

BUSINESS ENGLISH

Accountants and career perspectives

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1) Choose the correct word to fill in the 8 spaces

Accountants **1) in/at/for** the UK are facing major uncertainty over their careers, according to new research.

A study from recruitment consultant Badenoch & Clark **2) asks/tells/reports** that 44% are less confident about their career **3) than/that/which** they were at the start of the year.

The results showed that accountants earning £30,000-£45,000 in particular **4) have/are/do** experiencing a career path 'hole' though it also remained a concern for many of their more senior colleagues.

Some 44% of accounting and finance professionals anticipate changing jobs **5) in/since/by** the end of the year, and **6) it/this/that** seems finding a clearer career path is a major driver behind the trend.

Even more senior professionals see it as important, with around a quarter saying seeing a clearer career path would make their role more attractive.

Factors such as higher bonuses and flexible working come much further down the list of concerns among accountants, sending a clear signal to employers that they need to **7) look/focus/get** on more than just salary when framing a role.

Nick Eaves, executive director at Badenoch & Clark, said: 'For previous generations of accountants, career paths mostly fell into a very tried and tested pattern.'

8) However/Although/ Despite, as the job market has become more fluid and the roles that accountants can fill have multiplied, a significant level of confusion has emerged.'

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2. What is more important than salary for many UK accountants? What is important for YOU?

3. Which title is the most appropriate?

1. ACCOUNTANTS ARE HAPPY ABOUT THE FUTURE
2. ACCOUNTANTS IN A CAREER PATH HOLE
3. ACCOUNTANTS HAVE GREATER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

ANSWERS

1) in; 2) reports; 3) than; 4) are; 5) by; 6) it; 7) focus; 8) However

2) 'a clearer career path'

3) B