships to ACCA students whereby their fees and subscriptions are funded from the Scholarship funds. The provision of the education allows the beneficiary to further advance their career. In addition, ACCA's contributions to global economic, financial and regulatory policy-making are founded upon a strong belief in the reality of the "public interest" and the need to advance the transparency and ethical basis of both business and corporate reporting. The Trust's educational courses assist the beneficiary in understanding how they can contribute to this. The Trust therefore meets the public benefit requirement by providing the means to advance education in accountancy and related subjects for beneficiaries throughout the UK, including Scotland, and those beneficiaries do not need to be ACCA members or students.

Plans for the future

The aim of the Trust is to continue to support ACCA members and students throughout their careers in accounting, business and finance. It developed the certificate offerings for its members so that they can continue their professional development and create more job opportunities for themselves, however as noted above these activities have been transferred to another ACCA group company.

The Trust is currently looking at various options as to how it can develop the offering of further charitable activities. The Trust will continue to embrace digital technology and provide the necessary media and forums to allow ACCA to engage more effectively with members and students. The Trust also looks forward to awarding further scholarships to ACCA students under both the ACCA Scholarship and Simpson Scholarship Funds in the forthcoming year.

Fundraising

The Trust does not actively fundraise and has not employed any third party to fundraise on its behalf. As such the Trust is not a member of the Fundraising Regulator.

Key management personnel remuneration

The Trustee considers that the Chief Executive of ACCA and that organisation's Executive Board as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity on a day-to-day basis. Those personnel are remunerated by ACCA and there are no direct salary costs incurred by the Trust. The Trustee gives of its time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. There are no trustee expenses.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Reference and administrative information

Corporate Trustee

The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited

Directors of Corporate Trustee

Helen Brand

Raymond Jack

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Principal Banker

Barclays Bank plc, Aurora, 1st Floor, 120 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, G2 7JT

Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and the regulations made thereunder, requires the Trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of the incoming resources and application of the resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Trust for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in business.

The Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Trust's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the trust deed. The Trustee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustee is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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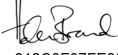
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Auditor

The Trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any information needed by the Trust's auditor for the purposes of their audit and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information. The Trustee is not aware of any relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware.

Saffery LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to re-appoint them will be proposed in accordance with section 146 of the Charities Act at the annual general meeting.

By order of the Trustee

Signed by:

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Helen J Brand
Director of The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited
Date: 18 December 2025

THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Notes				
Income				
<i>Donations</i>				
2 Donations from ACCA	—	1,887	1,887	1,740
Total donations	—	1,887	1,887	1,740
<i>Income from charitable activities:</i>				
Technical and professional education	—	—	—	111
Career promotion, student activities and advertising	—	—	—	28,000
<i>Other income</i>				
Income from Investments	—	4,469	4,469	3,869
Inter-group interest	290,302	—	290,302	264,677
Total income	290,302	6,356	296,658	298,397
Expenditure				
3 <i>Expenditure on charitable activities:</i>				
Education	12,489	—	12,489	32,049
Careers promotion and student activities	32,000	11,994	43,994	28,651
Shared services	25,606	—	25,606	16,345
Total expenditure	70,095	11,994	82,089	77,045
Net gains on investments	—	9,578	9,578	4,001
Net income and net movement in funds	220,207	3,940	224,147	225,353
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds at 1 April	6,222,517	216,367	6,438,884	6,213,531
Total funds at 31 March	6,442,724	220,307	6,663,031	6,438,884

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The accompanying notes to the financial statements, on pages 10 to 18, are an integral part of this statement.

THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

		31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Notes			
	Fixed assets		
8	Investments	67,020	57,442
		<u>67,020</u>	<u>57,442</u>
	Current assets		
9	Debtors	6,571,060	6,359,149
	Cash at bank	61,641	55,113
		<u>6,632,701</u>	<u>6,414,262</u>
10	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>36,690</u>	<u>32,820</u>
	Net current assets	<u>6,596,011</u>	<u>6,381,442</u>
	Net assets	<u><u>6,663,031</u></u>	<u><u>6,438,884</u></u>
	Funds		
11	Unrestricted	6,442,724	6,222,517
12	Restricted	220,307	216,367
		<u><u>6,663,031</u></u>	<u><u>6,438,884</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee on 18 December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:



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Helen J Brand

Director of The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Notes		
13 Net cash generated/(used) in operating activities	2,059	(27,866)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest and dividends	4,469	3,869
Net cash provided by investing activities	4,469	3,869
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	6,528	(23,997)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	55,113	79,110
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	61,641	55,113

The accompanying notes to the financial statements, on pages 10 to 18, are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies are considered material in relation to the Trust's financial statements:

(a) *Basis of preparation*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed asset investments at market value, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

(b) *Critical accounting estimates and judgements*

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenditure during the reporting period. Although these estimates are based on the Trustee's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results ultimately may differ from those estimates.

The estimates and assumptions which have the most significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities relate to the recognition of income. The Trustee is comfortable that management has the appropriate processes in place to ensure that income is recognised in the correct period.

(c) *Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis*

The Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. In arriving at this conclusion the Trustee considered any ongoing impact of Covid-19 on the Trust and the letter of financial support it received from its ultimate parent, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

ACCA and the Trust's revenue streams were significantly impacted by Covid-19, however as the world has recovered, revenue expectations are almost back to pre-Covid levels. ACCA has stress tested various scenarios on their ability to operate and have approved the use of new technologies and a new 3-year budget. Under the various scenarios identified, ACCA would still be able to operate and provide any support required to the Trust for a period of 12 months after the signing of the financial statements.

The Trust has a debtor of £6.6 million (2024: £6.3 million) due from its parent company, ACCA, at 31 March 2025. ACCA has confirmed to the Trustee that it would settle this debtor on demand should it be requested to do so and has the resources to enable it to repay.

At the time of approving the financial statements the Trustee has a reasonable expectation that the Trust will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and that there are no material uncertainties about its ability to continue as a going concern.

(d) *Income recognition*

All income is recognised once the Trust has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be recovered and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability. Donations are recognised when receivable.

(e) *Expenditure recognition*

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies (continued)

(f) *Foreign currencies*

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate in operation on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate in operation at the balance sheet date. All revaluation differences and realised foreign exchange differences are taken to the statement of financial activities.

(g) *Charitable activities*

Costs of charitable activities include the provision of educational courses to ACCA members, promotion of the ACCA qualifications and an apportionment of support and governance costs as shown in notes 3 and 4.

(h) *Allocation of support and governance costs*

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs relating to statutory audit and professional fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs. Support costs relate to staff costs incurred by ACCA in pursuance of the Trust's charitable activities. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in notes 4 and 5.

(i) *Operating leases*

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(j) *Fixed asset investments*

Fixed asset investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price.

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investment in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market value, using the bid price. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost (that is their transaction value).

(k) *Realised and unrealised gains and losses*

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase price if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year-end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(l) *Cash at bank and in hand*

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

(m) *Funds: Unrestricted and restricted funds*

The unrestricted general funds represent the amounts retained to ensure the continuing charitable activities of the Trust.

The restricted funds represent funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by the donors. The purpose of the unrestricted funds and use of the restricted funds are set out in the report of the Trustee.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies (continued)

(n) *Grant-making*

Grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the Trustee has agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the Trust.

(o) *Financial instruments*

Financial instruments recognised in the balance sheet include cash and cash equivalents, available-for-sale investments, receivables and prepayments and trade and other payables. Financial instruments are initially valued at fair value. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires.

The Trust assesses at each balance sheet date whether a financial asset is impaired. Where a financial asset shows an indicator of impairment, it is tested to assess whether it should be specifically impaired. The recoverable amounts of financial assets are calculated by discounting the estimated future cash flows using the original effective interest rate. Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying value, an impairment loss is recognised. Subsequent to recognising that impairment, the impairment may be recovered if an event occurred that reverses the impairment indicator.

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial instruments are measured as set out below.

Trade receivables

Trade receivables are carried at original invoice amount less provision made for impairment of these receivables. A provision for impairment of trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the carrying amount and the recoverable amount, being the present value of expected cash flows.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the balance sheet at cost. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand or bank overdraft and short-term investments and are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

Trade and other payables

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price and other financial liabilities are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Gains and losses

All gains or losses on financial assets and liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial activities, including unrealised and realised gains or losses on investments.

Inter-group debtors

The inter-group debtor is stated at its fair value. The balance between ACCA and CAET is considered to be a trading debtor as transactions occur throughout the year. There are no repayment terms but the balance would be repaid on demand if requested.

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	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
2 Analysis of donations from ACCA		
Support cost donations	<u>1,887</u>	<u>1,740</u>

3 Analysis of charitable expenditure

The charity undertakes its charitable activities through the provision of educational courses to ACCA members, promotion of the ACCA qualifications, and from the provision of shared services to allow it and ACCA to operate to pursue ACCA's vision in becoming the number one professional accountancy body in providing accountants which the world needs.

Year ended 31 March 2025

	Direct costs £	Support and governance costs £	31 March 2025 £
Education – Educational courses and certificates	4,489	8,000	12,489
Careers promotion and student activities	10,107	33,887	43,994
Shared services	14,461	11,145	25,606
	<u>29,057</u>	<u>53,032</u>	<u>82,089</u>

Year ended 31 March 2024

	Direct costs £	Support and governance costs £	31 March 2024 £
Education – Educational courses and certificates	14,049	18,000	32,049
Careers promotion and student activities	8,911	19,740	28,651
Shared services	—	16,345	16,345
	<u>22,960</u>	<u>54,085</u>	<u>77,045</u>

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4 Allocation of governance and support costs

The breakdown of support costs and how these were allocated between governance and other support costs is shown in the table below.

Cost type	Basis of apportionment	Other support costs £	Governance related £	31 March 2025 £
Staff costs	Staff time	29,887	12,000	41,887
Office costs	Work done	—	11,145	11,145
		<u>29,887</u>	<u>23,145</u>	<u>53,032</u>

Cost type	Basis of apportionment	Other support costs £	Governance related £	31 March 2024 £
Staff costs	Staff time	29,740	8,000	37,740
Office costs	Work done	—	16,345	16,345
		<u>29,740</u>	<u>24,345</u>	<u>54,085</u>

Allocation on staff time is based on the staff costs accounted for by ACCA with regards to the time spent within each area of charitable activity.

5 Analysis of governance costs

	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Staff costs	12,000	8,000
Auditors' remuneration	12,090	16,695
Auditors' remuneration – prior year	(945)	(350)
	<u>23,145</u>	<u>24,345</u>

The Trustee has decided to meet all governance costs from unrestricted funds and so no allocation or charge is made to restricted funds for any governance related costs.

6 Salaries and related costs

	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
The costs of employing support staff during the year were as follows:		
Management charge	40,000	36,000
	<u>40,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>

The Trust has no employees. The management charge represents management's best estimate of the cost of ACCA staff time on CAET activities during the year. No employees received remuneration in excess of £60,000.

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7 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £
Income			
<i>Donations</i>			
Donations from ACCA	—	1,740	1,740
Total donations	—	1,740	1,740
<i>Income from charitable activities:</i>			
Technical and professional education	111	—	111
Career promotion, student activities and advertising	28,000	—	28,000
<i>Other income</i>			
Income from Investments	—	3,869	3,869
Inter-group interest	264,677	—	264,677
Total income	292,788	5,609	298,397
Expenditure			
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities:</i>			
Education	32,049	—	32,049
Careers promotion and student activities	18,000	10,651	28,651
Shared services	16,345	—	16,345
Total expenditure	66,394	10,651	77,045
Net gains on investments	—	4,001	4,001
Net income and net movement in funds	226,394	(1,041)	225,353
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds at 1 April 2023	5,996,123	217,408	6,213,531
Total funds at 31 March 2024	6,222,517	216,367	6,438,884
		31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £

8 Investments

Prize Fund investments

Cost or value at 1 April	57,442	53,441
Net unrealised investment gains	9,578	4,001
Market value at 31 March	67,020	57,442
Historical cost at 31 March	3,157	3,157

Investments at market value

Temple Bar Investment Trust PLC	44,025	36,075
Royal Dutch Shell B shares	22,995	21,367
Total	67,020	57,442

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	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
9 Debtors		
Trade and other debtors	5,947	539
Amounts due from ACCA	6,565,113	6,347,119
Prepayments and accrued income	—	832
Other taxation and social security costs	—	10,659
	<u>6,571,060</u>	<u>6,359,149</u>
10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Trade and other creditors	16,231	375
Accruals and deferred income	20,150	32,445
Other taxation and social security costs	309	—
	<u>36,690</u>	<u>32,820</u>

Trade and other payables principally comprise amounts outstanding for trade purchases and ongoing costs. The normal payment terms are within 30 days. Payment terms may exceed 30 days where the contract provides for extended terms.

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

Year ended 31 March 2025	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Investments	—	67,020	67,020
Cash at bank	4,938	56,703	61,641
Current assets	6,474,476	96,584	6,571,060
Current liabilities and provisions	(36,690)	—	(36,690)
	<u>6,442,724</u>	<u>220,307</u>	<u>6,663,031</u>
Year ended 31 March 2024	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Investments	—	57,442	57,442
Cash at bank	2,880	52,233	55,113
Current assets	6,252,457	106,692	6,359,149
Current liabilities and provisions	(32,820)	—	(32,820)
	<u>6,222,517</u>	<u>216,367</u>	<u>6,438,884</u>

The unrestricted funds represent the amounts retained to ensure the continuing charitable activities of the Trust. The restricted funds represent the amounts retained for the Simpson Scholarship Fund, the ACCA Scholarship Fund and the Prize Fund (see note 12).

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12 Movement in restricted funds

	Simpson Scholarship Fund £	ACCA Scholarship Fund £	Prize Fund £	Total £
At 1 April 2023	38,648	61,721	117,039	217,408
Incoming resources	1,849	—	2,020	3,869
Support costs donated	1,740	—	—	1,740
Resources expended	(10,651)	—	—	(10,651)
Unrealised investment gains	—	—	4,001	4,001
	<u>31,586</u>	<u>61,721</u>	<u>123,060</u>	<u>216,367</u>
At 1 April 2024	31,586	61,721	123,060	216,367
Incoming resources	1,800	—	2,669	4,469
Support costs donated	1,887	—	—	1,887
Resources expended	(11,994)	—	—	(11,994)
Unrealised investment gains	—	—	9,578	9,578
	<u>23,279</u>	<u>61,721</u>	<u>135,307</u>	<u>220,307</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>23,279</u>	<u>61,721</u>	<u>135,307</u>	<u>220,307</u>

13 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flows from operating activities

	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Net incoming resources	224,147	225,353
Gains on investments	(9,578)	(4,001)
Dividends and interest from investments	(4,469)	(3,869)
Increase in debtors	(211,911)	(204,128)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	3,870	(41,221)
	<u>2,059</u>	<u>(27,866)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>2,059</u>	<u>(27,866)</u>

14 Related party transactions

The Trust exists to promote the ACCA qualification among potential students and to provide ACCA students with publications, courses and careers information. ACCA also collects certain income and pays certain expenditure on behalf of the Trust and there may therefore, at any time, be a balance outstanding between the Trust and ACCA (see note 9).

Interest of £290,302 (2024: £264,677) on the inter-group debt due from ACCA was charged to ACCA during the year.

The costs of ACCA staff engaged in Trust activities is shown under Education and Careers Promotion and student activities costs. The costs have been billed to the Trust by way of a management charge of £40,000 (2024: £36,000).

	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Income		
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	<u>290,302</u>	<u>264,677</u>
Purchases		
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	<u>40,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>

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15 Reconciliation of net debt

	1 April 2024	Cashflows	31 March 2025
	£	£	£
Cash	55,113	6,528	61,641
Total	55,113	6,528	61,641

16 Trustee remuneration

The Trustee did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year (2024: £nil).

17 Ultimate parent

ACCA is the ultimate parent of the Corporate Trustee and the Trust. ACCA is incorporated under Royal Charter with registration number RC000732. The Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025 are available from ACCA's office at The Adelphi, 1-11 John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6AU.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Certified Accountants Educational Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement, and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustee with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustee is responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information; we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in respect of which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustee's Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept proper and sufficient accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the Trustee

As explained more fully in the Trustee's Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, the Trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustee is responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustee either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with regulations made under those Acts.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are detailed below.

Identifying and assessing risks related to irregularities:

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with the Trustee, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We evaluated possible incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements. We identified laws and regulations that are of significance in the context of the charity by discussions with the Trustee and updating our understanding of the sector in which the charity operates.

Laws and regulations of direct significance in the context of the charity include the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and guidance issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST (continued)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

Audit response to risks identified:

We considered the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items including a review of financial statement disclosures. We reviewed the charity's records of breaches of laws and regulations, minutes of meetings and correspondence with relevant authorities to identify potential material misstatements arising. We discussed the charity's policies and procedures for compliance with laws and regulations with members of management responsible for compliance.

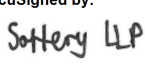
During the planning meeting with the audit team, the engagement partner drew attention to the key areas which might involve non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud. We enquired of management whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud. We addressed the risk of fraud through management override of controls by testing the appropriateness of journal entries and identifying any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business. We assessed whether judgements made in making accounting estimates gave rise to a possible indication of management bias. At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustee, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustee those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the Trustee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Date: 18 December 2025

Saffery LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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**THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS
EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**(REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 313219)
(REGISTERED WITH OSCR SC039200)**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustee submits its annual report and financial statements of the charity (Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

Structure, governance and management

The Trust was established by Trust Deed on 13 December 1972. Its principal object is the advancement of education in accountancy, financial management and related subjects. Its other objects are the support of individuals studying such subjects and the awarding of prizes in connection with ACCA examinations. There is also a general power to do any other things conducive to the principal object.

The Trust is registered by the Charity Commission for England and Wales, registration number 313219 and by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, registration number SC039200. Its sole Trustee since establishment has been, and continues to be, The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited, a company wholly owned by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). New trustees can be elected at the Annual General Meeting if appropriate.

Helen Brand and Raymond Jack were directors of the corporate Trustee for the whole of the year. The directors of the corporate Trustee meet once a year to approve the annual financial statements. ACCA's Accountancy Futures Academy identifies and explores issues of major significance for the global accountancy profession and informs ACCA's research and insights by developing a network of high-level contributors to ACCA's work. ACCA's Council Board meets six times a year and has oversight over all of ACCA activities. This includes the review of the provision of Post Professional Qualifications.

ACCA's Chief Executive and Executive Board are responsible for the management of the Trust and they delegate the day-to-day responsibilities of organising post professional qualification courses, publishing of educational content, dealing with research grant applications and the financial administration of the Trust to the appropriate ACCA employees.

The Memorandum and Articles of the Corporate Trustee provide for a minimum of two and a maximum of seven directors to be appointed. In practice two directors are in post at any time and consist of the Chief Executive of ACCA and an officer or immediate Past President of ACCA.

The Trust has developed a Trustee Induction pack for the directors of the Corporate Trustee, which includes a copy of the Trust Deed, the last three years' financial statements, recent minutes and a copy of the Charity Commission guidance 'The Essential Trustee'. Training needs will be identified and where appropriate training will be arranged for those directors.

Objectives and activities

The policies adopted by the Trustee to further the objects of the Trust have been, and continue to be, to promote the ACCA qualification among potential students, to provide ACCA students with access to scholarships and provide opportunities for post professional qualifications via online education. Following a reorganisation of activities with the ACCA group over the last couple of years, the Trust's main activities during the year related to the provision of the Simpson Scholarship Fund whereby the Trust pays for the costs of ACCA fees and subscriptions for Simpson Scholarship winners. Activities such as educational publications, online certificates, the digitalised magazine called *Student Accountant*, the award of research grants and the provision of conferences and courses for ACCA members are now carried out by other ACCA group companies. The Trustee is considering various options as to develop other sources of charitable activities.

ACCA bears certain central overheads on behalf of the Trust, however the Trust is not significantly dependent on the services of volunteers or on donations in kind.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

The Trust's funds comprise unrestricted funds and three restricted funds. The Simpson Scholarship Fund was established by a legacy from Miss M I Simpson in November 1983 for the purpose of establishing and maintaining scholarships, such that the whole of the principal and interest may be expended within a period of 25 years from the date of the bequest following which a decision would be taken to reclassify it as unrestricted if appropriate. Applicants are required to submit an essay detailing how the award of a scholarship would help the student reach their full potential. Submissions are reviewed by a panel appointed by the Trustee and scholarships are awarded to assist payment of subscription fees and exam related costs. The Trustee has considered that it is appropriate to continue to treat the Simpson Scholarship Fund as restricted, as it is a separate charity recognised with OSCR.

In August 2013, the Trust received a donation of £100,000 which was used to set up the ACCA Scholarship Fund. The scholarships used to be awarded annually to two final year university undergraduates studying accounting and finance degrees at state-run universities in ACCA's growth markets in Africa and South Asia. By awarding the scholarships to final year undergraduates studying relevant degrees the Trust will be benefiting students who are already showing commitment to a career in accounting and finance through their choice of degree. The scholarships will cover all ACCA fees, tuition fees with an ACCA Approved Learning Provider and all study texts. Applicants have been required to submit an essay explaining how and why they would benefit from receiving the scholarship/what it would mean to receive the scholarship. Representatives from ACCA and the universities have made up the panel to award the scholarships, however activity has been low since Covid and ACCA intends to review the process for awarding the scholarship in the forthcoming year. The Trustee has considered that it is appropriate to treat the ACCA Scholarship Fund as a restricted fund.

The Prize Fund was established by an endowment and provides the funds to award prizes to students as appropriate. The Trustee has considered that it is appropriate to treat the Prize Fund as a restricted fund.

Financial review

A surplus of £225,353 arose in the year (2023: deficit £46,305). During the year, the Trust's expenditure on its charitable objects was £77,045 (2023: £678,976). This comprised direct expenditure on charitable activities of £22,960 (2023: £217,285), and support and governance costs of £54,085 (2023: £461,691). The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 are shown on pages 7 to 18. The statement of financial activities on page 7 shows the incoming resources available to the Trust and the extent to which its funds have been spent. This, together with the balance sheet on page 8, shows that the current value of the Trust's restricted and unrestricted funds is £6,438,884 (2023: £6,213,531).

The Trust's total income of £298,397 (2023: £631,073) was sufficient to meet the majority of direct charitable expenditure as well as the Trust's governance costs. Included in the income figure are donations from ACCA relating to support costs of £1,740 (2023: £1,593). Technical and professional education income of £111 (2023: £233,133) is made up of income received from the delivery of online learning.

The Trust held £55,113 (2023: £79,110) in bank balances at 31 March 2024 and, in the Trustee's opinion, both the restricted and unrestricted funds are sufficient to allow the Trust to pursue its charitable activities in the future.

Going concern

ACCA has carried out various stress tests on its ability to operate, the results of which were positive. The Trustee has received a letter of financial support from ACCA and continues to monitor the changing operational landscape and impact on assets and related income.

Reserves policy

The Trustee reviews the reserves of the charity annually. The review encompasses the nature of the income and expenditure streams and the expected donations from ACCA and its subsidiaries. The Trustee's policy is, generally, to maintain reserves at a level to be able to fund its activities, and to be able to fund any new strategic initiatives. In the light of the funding provided by ACCA, the Trustee considers that the balance of the unrestricted fund is satisfactory.

Grant making policy

The Trust has established its grant making policy to meet the objects of public benefit by providing grants to students who are deemed to be able to benefit from the grant and advance their career in accountancy. Applicants for grants are selected by the ACCA Team who will review the applications and look for areas as to how the award will inspire the recipient to make positive contributions to their career, community and the accounting profession in general.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Risk management

The Trustee has examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Trust faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks. The Trust generates income from CPD courses which are becoming more and more freely available online and there is a risk of lower future revenues from this source if participants decide to pursue CPD activities via a different route.

Achievements and performance

As noted above, previous activities carried out by the Trust have now been fully transferred to other ACCA group companies, and as such the level of activities has been greatly reduced. During the year the Trust didn't provide any certificates (2023: 7) to ACCA members or other customers.

The Trust also awarded 25 (2023: 22) Simpson Scholarships to ACCA students which amounted to £8,911 (2023: £4,600). There were no ACCA Scholarship awards in the year (2023: no awards).

Public benefit

In setting the objectives and planning the activities the Trustee has considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The Trust's principal charitable purpose is the advancement of education in accountancy, financial management and related subjects. The Trust provides educational courses which can be attended by any potential beneficiaries. There is no requirement for those beneficiaries to be members of ACCA. The Trust also provides scholarships to ACCA students whereby their fees and subscriptions are funded from the Scholarship funds. The provision of the education allows the beneficiary to further advance their career. In addition, ACCA's contributions to global economic, financial and regulatory policy-making are founded upon a strong belief in the reality of the "public interest" and the need to advance the transparency and ethical basis of both business and corporate reporting. The Trust's educational courses assist the beneficiary in understanding how they can contribute to this. The Trust therefore meets the public benefit requirement by providing the means to advance education in accountancy and related subjects for beneficiaries throughout the UK, including Scotland, and those beneficiaries do not need to be ACCA members or students.

Plans for the future

The aim of the Trust is to continue to support ACCA members and students throughout their careers in accounting, business and finance. It developed the certificate offerings for its members so that they can continue their professional development and create more job opportunities for themselves, however as noted above these activities have been transferred to another ACCA group company.

The Trust is currently looking at various options as to how it can develop the offering of further charitable activities. The Trust will continue to embrace digital technology and provide the necessary media and forums to allow ACCA to engage more effectively with members and students. The Trust also looks forward to awarding further scholarships to ACCA students under both the ACCA Scholarship and Simpson Scholarship Funds in the forthcoming year.

Fundraising

The Trust does not actively fundraise and has not employed any third party to fundraise on its behalf. As such the Trust is not a member of the Fundraising Regulator.

Key management personnel remuneration

The Trustee considers that the Chief Executive of ACCA and that organisation's Executive Board as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity on a day-to-day basis. Those personnel are remunerated by ACCA and there are no direct salary costs incurred by the Trust. The Trustee gives of its time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. There are no trustee expenses.

THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Reference and administrative information

Corporate Trustee

The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited

Directors of Corporate Trustee

Helen Brand

Raymond Jack

Principal Office

110 Queen Street, Glasgow, G1 3BX

Independent Auditor

Saffery LLP, Westpoint, Peterborough Business Park, Lynch Wood, Peterborough, PE2 6FZ

Principal Banker

Barclays Bank plc, Aurora, 1st Floor, 120 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, G2 7JT

Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and the regulations made thereunder, requires the Trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of the incoming resources and application of the resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Trust for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in business.

The Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Trust's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the trust deed. The Trustee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustee is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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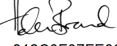
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Auditor

The Trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any information needed by the Trust's auditor for the purposes of their audit and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information. The Trustee is not aware of any relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware.

Saffery LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to re-appoint them will be proposed in accordance with section 146 of the Charities Act at the annual general meeting.

By order of the Trustee

Signed by:

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Helen J Brand
Director of The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited
Date: 01 September 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Notes				
Income				
<i>Donations</i>				
2 Donations from ACCA	—	1,740	1,740	1,593
Total donations	—	1,740	1,740	1,593
<i>Income from charitable activities:</i>				
Technical and professional education	111	—	111	233,133
Career promotion, student activities and advertising	28,000	—	28,000	59,000
Qualifications development	—	—	—	21,625
<i>Other income</i>				
Income from Investments	—	3,869	3,869	3,082
Inter-group interest	264,677	—	264,677	312,640
Total income	292,788	5,609	298,397	631,073
Expenditure				
3 <i>Expenditure on charitable activities:</i>				
Education	32,049	—	32,049	618,908
Careers promotion and student activities	18,000	10,651	28,651	37,968
Shared services	16,345	—	16,345	22,100
Total expenditure	66,394	10,651	77,045	678,976
Net gains on investments	—	4,001	4,001	1,598
Net income and net movement in funds	226,394	(1,041)	225,353	(46,305)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds at 1 April	5,996,123	217,408	6,213,531	6,259,836
Total funds at 31 March	6,222,517	216,367	6,438,884	6,213,531

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The accompanying notes to the financial statements, on pages 10 to 18, are an integral part of this statement.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		31 March 2024 £	31 March 2023 £
Notes			
	Fixed assets		
8	Investments	57,442	53,441
		<u>57,442</u>	<u>53,441</u>
	Current assets		
9	Debtors	6,359,149	6,155,021
	Cash at bank	55,113	79,110
		<u>6,414,262</u>	<u>6,234,131</u>
10	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>32,820</u>	<u>74,041</u>
	Net current assets	<u>6,381,442</u>	<u>6,160,090</u>
	Net assets	<u><u>6,438,884</u></u>	<u><u>6,213,531</u></u>
	Funds		
11	Unrestricted	6,222,517	5,996,123
12	Restricted	216,367	217,408
		<u><u>6,438,884</u></u>	<u><u>6,213,531</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee on 01 September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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Helen J Brand
 Director of The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited

The accompanying notes to the financial statements, on pages 10 to 18, are an integral part of this statement.

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31 March 2024 £	31 March 2023 £
Notes		
13 Net cash used in operating activities	(27,866)	(5,622)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest and dividends	3,869	3,082
Net cash provided by investing activities	3,869	3,082
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(23,997)	(2,540)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	79,110	81,650
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	55,113	79,110

The accompanying notes to the financial statements, on pages 10 to 18, are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies are considered material in relation to the Trust's financial statements:

(a) *Basis of preparation*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed asset investments at market value, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

(b) *Critical accounting estimates and judgements*

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenditure during the reporting period. Although these estimates are based on the Trustee's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results ultimately may differ from those estimates.

The estimates and assumptions which have the most significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities relate to the recognition of income. The Trustee is comfortable that management has the appropriate processes in place to ensure that income is recognised in the correct period.

(c) *Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis*

The Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. In arriving at this conclusion the Trustee considered any ongoing impact of Covid-19 on the Trust and the letter of financial support it received from its ultimate parent, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

ACCA and the Trust's revenue streams were significantly impacted by Covid-19, however as the world has recovered, revenue expectations are almost back to pre-Covid levels. ACCA has stress tested various scenarios on their ability to operate and have approved the use of new technologies and a new 3-year budget. Under the various scenarios identified, ACCA would still be able to operate and provide any support required to the Trust for a period of 12 months after the signing of the financial statements.

The Trust has a debtor of £6.3 million (2023: £6.0 million) due from its parent company, ACCA, at 31 March 2024. ACCA has confirmed to the Trustee that it would settle this debtor on demand should it be requested to do so and has the resources to enable it to repay.

At the time of approving the financial statements the Trustee has a reasonable expectation that the Trust will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and that there are no material uncertainties about its ability to continue as a going concern.

(d) *Income recognition*

All income is recognised once the Trust has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be recovered and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability. Donations are recognised when receivable.

(e) *Expenditure recognition*

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies (continued)

(f) *Foreign currencies*

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate in operation on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate in operation at the balance sheet date. All revaluation differences and realised foreign exchange differences are taken to the statement of financial activities.

(g) *Charitable activities*

Costs of charitable activities include the provision of educational courses to ACCA members, promotion of the ACCA qualifications and an apportionment of support and governance costs as shown in notes 3 and 4.

(h) *Allocation of support and governance costs*

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs relating to statutory audit and professional fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs. Support costs relate to staff costs incurred by ACCA in pursuance of the Trust's charitable activities. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in notes 4 and 5.

(i) *Operating leases*

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(j) *Fixed asset investments*

Fixed asset investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price.

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investment in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market value, using the bid price. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost (that is their transaction value).

(k) *Realised and unrealised gains and losses*

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase price if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year-end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(l) *Cash at bank and in hand*

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

(m) *Funds: Unrestricted and restricted funds*

The unrestricted general funds represent the amounts retained to ensure the continuing charitable activities of the Trust.

The restricted funds represent funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by the donors. The purpose of the unrestricted funds and use of the restricted funds are set out in the report of the Trustee.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies (continued)

(n) *Grant-making*

Grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the Trustee has agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the Trust.

(o) *Financial instruments*

Financial instruments recognised in the balance sheet include cash and cash equivalents, available-for-sale investments, receivables and prepayments and trade and other payables. Financial instruments are initially valued at fair value. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires.

The Trust assesses at each balance sheet date whether a financial asset is impaired. Where a financial asset shows an indicator of impairment, it is tested to assess whether it should be specifically impaired. The recoverable amounts of financial assets are calculated by discounting the estimated future cash flows using the original effective interest rate. Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying value, an impairment loss is recognised. Subsequent to recognising that impairment, the impairment may be recovered if an event occurred that reverses the impairment indicator.

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial instruments are measured as set out below.

Trade receivables

Trade receivables are carried at original invoice amount less provision made for impairment of these receivables. A provision for impairment of trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the carrying amount and the recoverable amount, being the present value of expected cash flows.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the balance sheet at cost. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand or bank overdraft and short-term investments and are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

Trade and other payables

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price and other financial liabilities are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Gains and losses

All gains or losses on financial assets and liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial activities, including unrealised and realised gains or losses on investments.

Inter-group debtors

The inter-group debtor is stated at its fair value. The balance between ACCA and CAET is considered to be a trading debtor as transactions occur throughout the year. There are no repayment terms but the balance would be repaid on demand if requested.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31 March 2024 £	31 March 2023 £
2 Analysis of donations from ACCA		
Support cost donations	<u>1,740</u>	<u>1,593</u>

3 Analysis of charitable expenditure

The charity undertakes its charitable activities through the provision of educational courses to ACCA members, promotion of the ACCA qualifications, and from the provision of shared services to allow it and ACCA to operate to pursue ACCA's vision in becoming the number one professional accountancy body in providing accountants which the world needs.

Year ended 31 March 2024

	Direct costs £	Support and governance costs £	31 March 2024 £
Education – Educational courses and certificates	14,049	18,000	32,049
Careers promotion and student activities	8,911	19,740	28,651
Shared services	—	16,345	16,345
	<u>22,960</u>	<u>54,085</u>	<u>77,045</u>

Year ended 31 March 2023

	Direct costs £	Support and governance costs £	31 March 2023 £
Education – Publications	2,940	17,520	20,460
Education – Educational courses and certificates	208,630	389,818	598,448
Careers promotion and student activities	5,715	32,253	37,968
Shared services	—	22,100	22,100
	<u>217,285</u>	<u>461,691</u>	<u>678,976</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4 Allocation of governance and support costs

The breakdown of support costs and how these were allocated between governance and other support costs is shown in the table below.

Cost type	Basis of apportionment	Other support costs £	Governance related £	31 March 2024 £
Staff costs	Staff time	29,740	8,000	37,740
Office costs	Work done	—	16,345	16,345
		<u>29,740</u>	<u>24,345</u>	<u>54,085</u>

Cost type	Basis of apportionment	Other support costs £	Governance related £	31 March 2023 £
Staff costs	Staff time	431,591	8,000	439,591
Office costs	Work done	—	22,100	22,100
		<u>431,591</u>	<u>30,100</u>	<u>461,691</u>

Allocation on staff time is based on the staff costs accounted for by ACCA with regards to the time spent within each area of charitable activity.

5 Analysis of governance costs

	31 March 2024 £	31 March 2023 £
Staff costs	8,000	8,000
Auditors' remuneration	16,695	16,100
Auditors' remuneration – prior year	(350)	6,000
	<u>24,345</u>	<u>30,100</u>

The Trustee has decided to meet all governance costs from unrestricted funds and so no allocation or charge is made to restricted funds for any governance related costs.

6 Salaries and related costs

	31 March 2024 £	31 March 2023 £
The costs of employing support staff during the year were as follows:		
Management charge	36,000	437,998
	<u>36,000</u>	<u>437,998</u>

The Trust has no employees. The management charge represents management's best estimate of the cost of ACCA staff time on CAET activities during the year. No employees received remuneration in excess of £60,000.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £
Income			
<i>Donations</i>			
Donations from ACCA	—	1,593	1,593
Total donations	—	1,593	1,593
<i>Income from charitable activities:</i>			
Technical and professional education	233,133	—	233,133
Career promotion, student activities and advertising	59,000	—	59,000
Qualifications development	21,625	—	21,625
<i>Other income</i>			
Income from Investments	—	3,082	3,082
Inter-group interest	312,640	—	312,640
Total income	626,398	4,675	631,073
Expenditure			
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities:</i>			
Education	618,908	—	618,908
Careers promotion and student activities	31,775	6,193	37,968
Shared services	22,100	—	22,100
Total expenditure	672,783	6,193	678,976
Net gains on investments	—	1,598	1,598
Net income and net movement in funds	(46,385)	80	(46,305)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds at 1 April 2022	6,042,508	217,328	6,259,836
Total funds at 31 March 2023	5,996,123	217,408	6,213,531
		31 March 2024 £	31 March 2023 £

8 Investments

Prize Fund investments

Cost or value at 1 April	53,441	51,843
Net unrealised investment gains	4,001	1,598
Market value at 31 March	57,442	53,441
Historical cost at 31 March	3,157	3,157
Investments at market value		
Temple Bar Investment Trust PLC	36,075	34,650
Royal Dutch Shell B shares	21,367	18,791
Total	57,442	53,441

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31 March 2024 £	31 March 2023 £
9 Debtors		
Trade and other debtors	539	126,514
Amounts due from ACCA	6,347,119	6,028,507
Prepayments and accrued income	832	—
Other taxation and social security costs	10,659	—
	<u>6,359,149</u>	<u>6,155,021</u>
10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Trade and other creditors	375	—
Accruals and deferred income	32,445	66,900
Other taxation and social security costs	—	7,141
	<u>32,820</u>	<u>74,041</u>

Trade and other payables principally comprise amounts outstanding for trade purchases and ongoing costs. The normal payment terms are within 30 days. Payment terms may exceed 30 days where the contract provides for extended terms.

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

Year ended 31 March 2024	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Investments	—	57,442	57,442
Cash at bank	2,880	52,233	55,113
Current assets	6,252,457	106,692	6,359,149
Current liabilities and provisions	(32,820)	—	(32,820)
	<u>6,222,517</u>	<u>216,367</u>	<u>6,438,884</u>
Year ended 31 March 2023	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Investments	—	53,441	53,441
Cash at bank	8,490	70,620	79,110
Current assets	6,061,674	93,347	6,155,021
Current liabilities and provisions	(74,041)	—	(74,041)
	<u>5,996,123</u>	<u>217,408</u>	<u>6,213,531</u>

The unrestricted funds represent the amounts retained to ensure the continuing charitable activities of the Trust. The restricted funds represent the amounts retained for the Simpson Scholarship Fund, the ACCA Scholarship Fund and the Prize Fund (see note 12).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

12 Movement in restricted funds

	Simpson Scholarship Fund £	ACCA Scholarship Fund £	Prize Fund £	Total £
At 1 April 2022	42,294	61,721	113,313	217,328
Incoming resources	954	—	2,128	3,082
Support costs donated	1,593	—	—	1,593
Resources expended	(6,193)	—	—	(6,193)
Unrealised investment gains	—	—	1,598	1,598
At 1 April 2023	38,648	61,721	117,039	217,408
Incoming resources	1,849	—	2,020	3,869
Support costs donated	1,740	—	—	1,740
Resources expended	(10,651)	—	—	(10,651)
Unrealised investment gains	—	—	4,001	4,001
At 31 March 2024	31,586	61,721	123,060	216,367

13 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flows from operating activities

	31 March 2024 £	31 March 2023 £
Net incoming resources	225,353	(46,305)
Gains on investments	(4,001)	(1,598)
Dividends and interest from investments	(3,869)	(3,082)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(204,128)	78,628
Decrease in creditors	(41,221)	(33,265)
Net cash used in operating activities	(27,866)	(5,622)

14 Related party transactions

The Trust exists to promote the ACCA qualification among potential students and to provide ACCA students with publications, courses and careers information. ACCA also collects certain income and pays certain expenditure on behalf of the Trust and there may therefore, at any time, be a balance outstanding between the Trust and ACCA (see note 10).

Interest of £264,677 (2023: £312,640) on the inter-group debt due from ACCA was charged to ACCA during the year.

The costs of ACCA staff engaged in Trust activities is shown under Education and Careers Promotion and student activities costs. The costs have been billed to the Trust by way of a management charge of £36,000 (2023: £437,998).

	31 March 2024 £	31 March 2023 £
Income		
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	264,677	312,640
Purchases		
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	36,000	437,998

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

15 Reconciliation of net debt

	1 April 2023	Cashflows	31 March 2024
	£	£	£
Cash	79,110	(23,997)	55,113
Total	79,110	(23,997)	55,113

16 Trustee remuneration

The Trustee did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year (2023: £nil).

17 Ultimate parent

ACCA is the ultimate parent of the Corporate Trustee and the Trust. ACCA is incorporated under Royal Charter with registration number RC000732. The Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024 are available from ACCA's office at The Adelphi, 1-11 John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6AU.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Certified Accountants Educational Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement, and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustee with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustee is responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information; we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in respect of which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustee's Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept proper and sufficient accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the Trustee

As explained more fully in the Trustee's Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, the Trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustee is responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustee either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with regulations made under those Acts.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are detailed below.

Identifying and assessing risks related to irregularities:

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with the Trustee, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We evaluated possible incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements. We identified laws and regulations that are of significance in the context of the charity by discussions with the Trustee and updating our understanding of the sector in which the charity operates.

Laws and regulations of direct significance in the context of the charity include the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and guidance issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST (continued)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

Audit response to risks identified:

We considered the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items including a review of financial statement disclosures. We reviewed the charity's records of breaches of laws and regulations, minutes of meetings and correspondence with relevant authorities to identify potential material misstatements arising. We discussed the charity's policies and procedures for compliance with laws and regulations with members of management responsible for compliance.

During the planning meeting with the audit team, the engagement partner drew attention to the key areas which might involve non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud. We enquired of management whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud. We addressed the risk of fraud through management override of controls by testing the appropriateness of journal entries and identifying any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business. We assessed whether judgements made in making accounting estimates gave rise to a possible indication of management bias. At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustee, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustee those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the Trustee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Statutory Auditors

Date: 01 September 2025

Saffery LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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England & Wales - Charity number 313219

Accounts

**THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS
EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**(REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 313219)
(REGISTERED WITH OSCR SC039200)**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustee submits its annual report and financial statements of the charity (Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

Structure, governance and management

The Trust was established by Trust Deed on 13 December 1972. Its principal object is the advancement of education in accountancy, financial management and related subjects. Its other objects are the support of individuals studying such subjects and the awarding of prizes in connection with ACCA examinations. There is also a general power to do any other things conducive to the principal object.

The Trust is registered by the Charity Commission for England and Wales, registration number 313219 and by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, registration number SC039200. Its sole Trustee since establishment has been, and continues to be, The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited, a company wholly owned by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). New trustees can be elected at the Annual General Meeting if appropriate.

Helen Brand and Raymond Jack were directors of the corporate Trustee for the whole of the year. The directors of the corporate Trustee meet once a year to approve the annual financial statements. ACCA's Accountancy Futures Academy identifies and explores issues of major significance for the global accountancy profession and informs ACCA's research and insights by developing a network of high-level contributors to ACCA's work. ACCA's Council Board meets six times a year and has oversight over all of ACCA activities. This includes the review of the provision of Post Professional Qualifications.

ACCA's Chief Executive and Executive Board are responsible for the management of the Trust and they delegate the day-to-day responsibilities of organising post professional qualification courses, publishing of educational content, dealing with research grant applications and the financial administration of the Trust to the appropriate ACCA employees.

The Memorandum and Articles of the Corporate Trustee provide for a minimum of two and a maximum of seven directors to be appointed. In practice two directors are in post at any time and consist of the Chief Executive of ACCA and an officer or immediate Past President of ACCA.

The Trust has developed a Trustee Induction pack for the directors of the Corporate Trustee, which includes a copy of the Trust Deed, the last three years' financial statements, recent minutes and a copy of the Charity Commission guidance 'The Essential Trustee'. Training needs will be identified and where appropriate training will be arranged for those directors.

Objectives and activities

The policies adopted by the Trustee to further the objects of the Trust have been, and continue to be, to promote the ACCA qualification among potential students, to provide ACCA students with access to scholarships and provide opportunities for post professional qualifications via online education. Following a reorganization of activities with the ACCA group over the last couple of years, the Trust's main activities during the year related to the provision of post professional qualifications in the way of online certificates. Activities such as educational publications, the digitalised magazine called *Student Accountant*, the award of research grants and the provision of conferences and courses for ACCA members are now carried out by other ACCA group companies. During the year, the decision was made to transfer the provision of post professional qualifications to another ACCA Group company and the level of services provided by the Trust had been vastly reduced by the year-end. The Trustee is considering various options as to develop other sources of charitable activities.

ACCA bears certain central overheads on behalf of the Trust, however the Trust is not significantly dependent on the services of volunteers or on donations in kind.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

The Trust's funds comprise unrestricted funds and three restricted funds. The Simpson Scholarship Fund was established by a legacy from Miss M I Simpson in November 1983 for the purpose of establishing and maintaining scholarships, such that the whole of the principal and interest may be expended within a period of 25 years from the date of the bequest following which a decision would be taken to reclassify it as unrestricted if appropriate. Applicants are required to submit an essay detailing how the award of a scholarship would help the student reach their full potential. Submissions are reviewed by a panel appointed by the Trustee and scholarships are awarded to assist payment of subscription fees and exam related costs. The Trustee has considered that it is appropriate to continue to treat the Simpson Scholarship Fund as restricted, as it is a separate charity recognised with OSCR.

In August 2013, the Trust received a donation of £100,000 which was used to set up the ACCA Scholarship Fund. The scholarships used to be awarded annually to two final year university undergraduates studying accounting and finance degrees at state-run universities in ACCA's growth markets in Africa and South Asia. By awarding the scholarships to final year undergraduates studying relevant degrees the Trust will be benefiting students who are already showing commitment to a career in accounting and finance through their choice of degree. The scholarships will cover all ACCA fees, tuition fees with an ACCA Approved Learning Provider and all study texts. Applicants have been required to submit an essay explaining how and why they would benefit from receiving the scholarship/what it would mean to receive the scholarship. Representatives from ACCA and the universities have made up the panel to award the scholarships, however activity has been low since Covid and ACCA intends to review the process for awarding the scholarship in the forthcoming year. The Trustee has considered that it is appropriate to treat the ACCA Scholarship Fund as a restricted fund.

The Prize Fund was established by an endowment and provides the funds to award prizes to students as appropriate. The Trustee has considered that it is appropriate to treat the Prize Fund as a restricted fund.

Financial review

A deficit of £46,305 arose in the year (2022: surplus £214,040). During the year, the Trust's expenditure on its charitable objects was £678,976 (2022: £910,827). This comprised direct expenditure on charitable activities of £217,285 (2022: £561,265), and support and governance costs of £461,691 (2022: £349,562). The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 are shown on pages 7 to 19. The statement of financial activities on page 7 shows the incoming resources available to the Trust and the extent to which its funds have been spent. This, together with the balance sheet on page 8, shows that the current value of the Trust's restricted and unrestricted funds is £6,213,531 (2022: £6,259,836).

The Trust's total income of £631,073 (2022: £1,118,151) was sufficient to meet the majority of direct charitable expenditure as well as the Trust's governance costs. Included in the income figure are donations from ACCA relating to support costs of £1,593 (2022: £1,235). Technical and professional education income of £233,133 (2022: £744,360) is made up of income received from the delivery of online learning.

The Trust held £79,110 (2022: £81,650) in bank balances at 31 March 2023 and, in the Trustee's opinion, both the restricted and unrestricted funds are sufficient to allow the Trust to pursue its charitable activities in the future.

Going concern

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the operations of all entities globally and in particular on the activities of charities. In common with other charities, the Trust and ACCA itself have had to review their business models and this has led to the continual development of online activities. Online activities have become more of the norm and the Trust's main activities of providing online learning has been successful as users see the increasing benefits. ACCA has carried out various stress tests on its ability to operate, the results of which were positive. The Trustee continues to monitor the changing operational landscape and impact on assets and related income.

Reserves policy

The Trustee reviews the reserves of the charity annually. The review encompasses the nature of the income and expenditure streams and the expected donations from ACCA and its subsidiaries. The Trustee's policy is, generally, to maintain reserves at a level to be able to fund its activities, and to be able to fund any new strategic initiatives. In the light of the funding provided by ACCA, the Trustee considers that the balance of the unrestricted fund is satisfactory.

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Grant making policy

The Trust has established its grant making policy to meet the objects of public benefit by providing grants to students who are deemed to be able to benefit from the grant and advance their career in accountancy. Applicants for grants are selected by the ACCA Team who will review the applications and look for areas as to how the award will inspire the recipient to make positive contributions to their career, community and the accounting profession in general.

Risk management

The Trustee has examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Trust faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks. The Trust generates income from CPD courses which are becoming more and more freely available online and there is a risk of lower future revenues from this source if participants decide to pursue CPD activities via a different route.

Achievements and performance

During the year, the Trust provided 7 different certificates (2022: 9) to ACCA members and other customers. More and more people turned to online education during the Covid-19 pandemic and the Trust has continued to see the demand from customers. However as lockdowns are no longer in place, there has been a gradual return to normality and there has been a fall in revenue as customers revert back to face-to-face training. In addition the provision of online certificates was transferred to another ACCA group company during the year. Nevertheless the Trust is satisfied with the results.

The Trust also awarded 22 (2022: 22) Simpson Scholarships to ACCA students which amounted to £4,600 (2022: £9,548). There were no ACCA Scholarship awards in the year (2022: 1 award of £129).

Public benefit

In setting the objectives and planning the activities the Trustee has considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The Trust's principal charitable purpose is the advancement of education in accountancy, financial management and related subjects. The Trust provides educational courses which can be attended by any potential beneficiaries. There is no requirement for those beneficiaries to be members of ACCA. The Trust also provides scholarships to ACCA students whereby their fees and subscriptions are funded from the Scholarship funds. The provision of the education allows the beneficiary to further advance their career. In addition, ACCA's contributions to global economic, financial and regulatory policy-making are founded upon a strong belief in the reality of the "public interest" and the need to advance the transparency and ethical basis of both business and corporate reporting. The Trust's educational courses assist the beneficiary in understanding how they can contribute to this. The Trust therefore meets the public benefit requirement by providing the means to advance education in accountancy and related subjects for beneficiaries throughout the UK, including Scotland, and those beneficiaries do not need to be ACCA members or students.

Plans for the future

The aim of the Trust is to continue to support ACCA members and students throughout their careers in accounting, business and finance. It developed the certificate offerings for its members so that they can continue their professional development and create more job opportunities for themselves, however as noted above these activities have been transferred to another ACCA group company.

The Trust is currently looking at various options as to how it can develop the offering of further charitable activities. The Trust will continue to embrace digital technology and provide the necessary media and forums to allow ACCA to engage more effectively with members and students. The Trust also looks forward to awarding further scholarships to ACCA students under both the ACCA Scholarship and Simpson Scholarship Funds in the forthcoming year.

Fundraising

The Trust does not actively fundraise and has not employed any third party to fundraise on its behalf. As such the Trust is not a member of the Fundraising Regulator.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Reference and administrative information

Corporate Trustee

The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited

Directors of Corporate Trustee

Helen Brand

Raymond Jack

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Independent Auditor

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Principal Banker

Barclays Bank plc, Aurora, 1st Floor, 120 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, G2 7JT

Key management personnel remuneration

The Trustee considers that the Chief Executive of ACCA and that organisation's Executive Board as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity on a day-to-day basis. Those personnel are remunerated by ACCA and there are no direct salary costs incurred by the Trust. The Trustee gives of its time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. There are no trustee expenses.

Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and the regulations made thereunder, requires the Trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of the incoming resources and application of the resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Trust for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in business.

The Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Trust's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the trust deed. The Trustee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustee is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Auditor

The Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any information needed by the Fund's auditor for the purposes of their audit and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information. The Trustees are not aware of any relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware.

Saffery LLP was appointed as auditor during the year and has expressed their willingness to continue in office. The Fund is most grateful for Saffery LLP's support and a resolution to re-appoint them will be proposed in accordance with section 146 of the Charities Act at the annual general meeting.

By order of the Trustee

Signed by:

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Helen J Brand
Director of The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited

Date: 14 November 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Notes				
Income				
<i>Donations</i>				
2 Donations from ACCA	—	1,593	1,593	1,235
Other donations	—	—	—	1,505
	<u>—</u>	<u>1,593</u>	<u>1,593</u>	<u>2,740</u>
Total donations	—	1,593	1,593	2,740
<i>Income from charitable activities:</i>				
Technical and professional education	233,133	—	233,133	744,360
Career promotion, student activities and advertising	59,000	—	59,000	39,600
Qualifications development	21,625	—	21,625	153,454
<i>Other income</i>				
Income from Investments	—	3,082	3,082	1,725
Inter-group interest	312,640	—	312,640	176,272
	<u>626,398</u>	<u>4,675</u>	<u>631,073</u>	<u>1,118,151</u>
Total income	626,398	4,675	631,073	1,118,151
Expenditure				
3 <i>Expenditure on charitable activities:</i>				
Education	618,908	—	618,908	853,994
Research	—	—	—	8,518
Careers promotion and student activities	31,775	6,193	37,968	34,315
Shared services	22,100	—	22,100	14,000
	<u>672,783</u>	<u>6,193</u>	<u>678,976</u>	<u>910,827</u>
Total expenditure	672,783	6,193	678,976	910,827
Net gains on investments	—	1,598	1,598	6,716
Net income and net movement in funds	(46,385)	80	(46,305)	214,040
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds at 1 April	6,042,508	217,328	6,259,836	6,045,796
	<u>6,042,508</u>	<u>217,328</u>	<u>6,259,836</u>	<u>6,045,796</u>
Total funds at 31 March	<u>5,996,123</u>	<u>217,408</u>	<u>6,213,531</u>	<u>6,259,836</u>

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The accompanying notes to the financial statements, on pages 10 to 18, are an integral part of this statement.

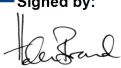
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

		31 March 2023 £	31 March 2022 £
Notes			
	Fixed assets		
8	Investments	53,441	51,843
		<u>53,441</u>	<u>51,843</u>
	Current assets		
9	Debtors	6,155,021	6,233,649
	Cash at bank	79,110	81,650
		<u>6,234,131</u>	<u>6,315,299</u>
10	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>74,041</u>	<u>107,306</u>
	Net current assets	<u>6,160,090</u>	<u>6,207,993</u>
	Net assets	<u><u>6,213,531</u></u>	<u><u>6,259,836</u></u>
	Funds		
11	Unrestricted	5,996,123	6,042,508
12	Restricted	217,408	217,328
		<u><u>6,213,531</u></u>	<u><u>6,259,836</u></u>

14 November 2024

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee on
and were signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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Helen J Brand
 Director of The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited

The accompanying notes to the financial statements, on pages 10 to 18, are an integral part of this statement.

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2022 £
Notes		
13 Net cash used in operating activities	(5,622)	(2,922)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest and dividends	3,082	1,725
Net cash provided by investing activities	3,082	1,725
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(2,540)	(1,197)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	81,650	82,847
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	79,110	81,650

The accompanying notes to the financial statements, on pages 10 to 18, are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies are considered material in relation to the Trust's financial statements:

(a) *Basis of preparation*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed asset investments at market value, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

(b) *Critical accounting estimates and judgements*

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenditure during the reporting period. Although these estimates are based on the Trustee's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results ultimately may differ from those estimates.

The estimates and assumptions which have the most significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities relate to the recognition of income. The Trustee is comfortable that management has the appropriate processes in place to ensure that income is recognised in the correct period.

(c) *Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis*

The Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. In arriving at this conclusion the Trustee considered any ongoing impact of Covid-19 on the Trust and the letter of financial support it received from its ultimate parent, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

ACCA and the Trust's revenue streams were significantly impacted by Covid-19, however as the world has recovered, revenue expectations are almost back to pre-Covid levels. ACCA has stress tested various scenarios on their ability to operate and have approved the use of new technologies and a new 5-year budget. Under the various scenarios identified, ACCA would still be able to operate and provide any support required to the Trust for a period of 12 months after the signing of the financial statements.

The Trust has a debtor of £6.0 million (2022: £6.2 million) due from its parent company, ACCA, at 31 March 2023. ACCA has confirmed to the Trustee that it would settle this debtor on demand should it be requested to do so and has the resources to enable it to repay.

At the time of approving the financial statements the Trustee has a reasonable expectation that the Trust will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and that there are no material uncertainties about its ability to continue as a going concern.

(d) *Expenditure recognition*

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Research grants are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Trust. Single or multi-year grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the Trustee has agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the Trust. Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies (continued)

(e) *Income recognition*

All income is recognised once the Trust has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be recovered and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability. Donations are recognised when receivable.

(f) *Foreign currencies*

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate in operation on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate in operation at the balance sheet date. All revaluation differences and realised foreign exchange differences are taken to the statement of financial activities.

(g) *Charitable activities*

Costs of charitable activities include the provision of educational courses to ACCA members, promotion of the ACCA qualifications, promotion of accounting research, advertising in the digital publication Student Accountant Direct and an apportionment of support and governance costs as shown in notes 3 and 4.

(h) *Allocation of support and governance costs*

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs relating to statutory audit and professional fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs. Support costs relate to staff costs incurred by ACCA in pursuance of the Trust's charitable activities. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in notes 4 and 5.

(i) *Operating leases*

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(j) *Fixed asset investments*

Fixed asset investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price.

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investment in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market value, using the bid price. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost (that is their transaction value).

(k) *Realised and unrealised gains and losses*

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase price if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year-end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(l) *Cash at bank and in hand*

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

(m) *Funds: Unrestricted and restricted funds*

The unrestricted general funds represent the amounts retained to ensure the continuing charitable activities of the Fund.

The restricted funds represent funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by the donors. The purpose of the unrestricted funds and use of the restricted funds are set out in the report of the Trustee.

(n) *Grant-making*

Grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the Trustee has agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the Trust.

(o) *Financial instruments*

Financial instruments recognised in the balance sheet include cash and cash equivalents, available-for-sale investments, receivables and prepayments and trade and other payables. Financial instruments are initially valued at fair value. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires.

The Trust assesses at each balance sheet date whether a financial asset is impaired. Where a financial asset shows an indicator of impairment, it is tested to assess whether it should be specifically impaired. The recoverable amounts of financial assets are calculated by discounting the estimated future cash flows using the original effective interest rate. Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying value, an impairment loss is recognised. Subsequent to recognising that impairment, the impairment may be recovered if an event occurred that reverses the impairment indicator.

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial instruments are measured as set out below.

Trade receivables

Trade receivables are carried at original invoice amount less provision made for impairment of these receivables. A provision for impairment of trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the carrying amount and the recoverable amount, being the present value of expected cash flows.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the balance sheet at cost. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand or bank overdraft and short-term investments and are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

Trade and other payables

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price and other financial liabilities are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Gains and losses

All gains or losses on financial assets and liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial activities, including unrealised and realised gains or losses on investments.

Inter-group debtors

The inter-group debtor is stated at its fair value. The balance between ACCA and CAET is considered to be a trading debtor as transactions occur throughout the year. There are no repayment terms but the balance would be repaid on demand if requested.

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	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2022 £
2 Analysis of donations from ACCA		
Support cost donations	<u>1,593</u>	<u>1,235</u>

3 Analysis of charitable expenditure

The charity undertakes its charitable activities through the provision of educational courses to ACCA members, promotion of the ACCA qualifications, and from the provision of shared services to allow it and ACCA to operate to pursue ACCA's vision in becoming the number one professional accountancy body in providing accountants which the world needs.

Year ended 31 March 2023

	Direct costs £	Support and governance costs £	31 March 2023 £
Education – Publications	2,940	17,520	20,460
Education – Educational courses and certificates	208,630	389,818	598,448
Research	—	—	—
Careers promotion and student activities	5,715	32,253	37,968
Shared services	—	22,100	22,100
	<u>217,285</u>	<u>461,691</u>	<u>678,976</u>

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Direct costs £	Support and governance costs £	31 March 2022 £
Education – Publications	(7,003)	13,373	6,370
Education – Educational courses and certificates	560,103	287,521	847,624
Research	(1,512)	10,030	8,518
Careers promotion and student activities	9,677	24,638	34,315
Shared services	—	14,000	14,000
	<u>561,265</u>	<u>349,562</u>	<u>910,827</u>

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4 Allocation of governance and support costs

The breakdown of support costs and how these were allocated between governance and other support costs is shown in the table below.

Cost type	Basis of apportionment	Other support costs £	Governance related £	31 March 2023 £
Staff costs	Staff time	431,591	8,000	439,591
Office costs	Work done	—	22,100	22,100
		<u>431,591</u>	<u>30,100</u>	<u>461,691</u>

Cost type	Basis of apportionment	Other support costs £	Governance related £	31 March 2022 £
Staff costs	Staff time	326,562	9,000	335,562
Office costs	Work done	—	14,000	14,000
		<u>326,562</u>	<u>23,000</u>	<u>349,562</u>

Allocation on staff time is based on the staff costs accounted for by ACCA with regards to the time spent within each area of charitable activity.

5 Analysis of governance costs

	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2022 £
Staff costs	8,000	9,000
Auditors' remuneration	16,100	14,000
Auditors' remuneration – prior year	6,000	—
	<u>30,100</u>	<u>23,000</u>

The Trustee has decided to meet all governance costs from unrestricted funds and so no allocation or charge is made to restricted funds for any governance related costs.

6 Salaries and related costs

	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2022 £
The costs of employing support staff during the year were as follows:		
Management charge	437,998	334,327
	<u>437,998</u>	<u>334,327</u>

The Trust has no employees. The management charge represents management's best estimate of the cost of ACCA staff time on CAET activities during the year. No employees received remuneration in excess of £60,000.

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7 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £
Income			
<i>Donations</i>			
Donations from ACCA	—	1,235	1,235
Other donations	—	1,505	1,505
Total donations	—	2,740	2,740
<i>Income from charitable activities:</i>			
Technical and professional education	744,360	—	744,360
Career promotion, student activities and advertising	39,600	—	39,600
Qualifications development	153,454	—	153,454
<i>Other income</i>			
Income from Investments	—	1,725	1,725
Inter-group interest	176,272	—	176,272
Total income	1,113,686	4,465	1,118,151
Expenditure			
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities:</i>			
Education	853,994	—	853,994
Research	8,518	—	8,518
Careers promotion and student activities	23,403	10,912	34,315
Shared services	14,000	—	14,000
Total expenditure	899,915	10,912	910,827
Net gains on investments	—	6,716	6,716
Net income and net movement in funds	213,771	269	214,040
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds at 1 April 2021	5,828,737	217,059	6,045,796
Total funds at 31 March 2022	<u>6,042,508</u>	<u>217,328</u>	<u>6,259,836</u>

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	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2022 £
8 Investments		
<i>Prize Fund investments</i>		
Cost or value at 1 April	51,843	45,127
Net unrealised investment gains	1,598	6,716
	<u>53,441</u>	<u>51,843</u>
Market value at 31 March	<u>53,441</u>	<u>51,843</u>
	<u>3,157</u>	<u>3,157</u>
Investments at market value		
Temple Bar Investment Trust PLC	34,650	34,680
Royal Dutch Shell B shares	18,791	17,163
	<u>53,441</u>	<u>51,843</u>
Total	<u>53,441</u>	<u>51,843</u>
9 Debtors		
Trade and other debtors	126,514	46,162
Amounts due from ACCA	6,028,507	6,187,287
Prepayments and accrued income	—	200
	<u>6,155,021</u>	<u>6,233,649</u>
10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Trade and other creditors	—	9,923
Accruals and deferred income	66,900	93,319
Other taxation and social security costs	7,141	4,064
	<u>74,041</u>	<u>107,306</u>

Trade and other payables principally comprise amounts outstanding for trade purchases and ongoing costs. The normal payment terms are within 30 days. Payment terms may exceed 30 days where the contract provides for extended terms.

There is £28,000 deferred income included above which represents cash received from a customer in relation to a webinar which took place after the year-end.

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11 Analysis of net assets between funds

Year ended 31 March 2023	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Investments	—	53,441	53,441
Cash at bank	8,490	70,620	79,110
Current assets	6,061,674	93,347	6,155,021
Current liabilities and provisions	(74,041)	—	(74,041)
	5,996,123	217,408	6,213,531

Year ended 31 March 2022	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Investments	—	51,843	51,843
Cash at bank	14,113	67,537	81,650
Current assets	6,135,701	97,948	6,233,649
Current liabilities and provisions	(107,306)	—	(107,306)
	6,042,508	217,328	6,259,836

The unrestricted funds represent the amounts retained to ensure the continuing charitable activities of the Trust. The restricted funds represent the amounts retained for the Simpson Scholarship Fund, the ACCA Scholarship Fund and the Prize Fund (see note 13).

12 Movement in restricted funds

	Simpson Scholarship Fund £	ACCA Scholarship Fund £	Prize Fund £	Total £
At 1 April 2021	51,840	60,345	104,874	217,059
Incoming resources	2	1,505	1,723	3,230
Support costs donated	1,235	—	—	1,235
Resources expended	(10,783)	(129)	—	(10,912)
Unrealised investment gains	—	—	6,716	6,716
At 1 April 2022	42,294	61,721	113,313	217,328
Incoming resources	954	—	2,128	3,082
Support costs donated	1,593	—	—	1,593
Resources expended	(6,193)	—	—	(6,193)
Unrealised investment gains	—	—	1,598	1,598
At 31 March 2023	38,648	61,721	117,039	217,408

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13 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flows from operating activities

	31 March 2023	31 March 2022
	£	£
Net incoming resources	(46,305)	214,040
Gains on investments	(1,598)	(6,716)
Dividends and interest from investments	(3,082)	(1,725)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	78,628	(147,466)
Decrease in creditors	(33,265)	(61,055)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(5,622)</u>	<u>(2,922)</u>

14 Related party transactions

The Trust exists to promote the ACCA qualification among potential students and to provide ACCA students with publications, courses and careers information. In addition, the Trust provides conferences and courses for ACCA members and others, produces technical publications and promotes accounting research. ACCA also collects certain income and pays certain expenditure on behalf of the Trust and there may therefore, at any time, be a balance outstanding between the Trust and ACCA (see note 10).

Interest of £312,640 (2022: £176,272) on the inter-group debt due from ACCA was charged to ACCA during the year.

The costs of ACCA staff engaged in Trust activities is shown under Education, Research and Careers Promotion and student activities costs. The costs have been billed to the Trust by way of a management charge of £437,998 (2022: £334,327).

	31 March 2023	31 March 2022
	£	£
Income		
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	<u>312,640</u>	<u>176,272</u>
Purchases		
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	<u>437,998</u>	<u>334,327</u>

15 Reconciliation of net debt

	1 April 2022	Cashflows	31 March 2023
	£	£	£
Cash	81,650	(2,540)	<u>79,110</u>
Total	<u>81,650</u>	<u>(2,540)</u>	<u>79,110</u>

16 Trustee remuneration

The Trustee did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year (2022: £nil).

17 Ultimate parent

ACCA is the ultimate parent of the Corporate Trustee and the Trust. ACCA is incorporated under Royal Charter with registration number RC000732. The Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023 are available from ACCA's office at The Adelphi, 1-11 John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6AU.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Certified Accountants' Educational Trust (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows, and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information; we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in respect of which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept proper and sufficient accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with regulations made under those Acts.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are detailed below.

Identifying and assessing risks related to irregularities:

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with the trustees, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We evaluated possible incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements. We identified laws and regulations that are of significance in the context of the charity by discussions with trustees and updating our understanding of the sector in which the charity operates.

Laws and regulations of direct significance in the context of the charity include the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and guidance issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST (continued)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

Audit response to risks identified:

We considered the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items including a review of financial statement disclosures. We reviewed the charity's records of breaches of laws and regulations, minutes of meetings and correspondence with relevant authorities to identify potential material misstatements arising. We discussed the charity's policies and procedures for compliance with laws and regulations with members of management responsible for compliance.

During the planning meeting with the audit team, the engagement partner drew attention to the key areas which might involve non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud. We enquired of management whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud. We addressed the risk of fraud through management override of controls by testing the appropriateness of journal entries and identifying any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business. We assessed whether judgements made in making accounting estimates gave rise to a possible indication of management bias. At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

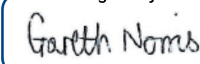
There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Date: 14 November 2024

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**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**(REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 313219)
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustee submits its annual report and financial statements of the charity (Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

Structure, governance and management

The Trust was established by Trust Deed on 13 December 1972. Its principal object is the advancement of education in accountancy, financial management and related subjects. Its other objects are the support of individuals studying such subjects and the awarding of prizes in connection with ACCA examinations. There is also a general power to do any other things conducive to the principal object.

The Trust is registered by the Charity Commission for England and Wales, registration number 313219 and by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, registration number SC039200. Its sole Trustee since establishment has been, and continues to be, The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited, a company wholly owned by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). New trustees can be elected at the Annual General Meeting if appropriate.

Helen Brand and Mark Millar were directors of the corporate Trustee for the whole of the year. The directors of the corporate Trustee meet once a year to approve the annual financial statements. ACCA's Accountancy Futures Academy identifies and explores issues of major significance for the global accountancy profession and informs ACCA's research and insights by developing a network of high-level contributors to ACCA's work. ACCA's Council Board meets six times a year and has oversight over all of ACCA activities. This includes the review of the provision of Post Professional Qualifications.

ACCA's Chief Executive and Executive Board are responsible for the management of the Trust and they delegate the day-to-day responsibilities of organising post professional qualification courses, publishing of educational content, dealing with research grant applications and the financial administration of the Trust to the appropriate ACCA employees.

The Memorandum and Articles of the Corporate Trustee provide for a minimum of two and a maximum of seven directors to be appointed. In practice two directors are in post at any time and consist of the Chief Executive of ACCA and an officer or immediate Past President of ACCA.

The Trust has developed a Trustee Induction pack for the directors of the Corporate Trustee, which includes a copy of the Trust Deed, the last three years' financial statements, recent minutes and a copy of the Charity Commission guidance 'The Essential Trustee'. Training needs will be identified and where appropriate training will be arranged for those directors.

Objectives and activities

The policies adopted by the Trustee to further the objects of the Trust have been, and continue to be, to promote the ACCA qualification among potential students, to provide ACCA students with access to scholarships and provide opportunities for post professional qualifications via online education. Following a reorganization of activities with the ACCA group, the Trust's main activities during the year related to the provision of post professional qualifications in the way of online certificates. Activities such as educational publications, the digitalised magazine called *Student Accountant*, the award of research grants and the provision of conferences and courses for ACCA members are now carried out by other ACCA group companies. ACCA bears certain central overheads on behalf of the Trust, however the Trust is not significantly dependent on the services of volunteers or on donations in kind.

The Trust's funds comprise unrestricted funds and three restricted funds. The Simpson Scholarship Fund was established by a legacy from Miss M I Simpson in November 1983 for the purpose of establishing and maintaining scholarships, such that the whole of the principal and interest may be expended within a period of 25 years from the date of the bequest following which a decision would be taken to reclassify it as unrestricted if appropriate. Applicants are required to submit an essay detailing how the award of a scholarship would help the student reach their full potential. Submissions are reviewed by a panel appointed by the Trustee and scholarships are awarded to assist payment of subscription fees and exam related costs. The Trustee has considered that it is appropriate to continue to treat the Simpson Scholarship Fund as restricted, as it is a separate charity recognised with OSCR.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

In August 2013, the Trust received a donation of £100,000 which was used to set up the ACCA Scholarship Fund. The scholarships used to be awarded annually to two final year university undergraduates studying accounting and finance degrees at state-run universities in ACCA's growth markets in Africa and South Asia. By awarding the scholarships to final year undergraduates studying relevant degrees the Trust will be benefiting students who are already showing commitment to a career in accounting and finance through their choice of degree. The scholarships will cover all ACCA fees, tuition fees with an ACCA Approved Learning Provider and all study texts. Applicants have been required to submit an essay explaining how and why they would benefit from receiving the scholarship/what it would mean to receive the scholarship. Representatives from ACCA and the universities have made up the panel to award the scholarships, however activity has been low since Covid and ACCA intends to review the process for awarding the scholarship in the forthcoming year. The Trustee has considered that it is appropriate to treat the ACCA Scholarship Fund as a restricted fund.

The Prize Fund was established by an endowment and provides the funds to award prizes to students as appropriate. The Trustee has considered that it is appropriate to treat the Prize Fund as a restricted fund.

Financial review

A surplus of £214,040 arose in the year (2021: surplus £135,162). During the year, the Trust's expenditure on its charitable objects was £910,827 (2021: £1,021,276). This comprised direct expenditure on charitable activities of £561,265 (2021: £754,893), and support and governance costs of £349,562 (2021: £266,383). The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 are shown on pages 7 to 19. The statement of financial activities on page 7 shows the incoming resources available to the Trust and the extent to which its funds have been spent. This, together with the balance sheet on page 8, shows that the current value of the Trust's restricted and unrestricted funds is £6,259,836 (2021: £6,045,796).

The Trust's total income of £1,118,151 (2021: £1,145,240) was sufficient to meet all direct charitable expenditure as well as the Trust's governance costs. Included in the income figure are donations from ACCA relating to support costs of £1,235 (2021: £1,176). Technical and professional education income of £744,360 (2021: £961,020) is made up of income received from the delivery of online learning.

The Trust held £81,650 (2021: £82,847) in bank balances at 31 March 2022 and, in the Trustee's opinion, both the restricted and unrestricted funds are sufficient to allow the Trust to pursue its charitable activities in the future.

COVID-19 impact

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the operations of all entities globally and in particular on the activities of charities. In common with other charities, the Trust and ACCA itself have had to review their business models and this has led to the continual development of online activities. Fortunately, there has been minimal impact on the Trust's activities during the year. Online activities have become more of the norm and the Trust's main activities of providing online learning has been successful as users see the increasing benefits. The Trust has continued to provide all of the services, the majority of which are carried out online. ACCA has carried out various stress tests on its ability to operate, the results of which were positive. The Trustee continues to monitor the changing operational landscape and impact on assets and related income.

Reserves policy

The Trustee reviews the reserves of the charity annually. The review encompasses the nature of the income and expenditure streams and the expected donations from ACCA and its subsidiaries. The Trustee's policy is, generally, to maintain reserves at a level to be able to fund its activities, and to be able to fund any new strategic initiatives. In the light of the funding provided by ACCA, the Trustee considers that the balance of the unrestricted fund is satisfactory.

Grant making policy

The Trust has established its grant making policy to meet the objects of public benefit by advancing the clarity and ethical basis of both corporate and business reporting. Applicants for grants are selected by the Research Team who will review the applications and look for areas of research which will best promote ACCA's public values and best contribute to ACCA's Research and Insights programme.

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Risk management

The Trustee has examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Trust faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks. The Trust generates income from CPD courses which are becoming more and more freely available online and there is a risk of lower future revenues from this source if participants decide to pursue CPD activities via a different route.

Achievements and performance

During the year, the Trust provided 9 different certificates (2021: 8) to ACCA members and other customers. More and more people turned to online education during the Covid-19 pandemic and the Trust has continued to see the demand from customers. However as lockdowns are no longer in place, there has been a gradual return to normality and there has been a fall in revenue as customers revert back to face-to-face training. Nevertheless the Trust is satisfied with the results.

The Trust also awarded 21 (2021: 24) Simpson Scholarships to ACCA students which amounted to £9,548 (2021: £7,367) and awarded the ACCA Scholarships to 1 ACCA students (2021:2) which amounted to £129 (2021: £475).

Public benefit

In setting the objectives and planning the activities the Trustee has considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The Trust's principal charitable purpose is the advancement of education in accountancy, financial management and related subjects. The Trust provides educational courses which can be attended by any potential beneficiaries. There is no requirement for those beneficiaries to be members of ACCA. The Trust also provides scholarships to ACCA students whereby their fees and subscriptions are funded from the Scholarship funds. The provision of the education allows the beneficiary to further advance their career. In addition, ACCA's contributions to global economic, financial and regulatory policy-making are founded upon a strong belief in the reality of the "public interest" and the need to advance the transparency and ethical basis of both business and corporate reporting. The Trust's educational courses assist the beneficiary in understanding how they can contribute to this. The Trust therefore meets the public benefit requirement by providing the means to advance education in accountancy and related subjects for beneficiaries throughout the UK, including Scotland, and those beneficiaries do not need to be ACCA members or students.

Plans for the future

The aim of the Trust is to continue to support ACCA members and students throughout their careers in accounting, business and finance. It plans to continue to develop more certificate offerings for its members so that they can continue their professional development and create more job opportunities for themselves.

ACCA's research and insights explores issues that matter in accountancy and the wider world. Through that research, the Trust and ACCA engage the profession, business, policy makers, standard setters, educators and the public to analyse current issues, challenge thinking, project future scenarios and provide practical insights. The ongoing research and insights cover a wide range of subjects, including finance transformation, sustainability, corporate reporting, risk and reward, audit and access to finance. The Trust will continue to promote the Accountancy Futures work as this forum contributes to ACCA's research and insights work with powerful visions of the future. It provides a platform to look forward to; to tune into the emerging trends and discussions in the global business and policy spheres and the latest reforms facing the world of finance.

The Trust will continue to embrace digital technology and provide the necessary media and forums to allow ACCA to engage more effectively with members and students. The Trust also looks forward to awarding further scholarships to ACCA students under both the ACCA Scholarship and Simpson Scholarship Funds in the forthcoming year.

Fundraising

The Trust does not actively fundraise and has not employed any third party to fundraise on its behalf. As such the Trust is not a member of the Fundraising Regulator.

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Reference and administrative information

Corporate Trustee

The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited

Directors of Corporate Trustee

Helen Brand

Raymond Jack (appointed 1 April 2022)

Mark Millar (resigned 1 April 2022)

Principal Office

110 Queen Street, Glasgow, G1 3BX

Independent Auditor

Grant Thornton UK LLP, 17th Floor, 103 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 3AG

Principal Banker

Barclays Bank plc, Aurora, 1st Floor, 120 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, G2 7JT

Key management personnel remuneration

The Trustee considers that the Chief Executive of ACCA and that organisation's Executive Board as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity on a day-to-day basis. Those personnel are remunerated by ACCA and there are no direct salary costs incurred by the Trust. The Trustee gives of its time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. There are no trustee expenses.

Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and the regulations made thereunder, requires the Trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of the incoming resources and application of the resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Trust for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in business.

The Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Trust's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the trust deed. The Trustee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustee is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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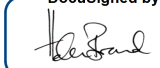
Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

Insofar as the Trustee is aware at the time of approving the Trustee's annual report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the Trust's auditor is unaware, and
- the Trustee, having made relevant enquiries, has taken all steps that it is obliged to take as a Trustee in order to make itself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Grant Thornton UK LLP have advised that they are stepping down from office. The Trust thanks them for their service.

By order of the Trustee

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Helen J Brand
Director of The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited
10 January 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Notes				
Income				
<i>Donations</i>				
2 Donations from ACCA	—	1,235	1,235	1,176
Other donations	—	1,505	1,505	—
	<u>—</u>	<u>2,740</u>	<u>2,740</u>	<u>1,176</u>
Total donations	—	2,740	2,740	1,176
<i>Income from charitable activities:</i>				
Technical and professional education	744,360	—	744,360	961,020
Career promotion, student activities and advertising	39,600	—	39,600	23,813
Qualifications development	153,454	—	153,454	157,667
<i>Other income</i>				
Income from Investments	—	1,725	1,725	1,564
Inter-group interest	176,272	—	176,272	—
	<u>1,113,686</u>	<u>4,465</u>	<u>1,118,151</u>	<u>1,145,240</u>
Total income	1,113,686	4,465	1,118,151	1,145,240
Expenditure				
3 <i>Expenditure on charitable activities:</i>				
Education	853,994	—	853,994	867,312
Research	8,518	—	8,518	109,641
Careers promotion and student activities	23,403	10,912	34,315	29,880
Shared services	14,000	—	14,000	14,443
	<u>899,915</u>	<u>10,912</u>	<u>910,827</u>	<u>1,021,276</u>
Total expenditure	899,915	10,912	910,827	1,021,276
Net gains on investments	—	6,716	6,716	11,198
	<u>—</u>	<u>6,716</u>	<u>6,716</u>	<u>11,198</u>
Net income and net movement in funds	213,771	269	214,040	135,162
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds at 1 April	5,828,737	217,059	6,045,796	5,910,634
	<u>5,828,737</u>	<u>217,059</u>	<u>6,045,796</u>	<u>5,910,634</u>
Total funds at 31 March	<u>6,042,508</u>	<u>217,328</u>	<u>6,259,836</u>	<u>6,045,796</u>

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The accompanying notes to the financial statements, on pages 10 to 19, are an integral part of this statement.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

		31 March 2022 £	31 March 2021 £
Notes			
	Fixed assets		
8	Tangible assets	—	—
9	Investments	51,843	45,127
		51,843	45,127
	Current assets		
10	Debtors	6,233,649	6,086,183
	Cash at bank	81,650	82,847
		6,315,299	6,169,030
11	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	107,306	168,361
	Net current assets	6,207,993	6,000,669
	Net assets	6,259,836	6,045,796
	Funds		
12	Unrestricted	6,042,508	5,828,737
13	Restricted	217,328	217,059
		6,259,836	6,045,796

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee on 10 January 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Helen J Brand
 Director of The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited

The accompanying notes to the financial statements, on pages 10 to 19, are an integral part of this statement.

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2021 £
Notes		
14 Net cash used in operating activities	(2,922)	(12,518)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest and dividends	1,725	1,564
Net cash provided by investing activities	1,725	1,564
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(1,197)	(10,954)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	82,847	93,801
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	81,650	82,847

The accompanying notes to the financial statements, on pages 10 to 19, are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies are considered material in relation to the Trust's financial statements:

(a) *Basis of preparation*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed asset investments at market value, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

(b) *Critical accounting estimates and judgements*

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenditure during the reporting period. Although these estimates are based on the Trustee's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results ultimately may differ from those estimates.

The estimates and assumptions which have the most significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities relate to the recognition of income. The Trustee is comfortable that management has the appropriate processes in place to ensure that income is recognised in the correct period.

(c) *Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis*

The Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. In arriving at this conclusion the Trustee considered any ongoing impact of Covid-19 on the Trust and the letter of financial support it received from its ultimate parent, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

ACCA and the Trust's revenue streams were significantly impacted by Covid-19, however as the world has recovered, revenue expectations are almost back to pre-Covid levels. ACCA has stress tested various scenarios on their ability to operate and have approved the use of new technologies and a new 5-year budget. Under the various scenarios identified, ACCA would still be able to operate and provide any support required to the Trust for a period of 12 months after the signing of the financial statements.

The Trust has a debtor of £6.2 million (2021: £6.0 million) due from its parent company, ACCA, at 31 March 2022. ACCA has confirmed to the Trustee that it would settle this debtor on demand should it be requested to do so and has the resources to enable it to repay.

At the time of approving the financial statements the Trustee has a reasonable expectation that the Trust will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and that there are no material uncertainties about its ability to continue as a going concern.

(d) *Expenditure recognition*

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Research grants are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Trust. Single or multi-year grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the Trustee has agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the Trust. Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

(e) *Income recognition*

All income is recognised once the Trust has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be recovered and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability. Donations are recognised when receivable.

(f) *Foreign currencies*

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate in operation on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate in operation at the balance sheet date. All revaluation differences and realised foreign exchange differences are taken to the statement of financial activities.

(g) *Charitable activities*

Costs of charitable activities include the provision of educational courses to ACCA members, promotion of the ACCA qualifications, promotion of accounting research, advertising in the digital publication Student Accountant Direct and an apportionment of support and governance costs as shown in notes 3 and 4.

(h) *Allocation of support and governance costs*

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs relating to statutory audit and professional fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs. Support costs relate to staff costs incurred by ACCA in pursuance of the Trust's charitable activities. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in notes 4 and 5.

(i) *Operating leases*

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(j) *Tangible fixed assets and depreciation*

Tangible fixed assets are stated at depreciated cost. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write-off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

- leasehold improvements - over the period of the lease;
- computer systems and equipment - over 4 years;
- plant and machinery - over 4 to 7 years.

(k) *Fixed asset investments*

Fixed asset investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price.

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investment in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market value, using the bid price. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost (that is their transaction value).

(l) *Realised and unrealised gains and losses*

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase price if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year-end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

(m) *Cash at bank and in hand*

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

(n) *Funds: Unrestricted and restricted funds*

The unrestricted general funds represent the amounts retained to ensure the continuing charitable activities of the Fund.

The restricted funds represent funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by the donors. The purpose of the unrestricted funds and use of the restricted funds are set out in the report of the Trustee.

(o) *Grant-making*

Grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the Trustee has agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the Trust.

(p) *Financial instruments*

Financial instruments recognised in the balance sheet include cash and cash equivalents, available-for-sale investments, receivables and prepayments and trade and other payables. Financial instruments are initially valued at fair value. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires.

The Trust assesses at each balance sheet date whether a financial asset is impaired. Where a financial asset shows an indicator of impairment, it is tested to assess whether it should be specifically impaired. The recoverable amounts of financial assets are calculated by discounting the estimated future cash flows using the original effective interest rate. Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying value, an impairment loss is recognised. Subsequent to recognising that impairment, the impairment may be recovered if an event occurred that reverses the impairment indicator.

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial instruments are measured as set out below.

Trade receivables

Trade receivables are carried at original invoice amount less provision made for impairment of these receivables. A provision for impairment of trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the carrying amount and the recoverable amount, being the present value of expected cash flows.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the balance sheet at cost. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand or bank overdraft and short-term investments and are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

Trade and other payables

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price and other financial liabilities are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Gains and losses

All gains or losses on financial assets and liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial activities, including unrealised and realised gains or losses on investments.

Inter-group debtors

The inter-group debtor is stated at its fair value. The balance between ACCA and CAET is considered to be a trading debtor as transactions occur throughout the year. There are no repayment terms but the balance would be repaid on demand if requested.

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	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2021 £
2 Analysis of donations from ACCA		
Support cost donations	<u>1,235</u>	<u>1,176</u>

3 Analysis of charitable expenditure

The charity undertakes its charitable activities through the provision of educational courses to ACCA members, promotion of the ACCA qualifications, promotion of accounting research, including grant making, and from the provision of shared services to allow it and ACCA to operate to pursue ACCA's vision in becoming the number one professional accountancy body in providing accountants which the world needs. It should be noted that during the year the provision of the research grant making was transferred to ACCA.

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Direct costs £	Support and governance costs £	31 March 2022 £
Education – Publications	(7,003)	13,373	6,370
Education – Educational courses and certificates	560,103	287,521	847,624
Research	(1,512)	10,030	8,518
Careers promotion and student activities	9,677	24,638	34,315
Shared services	—	14,000	14,000
	<u>561,265</u>	<u>349,562</u>	<u>910,827</u>

Year ended 31 March 2021

	Direct costs £	Support and governance costs £	31 March 2021 £
Education – Publications	7,001	51,072	58,073
Education – Educational courses and certificates	701,235	108,004	809,239
Research	36,211	73,430	109,641
Careers promotion and student activities	10,446	19,434	29,880
Shared services	—	14,443	14,443
	<u>754,893</u>	<u>266,383</u>	<u>1,021,276</u>

Analysis of grants

	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2021 £
<i>Research and Insights grants</i>		
Grants to institutions	<u>—</u>	<u>34,699</u>

The support costs relating to grant making activities relate to employee costs.

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4 Allocation of governance and support costs

The breakdown of support costs and how these were allocated between governance and other support costs is shown in the table below.

Cost type	Basis of apportionment	Other support costs £	Governance related £	31 March 2022 £
Staff costs	Staff time	326,562	9,000	335,562
Office costs	Work done	—	14,000	14,000
		<u>326,562</u>	<u>23,000</u>	<u>349,562</u>

Cost type	Basis of apportionment	Other support costs £	Governance related £	31 March 2021 £
Staff costs	Staff time	244,940	7,000	251,940
Office costs	Work done	—	14,443	14,443
		<u>244,940</u>	<u>21,443</u>	<u>266,383</u>

Allocation on staff time is based on the staff costs accounted for by ACCA with regards to the time spent within each area of charitable activity.

5 Analysis of governance costs

	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2021 £
Staff costs	9,000	15,000
Auditors' remuneration	14,000	14,443
	<u>23,000</u>	<u>29,443</u>

The Trustee has decided to meet all governance costs from unrestricted funds and so no allocation or charge is made to restricted funds for any governance related costs.

6 Salaries and related costs

	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2021 £
The costs of employing support staff during the year were as follows:		
Management charge	334,327	250,764
	<u>334,327</u>	<u>250,764</u>

The Trust has no employees. The management charge represents management's best estimate of the cost of ACCA staff time on CAET activities during the year. No employees received remuneration in excess of £60,000.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

7 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £
Income			
<i>Donations</i>			
Donations from ACCA	—	1,176	1,176
Gift Aid donations from ACCA and subsidiaries	—	—	—
Total donations	—	1,176	1,176
<i>Income from charitable activities:</i>			
Technical and professional education	961,020	—	961,020
Career promotion, student activities and advertising	23,813	—	23,813
Qualifications development	157,667	—	157,667
<i>Other income</i>			
Income from Investments	—	1,564	1,564
Total income	1,142,500	2,740	1,145,240
Expenditure			
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities:</i>			
Education	867,312	—	867,312
Research	109,641	—	109,641
Careers promotion and student activities	20,862	9,018	29,880
Shared services	14,443	—	14,443
Total expenditure	1,012,258	9,018	1,021,276
Net gains on investments	—	11,198	11,198
Net income and net movement in funds	130,242	4,920	135,162
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds at 1 April 2020	5,698,495	212,139	5,910,634
Total funds at 31 March 2021	5,828,737	217,059	6,045,796

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8 Tangible assets

	Computer systems and equipment £	Total £
<i>Cost</i>		
At 1 April 2020 and 1 April 2021	107,877	107,877
Disposals	(107,877)	(107,877)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2022	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<i>Accumulated depreciation</i>		
At 1 April 2020 and 1 April 2021	107,877	107,877
Eliminated on disposal	(107,877)	(107,877)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2022	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<i>Net book value</i>		
At 31 March 2022	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2021	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2021 £

9 Investments

Prize Fund investments

Cost or value at 1 April	45,127	33,929
Net unrealised investment gains	6,716	11,198
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Market value at 31 March	51,843	45,127
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Historical cost at 31 March	3,157	3,157
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Investments at market value

Temple Bar Investment Trust PLC	34,680	34,260
Royal Dutch Shell B shares	17,163	10,867
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	51,843	45,127
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10 Debtors

Trade and other debtors	46,162	59,371
Amounts due from ACCA	6,187,287	6,026,812
Prepayments and accrued income	200	—
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	6,233,649	6,086,183
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2021 £
11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Trade and other creditors	9,923	17,486
Accruals and deferred income	93,319	147,980
Other taxation and social security costs	4,064	2,895
	<u>107,306</u>	<u>168,361</u>

Trade and other payables principally comprise amounts outstanding for trade purchases and ongoing costs. The normal payment terms are within 30 days. Payment terms may exceed 30 days where the contract provides for extended terms.

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

Year ended 31 March 2022	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Investments	—	51,843	51,843
Cash at bank	14,113	67,537	81,650
Current assets	6,135,701	97,948	6,233,649
Current liabilities and provisions	(107,306)	—	(107,306)
	<u>6,042,508</u>	<u>217,328</u>	<u>6,259,836</u>
Year ended 31 March 2021	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Investments	—	45,127	45,127
Cash at bank	17,035	65,812	82,847
Current assets	5,980,063	106,120	6,086,183
Current liabilities and provisions	(168,361)	—	(168,361)
	<u>5,828,737</u>	<u>217,059</u>	<u>6,045,796</u>

The unrestricted funds represent the amounts retained to ensure the continuing charitable activities of the Trust. The restricted funds represent the amounts retained for the Simpson Scholarship Fund, the ACCA Scholarship Fund and the Prize Fund (see note 13).

13 Movement in restricted funds

	Simpson Scholarship Fund £	ACCA Scholarship Fund £	Prize Fund £	Total £
At 1 April 2021	51,840	60,345	104,874	217,059
Incoming resources	2	1,505	1,723	3,230
Support costs donated	1,235	—	—	1,235
Resources expended	(10,783)	(129)	—	(10,912)
Unrealised investment gains	—	—	6,716	6,716
At 31 March 2022	<u>42,294</u>	<u>61,721</u>	<u>113,313</u>	<u>217,328</u>

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13 Movement in restricted funds (continued)

	Simpson Scholarship Fund £	ACCA Scholarship Fund £	Prize Fund £	Total £
At 1 April 2020	59,201	60,820	92,118	212,139
Incoming resources	6	—	1,558	1,564
Support costs donated	1,176	—	—	1,176
Resources expended	(8,543)	(475)	—	(9,018)
Unrealised investment gains	—	—	11,198	11,198
At 31 March 2021	<u>51,840</u>	<u>60,345</u>	<u>104,874</u>	<u>217,059</u>

14 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flows from operating activities

	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2021 £
Net incoming resources	214,040	135,162
Gains on investments	(6,716)	(11,198)
Dividends and interest from investments	(1,725)	(1,564)
Increase in debtors	(147,466)	(162,063)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(61,055)	27,145
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(2,922)</u>	<u>(12,518)</u>

15 Related party transactions

The Trust exists to promote the ACCA qualification among potential students and to provide ACCA students with publications, courses and careers information. In addition, the Trust provides conferences and courses for ACCA members and others, produces technical publications and promotes accounting research. ACCA also collects certain income and pays certain expenditure on behalf of the Trust and there may therefore, at any time, be a balance outstanding between the Trust and ACCA (see note 10).

Interest of £176,272 (2021: £nil) on the inter-group debt due from ACCA was charged to ACCA during the year.

The costs of ACCA staff engaged in Trust activities is shown under Education, Research and Careers Promotion and student activities costs. The costs have been billed to the Trust by way of a management charge of £334,327 (2021: £250,764).

	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2021 £
Income		
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	<u>176,272</u>	<u>—</u>
Purchases		
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	<u>334,327</u>	<u>250,764</u>

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16 Reconciliation of net debt

	1 April 2021	Cashflows	31 March 2022
	£	£	£
Cash	82,847	(1,197)	81,650
Total	<u>82,847</u>	<u>(1,197)</u>	<u>81,650</u>

17 Trustee remuneration

The Trustee did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year (2021: £nil).

18 Ultimate parent

ACCA is the ultimate parent of the Corporate Trustee and the Trust. ACCA is incorporated under Royal Charter with registration number RC000732. The Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2022 are available from ACCA's office at The Adelphi, 1-11 John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6AU.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Certified Accountants Educational Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022, which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102; The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources including, its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulations 6 and 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under sections 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with regulations made under those Acts. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We are responsible for concluding on the appropriateness of the Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the auditor's opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

In our evaluation of the Trustee's conclusions, we considered the inherent risks associated with the charity's business model including effects arising from macro-economic uncertainties such as Brexit and Covid-19, we assessed and challenged the reasonableness of estimates made by the Trustee and the related disclosures and analysed how those risks might affect the charity's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

The responsibilities of the Trustee with respect to going concern are described in the 'Responsibilities of Trustee for the financial statements' section of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST (continued)

Other information

The Trustee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustee's Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustee's Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept sufficient and proper accounting records; or
- the charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the Trustee

As explained more fully in the Trustee's Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, the Trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustee is responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustee either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST (continued)

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity through our general not for profit and charity sector experience, discussions with management and the internal legal counsel. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant: Charities SORP 2019, FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', Charities Act 2011, Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, Charities Accounts (Scotland) Act 2006 (as amended), Companies Act 2006, Data Protection Act 2018 and The Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016.
- We enquired of management concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to:
 - the identification, evaluation and compliance with laws and regulations;
 - the detection and response to the risk of fraud; and
 - the establishment of internal controls to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We enquired of management whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and corroborated the results of our enquiries to relevant supporting documentation.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur and the risk of management override of controls. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:
 - identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
 - challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its accounting estimates;
 - identifying and testing journal entries, in particular manual journal entries;
- These audit procedures were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error and detecting irregularities that result from fraud is inherently more difficult than detecting those that result from error, as fraud may involve collusion, deliberate concealment, forgery or intentional misrepresentations. Also, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it;
- The assessment of the appropriateness of the collective competence and capabilities of the engagement team included consideration of the engagement team's:
 - understanding of, and practical experience with, audit engagements of a similar nature and complexity through appropriate training and participation;
 - knowledge of the industry in which the client operates; and
 - understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements specific to the entity including, the provisions of the applicable legislation, the regulators rules and related guidance, including guidance issued by relevant authorities that interprets those rules and the applicable statutory provision.
- The team communications in respect of potential non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud included the potential for fraud in revenue recognition, improper use of charitable funds and serious incident reports submitted to the Charities Commission in the period; and

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST (continued)

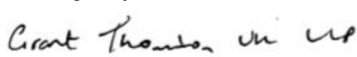
Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud (continued)

- In assessing the potential risks of material misstatement, we obtained an understanding of:
 - the charity's operations, including the nature of its revenue sources to understand the classes of transactions, account balances, expected financial statement disclosures and business risks that may result in risk of material misstatement; and
 - the charity's control environment, including:
 - management's knowledge of relevant laws and regulations and how the charity is complying with those laws and regulation;
 - the adequacy of procedures for authorisation of transactions; and
 - procedures to ensure that possible breaches of law and regulations are appropriately resolved.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustee, as a body, in accordance with Section 154 of the Charities Act 2011 and Section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's Trustee those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its Trustee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Grant Thornton UK LLP
Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants
Birmingham

Date: 11 January 2024 | 17:34 GMT

Grant Thornton UK LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 313219

Accounts

**THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS
EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**(REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 313219)
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustee submits its annual report and financial statements of the charity (Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

Structure, governance and management

The Trust was established by Trust Deed on 13 December 1972. Its principal object is the advancement of education in accountancy, financial management and related subjects. Its other objects are the support of individuals studying such subjects and the awarding of prizes in connection with ACCA examinations. There is also a general power to do any other things conducive to the principal object.

The Trust is registered by the Charity Commission for England and Wales, registration number 313219 and by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, registration number SC039200. Its sole Trustee since establishment has been, and continues to be, The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited, a company wholly owned by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). New trustees can be elected at the Annual General Meeting if appropriate.

Helen Brand and Mark Millar were directors of the corporate Trustee for the whole of the year. The directors of the corporate Trustee meet once a year to approve the annual financial statements. ACCA's Accountancy Futures Academy identifies and explores issues of major significance for the global accountancy profession and informs ACCA's research and insights by developing a network of high-level contributors to ACCA's work. ACCA's Council Board meets six times a year and has oversight over all of ACCA activities. This includes the review of the provision of Post Professional Qualifications.

ACCA's Chief Executive and Executive Team are responsible for the management of the Trust and they delegate the day-to-day responsibilities of organising post professional qualification courses, publishing of educational content, dealing with research grant applications and the financial administration of the Trust to the appropriate ACCA employees.

The Memorandum and Articles of the Corporate Trustee provide for a minimum of two and a maximum of seven directors to be appointed. In practice two directors are in post at any time and consist of the Chief Executive of ACCA and an officer or immediate Past President of ACCA.

The Trust has developed a Trustee Induction pack for the directors of the Corporate Trustee, which includes a copy of the Trust Deed, the last three years' financial statements, recent minutes and a copy of the Charity Commission guidance 'The Essential Trustee'. Training needs will be identified and where appropriate training will be arranged for those directors.

Objectives and activities

The policies adopted by the Trustee to further the objects of the Trust have been, and continue to be, to promote the ACCA qualification among potential students, to provide ACCA students with access to scholarships and provide opportunities for post professional qualifications via online education. Following a reorganization of activities with the ACCA group, the Trust's main activities during the year related to the provision of post professional qualifications in the way of online certificates. Activities such as educational publications, the digitalised magazine called *Student Accountant* and the provision of conferences and courses for ACCA members are now carried out by other ACCA group companies. ACCA bears certain central overheads on behalf of the Trust, however the Trust is not significantly dependent on the services of volunteers or on donations in kind.

The Trust's funds comprise unrestricted funds and three restricted funds. The Simpson Scholarship Fund was established by a legacy from Miss M I Simpson in November 1983 for the purpose of establishing and maintaining scholarships, such that the whole of the principal and interest may be expended within a period of 25 years from the date of the bequest following which a decision would be taken to reclassify it as unrestricted if appropriate. Applicants are required to submit an essay detailing how the award of a scholarship would help the student reach their full potential. Submissions are reviewed by a panel appointed by the Trustee and scholarships are awarded to assist payment of subscription fees and exam related costs. The Trustee has considered that it is appropriate to continue to treat the Simpson Scholarship Fund as restricted, as it is a separate charity recognised with OSCR.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

In August 2013, the Trust received a donation of £100,000 which was used to set up the ACCA Scholarship Fund. The scholarships have been awarded annually to two final year university undergraduates studying accounting and finance degrees at state-run universities in ACCA's growth markets in Africa and South Asia. By awarding the scholarships to final year undergraduates studying relevant degrees the Trust will be benefiting students who are already showing commitment to a career in accounting and finance through their choice of degree. Students attending a state-run university may be more deserving of financial support to continue their studies (compared with private universities where students are more likely to be able to afford to go on and study for ACCA). Final year students will be better positioned and ready to take the next step to studying for a professional accountancy qualification and also more likely to progress with their ACCA studies and qualify to membership. The scholarships will cover all ACCA fees, tuition fees with an ACCA Approved Learning Provider and all study texts. Applicants have been required to submit an essay explaining how and why they would benefit from receiving the scholarship/what it would mean to receive the scholarship. Representatives from ACCA and the universities have made up the panel to award the scholarships. The Trustee has considered that it is appropriate to treat the ACCA Scholarship Fund as a restricted fund.

The Prize Fund was established by an endowment and provides the funds to award prizes to students as appropriate. The Trustee has considered that it is appropriate to treat the Prize Fund as a restricted fund.

Financial review

A surplus of £135,162 arose in the year (2020: deficit £830,539). During the year, the Trust's expenditure on its charitable objects was £1,021,276 (2020: £3,520,852). This comprised direct expenditure on charitable activities of £754,893 (2020: £2,688,326), and support and governance costs of £266,383 (2020: £832,526). The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 are shown on pages 7 to 19. The statement of financial activities on page 7 shows the incoming resources available to the Trust and the extent to which its funds have been spent. This, together with the balance sheet on page 8, shows that the current value of the Trust's restricted and unrestricted funds is £6,045,796 (2020: £5,910,634).

The Trust's total income of £1,145,240 (2020: £2,715,893) was sufficient to meet all direct charitable expenditure as well as the Trust's governance costs. Included in the income figure are donations from ACCA relating to support costs of £1,176 (2020: £2,014). Technical and professional education income of £961,020 (2020: £2,177,747) is made up of income received from the delivery and online learning and in the previous year it included Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses.

The Trust held £82,847 (2020: £93,801) in bank balances at 31 March 2021 and, in the Trustee's opinion, both the restricted and unrestricted funds are sufficient to allow the Trust to pursue its charitable activities in the future.

COVID-19 impact

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the operations of all entities globally and in particular on the activities of charities. In common with other charities, the Trust and ACCA itself have had to review their business models and this has led to the continual development of online activities. Fortunately, there has been minimal impact on the Trust's activities during the year. Online activities have become more of the norm and the Trust's main activities of providing online learning has been successful as users see the increasing benefits. The Trust has continued to provide all of the services, the majority of which are carried out online. ACCA has carried out various stress tests on its ability to operate, the results of which were positive. The Trustee continues to monitor the changing operational landscape and impact on assets and related income.

Reserves policy

The Trustee reviews the reserves of the charity annually. The review encompasses the nature of the income and expenditure streams and the expected donations from ACCA and its subsidiaries. The Trustee's policy is, generally, to maintain reserves at a level to be able to fund its activities, and to be able to fund any new strategic initiatives. In the light of the funding provided by ACCA, the Trustee considers that the balance of the unrestricted fund is satisfactory.

Grant making policy

The Trust has established its grant making policy to meet the objects of public benefit by advancing the clarity and ethical basis of both corporate and business reporting. Applicants for grants are selected by the Research Team who will review the applications and look for areas of research which will best promote ACCA's public values and best contribute to ACCA's Research and Insights programme.

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Risk management

The Trustee has examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Trust faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks. The Trust generates income from CPD courses which are becoming more and more freely available online and there is a risk of lower future revenues from this source if participants decide to pursue CPD activities via a different route.

Achievements and performance

During the year, the Trust provided 8 different certificates (2020: 6) to ACCA members and other customers. Up until December 2019 the Trust had organised CPD courses throughout the UK for members of ACCA and others, however following a reorganization of activities within the ACCA Group these activities have been undertaken by another of ACCA's group companies, Certified Accountants Educational Projects Limited, and therefore no longer impacts the Trust. Therefore the Trust had organised no courses during the year (2020: 132) with no attendees (2020: 7,497 participants). The Trust is satisfied with the results as more and more people turned to online education during the Covid-19 pandemic and it was able to increase the number of certificates on offer and sell to more customers than in the previous year.

Up until March 2020, the Trust provided 10 monthly Student Accountant Direct (SAD) magazines to students in a digital format. Since 1 April 2021 these have been provided by another ACCA group company and therefore during the year, the Trust provided no e-mails containing the regular and special editions of SAD and other educational content to students (2020: 14,074,052). Similarly the Accountancy Futures publications was no longer provided by the Trust during the year (2020: 2 editions) and no copies were distributed (2020: 26,684) during the year. The Trust also awarded 24 (2020: 22) Simpson Scholarships to ACCA students which amounted to £7,367 (2020: £7,393) and awarded the ACCA Scholarships to 2 ACCA students (2020:499) which amounted to £475 (2020: £29,350).

Public benefit

In setting the objectives and planning the activities the Trustee has considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The Trust's principal charitable purpose is the advancement of education in accountancy, financial management and related subjects. The Trust provides educational courses which can be attended by any potential beneficiaries. There is no requirement for those beneficiaries to be members of ACCA. The Trust also provides scholarships to ACCA students whereby their fees and subscriptions are funded from the Scholarship funds. The provision of the education allows the beneficiary to further advance their career. In addition, ACCA's contributions to global economic, financial and regulatory policy-making are founded upon a strong belief in the reality of the "public interest" and the need to advance the transparency and ethical basis of both business and corporate reporting. The Trust's educational courses assist the beneficiary in understanding how they can contribute to this. The Trust therefore meets the public benefit requirement by providing the means to advance education in accountancy and related subjects for beneficiaries throughout the UK, including Scotland, and those beneficiaries do not need to be ACCA members or students.

Plans for the future

The aim of the Trust is to continue to support ACCA members and students throughout their careers in accounting, business and finance. It plans to continue to develop more certificate offerings for its members so that they can continue their professional development and create more job opportunities for themselves.

ACCA's research and insights explores issues that matter in accountancy and the wider world. Through that research, the Trust and ACCA engage the profession, business, policy makers, standard setters, educators and the public to analyse current issues, challenge thinking, project future scenarios and provide practical insights. The ongoing research and insights cover a wide range of subjects, including finance transformation, sustainability, corporate reporting, risk and reward, audit and access to finance. The Trust will continue to promote the Accountancy Futures work as this forum contributes to ACCA's research and insights work with powerful visions of the future. It provides a platform to look forward to; to tune into the emerging trends and discussions in the global business and policy spheres and the latest reforms facing the world of finance.

The Trust will continue to embrace digital technology and provide the necessary media and forums to allow ACCA to engage more effectively with members and students. The Trust also looks forward to awarding further scholarships to ACCA students under both the ACCA Scholarship and Simpson Scholarship Funds in the forthcoming year.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Fundraising

The Trust does not actively fundraise and has not employed any third party to fundraise on its behalf. As such the Trust is not a member of the Fundraising Regulator.

Reference and administrative information

Corporate Trustee

The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited

Directors of Corporate Trustee

Helen Brand

Mark Millar

Principal Office

110 Queen Street, Glasgow, G1 3BX

Independent Auditor

Grant Thornton UK LLP, Victoria House, 199 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 1AU

Principal Banker

Barclays Bank plc, Aurora, 1st Floor, 120 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, G2 7JT

Key management personnel remuneration

The Trustee considers that the Chief Executive of ACCA and that organisation's Executive Team as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity on a day-to-day basis. Those personnel are remunerated by ACCA and there are no direct salary costs incurred by the Trust. The Trustee gives of its time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. There are no trustee expenses.

Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and the regulations made thereunder, requires the Trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of the incoming resources and application of the resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Trust for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in business.

The Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Trust's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the trust deed. The Trustee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustee is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

Insofar as the Trustee is aware at the time of approving the Trustee's annual report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the Trust's auditor is unaware, and
- the Trustee, having made relevant enquiries, has taken all steps that it is obliged to take as a Trustee in order to make itself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Grant Thornton UK LLP have expressed a willingness to continue in office and a resolution to re-appoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

By order of the Trustee



Helen J Brand
Director of The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited
12 April 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Notes				
Income				
<i>Donations</i>				
2 Donations from ACCA	—	1,176	1,176	2,014
Total donations	—	1,176	1,176	2,014
<i>Income from charitable activities:</i>				
Technical and professional education	961,020	—	961,020	2,177,747
Career promotion, student activities and advertising	23,813	—	23,813	398,351
Qualifications development	157,667	—	157,667	134,797
<i>Other income</i>				
Income from Investments	—	1,564	1,564	2,984
Total income	1,142,500	2,740	1,145,240	2,715,893
Expenditure				
3 <i>Expenditure on charitable activities:</i>				
Education	867,312	—	867,312	2,607,799
Research	109,641	—	109,641	250,156
Careers promotion and student activities	20,862	9,018	29,880	648,809
Shared services	14,443	—	14,443	14,088
Total expenditure	1,012,258	9,018	1,021,276	3,520,852
Net gains/(losses) on investments	—	11,198	11,198	(25,580)
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds	130,242	4,920	135,162	(830,539)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds at 1 April	5,698,495	212,139	5,910,634	6,741,173
Total funds at 31 March	5,828,737	217,059	6,045,796	5,910,634

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The accompanying notes to the financial statements, on pages 10 to 19, are an integral part of this statement.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

		31 March 2021 £	31 March 2020 £
Notes			
	Fixed assets		
8	Tangible assets	—	—
9	Investments	45,127	33,929
		<u>45,127</u>	<u>33,929</u>
	Current assets		
10	Debtors	6,086,183	5,924,120
	Cash at bank	82,847	93,801
		<u>6,169,030</u>	<u>6,017,921</u>
11	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>168,361</u>	<u>141,216</u>
	Net current assets	<u>6,000,669</u>	<u>5,876,705</u>
	Net assets	<u><u>6,045,796</u></u>	<u><u>5,910,634</u></u>
	Funds		
12	Unrestricted	5,828,737	5,698,495
13	Restricted	217,059	212,139
		<u><u>6,045,796</u></u>	<u><u>5,910,634</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee on 12 April 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Helen J Brand
Director of The Certified Accountants Educational Trustees Limited

The accompanying notes to the financial statements, on pages 10 to 19, are an integral part of this statement.

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	31 March 2021 £	31 March 2020 £
Notes		
14 Net cash used in operating activities	(12,518)	(17,231)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest and dividends	1,564	2,984
Net cash provided by investing activities	1,564	2,984
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(10,954)	(14,247)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	93,801	108,048
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	82,847	93,801

The accompanying notes to the financial statements, on pages 10 to 19, are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies are considered material in relation to the Trust's financial statements:

(a) *Basis of preparation*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed asset investments at market value, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

(b) *Critical accounting estimates and judgements*

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenditure during the reporting period. Although these estimates are based on the Trustee's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results ultimately may differ from those estimates.

The estimates and assumptions which have the most significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities relate to the recognition of income. The Trustee is comfortable that management has the appropriate processes in place to ensure that income is recognised in the correct period.

(c) *Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis*

The Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. In arriving at this conclusion the Trustee considered both the impact of Covid-19 on the Trust and the letter of financial support it received from its ultimate parent, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

Due to the global spread of Covid-19 and the extraordinary measures enacted by governments around the world, ACCA's revenue streams have been significantly impacted. ACCA has stress tested various scenarios on their ability to operate and have approved the use of new technologies and a new 5 year budget. Under the various scenarios identified, ACCA would still be able to operate and provide any support required to the Trust for a period of 12 months after the signing of the financial statements.

The Trust has a debtor of £6.0 million (2020: £5.8 million) due from its parent company, ACCA, at 31 March 2021. ACCA has confirmed to the Trustee that it would settle this debtor on demand should it be requested to do so and has the resources to enable it to repay.

At the time of approving the financial statements the Trustee has a reasonable expectation that the Trust will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and that there are no material uncertainties about its ability to continue as a going concern.

(d) *Expenditure recognition*

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Research grants are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Trust. Single or multi-year grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the Trustee has agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the Trust. Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

(e) *Income recognition*

All income is recognised once the Trust has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be recovered and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability. Donations are recognised when receivable.

(f) *Foreign currencies*

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate in operation on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate in operation at the balance sheet date. All revaluation differences and realised foreign exchange differences are taken to the statement of financial activities.

(g) *Charitable activities*

Costs of charitable activities include the provision of educational courses to ACCA members, promotion of the ACCA qualifications, promotion of accounting research, advertising in the digital publication Student Accountant Direct and an apportionment of support and governance costs as shown in notes 3 and 4.

(h) *Allocation of support and governance costs*

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs relating to statutory audit and professional fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs. Support costs relate to staff costs incurred by ACCA in pursuance of the Trust's charitable activities. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in notes 4 and 5.

(i) *Operating leases*

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(j) *Tangible fixed assets and depreciation*

Tangible fixed assets are stated at depreciated cost. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write-off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

- leasehold improvements - over the period of the lease;
- computer systems and equipment - over 4 years;
- plant and machinery - over 4 to 7 years.

(k) *Fixed asset investments*

Fixed asset investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price.

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investment in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market value, using the bid price. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost (that is their transaction value).

(l) *Realised and unrealised gains and losses*

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase price if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year-end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

(m) *Cash at bank and in hand*

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

(n) *Funds: Unrestricted and restricted funds*

The unrestricted general funds represent the amounts retained to ensure the continuing charitable activities of the Fund.

The restricted funds represent funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by the donors. The purpose of the unrestricted funds and use of the restricted funds are set out in the report of the Trustee.

(o) *Grant-making*

Grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the Trustee has agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the Trust.

(p) *Financial instruments*

Financial instruments recognised in the balance sheet include cash and cash equivalents, available-for-sale investments, receivables and prepayments and trade and other payables. Financial instruments are initially valued at fair value. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires.

The Trust assesses at each balance sheet date whether a financial asset is impaired. Where a financial asset shows an indicator of impairment, it is tested to assess whether it should be specifically impaired. The recoverable amounts of financial assets are calculated by discounting the estimated future cash flows using the original effective interest rate. Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying value, an impairment loss is recognised. Subsequent to recognising that impairment, the impairment may be recovered if an event occurred that reverses the impairment indicator.

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial instruments are measured as set out below.

Trade receivables

Trade receivables are carried at original invoice amount less provision made for impairment of these receivables. A provision for impairment of trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the carrying amount and the recoverable amount, being the present value of expected cash flows.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the balance sheet at cost. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand or bank overdraft and short-term investments and are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

Trade and other payables

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price and other financial liabilities are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Gains and losses

All gains or losses on financial assets and liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial activities, including unrealised and realised gains or losses on investments.

Inter-company debtors

The inter-company debtor is stated at its fair value. The balance between ACCA and CAET is considered to be a trading debtor as transactions occur throughout the year. There are no repayment terms but the balance would be repaid on demand if requested.

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	31 March 2021 £	31 March 2020 £
2 Analysis of donations from ACCA		
Support cost donations	<u>1,176</u>	<u>2,014</u>

3 Analysis of charitable expenditure

The charity undertakes its charitable activities through the provision of educational courses to ACCA members, promotion of the ACCA qualifications, promotion of accounting research, including grant making, from advertising in the digital publication, Student Accountant Direct and from the provision of shared services to allow it and ACCA to operate to pursue ACCA's vision in becoming the number one professional accountancy body in providing accountants which the world needs. It should be noted that the CPD courses and advertising are now provided by another ACCA group company with effect from 1 January 2020.

Year ended 31 March 2021

	Direct costs £	Support and governance costs £	31 March 2021 £
Education – Publications	7,001	51,072	58,073
Education – Professional courses and certificates	701,235	108,004	809,239
Research	36,211	73,430	109,641
Careers promotion and student activities	10,446	19,434	29,880
Shared services	—	14,443	14,443
	<u>754,893</u>	<u>266,383</u>	<u>1,021,276</u>

Year ended 31 March 2020

	Direct costs £	Support and governance costs £	31 March 2020 £
Education – Publications	812,855	185,774	998,629
Education – Professional courses and certificates	1,447,951	161,219	1,609,170
Research	32,380	217,776	250,156
Careers promotion and student activities	395,140	253,669	648,809
Shared services	—	14,088	14,088
	<u>2,688,326</u>	<u>832,526</u>	<u>3,520,852</u>

Analysis of grants

	31 March 2021 £	31 March 2020 £
<i>Research and Insights grants</i>		
Grants to institutions	34,699	25,169
Grants to individuals and corporates	—	3,000
	<u>34,699</u>	<u>28,169</u>

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3 Analysis of charitable expenditure (continued) Analysis of grants (continued)

	31 March 2021 £
Recipients of institutional grants	
Deakin University – Integrated Reporting Centre	34,699
Total	34,699

The support costs relating to grant making activities relate to employee costs.

4 Allocation of governance and support costs

The breakdown of support costs and how these were allocated between governance and other support costs is shown in the table below.

Cost type	Basis of apportionment	Other support costs £	Governance related £	31 March 2021 £
Staff costs	Staff time	244,940	7,000	251,940
Office costs	Work done	—	14,443	14,443
		<u>244,940</u>	<u>21,443</u>	<u>266,383</u>

Cost type	Basis of apportionment	Other support costs £	Governance related £	31 March 2020 £
Staff costs	Staff time	807,438	11,000	818,438
Office costs	Work done	—	14,088	14,088
		<u>807,438</u>	<u>25,088</u>	<u>832,526</u>

Allocation on staff time is based on the staff costs accounted for by ACCA with regards to the time spent within each area of charitable activity.

5 Analysis of governance costs

	31 March 2021 £	31 March 2020 £
Staff costs	15,000	11,000
Auditors' remuneration	14,443	14,088
	<u>29,443</u>	<u>25,088</u>

The Trustee has decided to meet all governance costs from unrestricted funds and so no allocation or charge is made to restricted funds for any governance related costs.

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6 Salaries and related costs

	31 March 2021 £	31 March 2020 £
The costs of employing support staff during the year were as follows:		
Management charge	250,764	819,559
	<u>250,764</u>	<u>819,559</u>

The Trust has no employees. The management charge represents management's best estimate of the cost of ACCA staff time on CAET activities during the year. No employees received remuneration in excess of £60,000.

7 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2020

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2020 £
Income			
<i>Donations</i>			
Donations from ACCA	—	2,014	2,014
Gift Aid donations from ACCA and subsidiaries	—	—	—
Total donations	—	2,014	2,014
<i>Income from charitable activities:</i>			
Technical and professional education	2,177,747	—	2,177,747
Career promotion, student activities and advertising	398,351	—	398,351
Qualifications development	134,797	—	134,797
<i>Other income</i>			
Income from Investments	—	2,984	2,984
Total income	<u>2,710,895</u>	<u>4,998</u>	<u>2,715,893</u>
Expenditure			
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities:</i>			
Education	2,607,799	—	2,607,799
Research	250,156	—	250,156
Careers promotion and student activities	610,052	38,757	648,809
Shared services	14,088	—	14,088
Total expenditure	<u>3,482,095</u>	<u>38,757</u>	<u>3,520,852</u>
Net losses on investments	—	(25,580)	(25,580)
Net income and net movement in funds	<u>(771,200)</u>	<u>(59,339)</u>	<u>(830,539)</u>
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds at 1 April 2019	6,469,695	271,478	6,741,173
Total funds at 31 March 2020	<u>5,698,495</u>	<u>212,139</u>	<u>5,910,634</u>

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8 Tangible assets

	Computer systems and equipment £	Total £
<i>Cost</i>		
At 1 April 2019 and 1 April 2020	107,877	107,877
Additions	—	—
At 31 March 2021	107,877	107,877
<i>Accumulated depreciation</i>		
At 1 April 2019 and 1 April 2020	107,877	107,877
Charge for year	—	—
At 31 March 2021	107,877	107,877
<i>Net book value</i>		
At 31 March 2021	—	—
At 31 March 2020	—	—
	31 March 2021 £	31 March 2020 £

9 Investments

<i>Prize Fund investments</i>		
Cost or value at 1 April	33,929	59,509
Net unrealised investment gains/(losses)	11,198	(25,580)
Market value at 31 March	45,127	33,929
Historical cost at 31 March	3,157	3,157
<i>Investments at market value</i>		
Temple Bar Investment Trust PLC	34,260	22,860
Royal Dutch Shell B shares	10,867	11,069
Total	45,127	33,929

10 Debtors

Trade and other debtors	59,371	108,140
Amounts due from ACCA	6,026,812	5,803,861
Prepayments and accrued income	—	1,918
Other taxation and social security costs	—	10,201
	6,086,183	5,924,120

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	31 March 2021 £	31 March 2020 £
11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Trade and other creditors	17,486	6,175
Accruals and deferred income	147,980	135,041
Other taxation and social security costs	2,895	—
	<u>168,361</u>	<u>141,216</u>

Trade and other payables principally comprise amounts outstanding for trade purchases and ongoing costs. The normal payment terms are within 30 days. Payment terms may exceed 30 days where the contract provides for extended terms.

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

Year ended 31 March 2021	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Investments	—	45,127	45,127
Cash at bank	17,035	65,812	82,847
Current assets	5,980,063	106,120	6,086,183
Current liabilities and provisions	(168,361)	—	(168,361)
	<u>5,828,737</u>	<u>217,059</u>	<u>6,045,796</u>

Year ended 31 March 2020	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Investments	—	33,929	33,929
Cash at bank	8,754	85,047	93,801
Current assets	5,830,957	93,163	5,924,120
Current liabilities and provisions	(141,216)	—	(141,216)
	<u>5,698,495</u>	<u>212,139</u>	<u>5,910,634</u>

The unrestricted funds represent the amounts retained to ensure the continuing charitable activities of the Trust. The restricted funds represent the amounts retained for the Simpson Scholarship Fund, the ACCA Scholarship Fund and the Prize Fund (see note 13).

13 Movement in restricted funds

	Simpson Scholarship Fund £	ACCA Scholarship Fund £	Prize Fund £	Total £
At 1 April 2020	59,201	60,820	92,118	212,139
Incoming resources	6	—	1,558	1,564
Support costs donated	1,176	—	—	1,176
Resources expended	(8,543)	(475)	—	(9,018)
Unrealised investment gains	—	—	11,198	11,198
At 31 March 2021	<u>51,840</u>	<u>60,345</u>	<u>104,874</u>	<u>217,059</u>

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13 Movement in restricted funds (continued)

	Simpson Scholarship Fund £	ACCA Scholarship Fund £	Prize Fund £	Total £
At 1 April 2019	66,356	90,170	114,952	271,478
Incoming resources	238	—	2,746	2,984
Support costs donated	2,014	—	—	2,014
Resources expended	(9,407)	(29,350)	—	(38,757)
Unrealised investment losses	—	—	(25,580)	(25,580)
At 31 March 2020	<u>59,201</u>	<u>60,820</u>	<u>92,118</u>	<u>212,139</u>

14 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flows from operating activities

	31 March 2021 £	31 March 2020 £
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	135,162	(830,539)
(Gains)/losses on investments	(11,198)	25,580
Dividends and interest from investments	(1,564)	(2,984)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(162,063)	1,503,991
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	27,145	(713,279)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(12,518)</u>	<u>(48,165)</u>

15 Related party transactions

The Trust exists to promote the ACCA qualification among potential students and to provide ACCA students with publications, courses and careers information. In addition, the Trust provides conferences and courses for ACCA members and others, produces technical publications and promotes accounting research. ACCA also collects certain income and pays certain expenditure on behalf of the Trust and there may therefore, at any time, be a balance outstanding between the Trust and ACCA (see note 10).

The costs of ACCA staff engaged in Trust activities is shown under Education, Research and Careers Promotion and student activities costs. The costs have been billed to the Trust by way of a management charge of £250,764 (2020: £819,559).

	31 March 2021 £	31 March 2020 £
Sales		
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Purchases		
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	<u>250,764</u>	<u>819,559</u>

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16 Reconciliation of net debt

	1 April 2020	Cashflows	31 March 2021
	£	£	£
Cash	93,801	(10,954)	82,847
Total	<u>93,801</u>	<u>(10,954)</u>	<u>82,847</u>

17 Trustee remuneration

The Trustee did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year (2020: £nil).

18 Ultimate parent

ACCA is the ultimate parent of the Corporate Trustee and the Trust. ACCA is incorporated under Royal Charter with registration number RC000732. The Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2021 are available from ACCA's office at The Adelphi, 1-11 John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6AU.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Certified Accountants Educational Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021, which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102; The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources including, its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulations 6 and 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under sections 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with regulations made under those Acts. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We are responsible for concluding on the appropriateness of the Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the auditor's opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

In our evaluation of the Trustee's conclusions, we considered the inherent risks associated with the charity's business model including effects arising from macro-economic uncertainties such as Brexit and Covid-19, we assessed and challenged the reasonableness of estimates made by the Trustee and the related disclosures and analysed how those risks might affect the charity's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

The responsibilities of the Trustee with respect to going concern are described in the 'Responsibilities of Trustee for the financial statements' section of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST (continued)

Other information

The Trustee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustee's Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustee's Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept sufficient and proper accounting records; or
- the charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the Trustee

As explained more fully in the Trustee's Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, the Trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustee is responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustee either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST (continued)

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity through our general not for profit and charity sector experience, discussions with management and the internal legal counsel. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant: Charities SORP 2019, FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', Charities Act 2011, Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, Charities Accounts (Scotland) Act 2006 (as amended), Companies Act 2006, Data Protection Act 2018 and The Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016.
- We enquired of management concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to:
 - the identification, evaluation and compliance with laws and regulations;
 - the detection and response to the risk of fraud; and
 - the establishment of internal controls to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We enquired of management whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and corroborated the results of our enquiries to relevant supporting documentation.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur and the risk of management override of controls. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:
 - identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
 - challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its accounting estimates;
 - identifying and testing journal entries, in particular manual journal entries;
- These audit procedures were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error and detecting irregularities that result from fraud is inherently more difficult than detecting those that result from error, as fraud may involve collusion, deliberate concealment, forgery or intentional misrepresentations. Also, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it;
- The assessment of the appropriateness of the collective competence and capabilities of the engagement team included consideration of the engagement team's:
 - understanding of, and practical experience with, audit engagements of a similar nature and complexity through appropriate training and participation;
 - knowledge of the industry in which the client operates; and
 - understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements specific to the entity including, the provisions of the applicable legislation, the regulators rules and related guidance, including guidance issued by relevant authorities that interprets those rules and the applicable statutory provision.
- The team communications in respect of potential non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud included the potential for fraud in revenue recognition, improper use of charitable funds and serious incident reports submitted to the Charities Commission in the period; and

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATIONAL TRUST (continued)

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud (continued)

- In assessing the potential risks of material misstatement, we obtained an understanding of:
 - the charity's operations, including the nature of its revenue sources to understand the classes of transactions, account balances, expected financial statement disclosures and business risks that may result in risk of material misstatement; and
 - the charity's control environment, including:
 - management's knowledge of relevant laws and regulations and how the charity is complying with those laws and regulation;
 - the adequacy of procedures for authorisation of transactions; and
 - procedures to ensure that possible breaches of law and regulations are appropriately resolved.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustee, as a body, in accordance with Section 154 of the Charities Act 2011 and Section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's Trustee those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its Trustee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants
Milton Keynes

Date: 12/4/2022

Grant Thornton UK LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006