

the internet can be a confusing place. Simon Webster shows you how to get the most out of ACCA's website

at your fingertips

ACCA Financial Services Network
<http://uk.accaglobal.com/uk/members/networks/employment/fsn>

ACCA Realise
www.accaglobal.com/cpdrealise

ACCA UK
<http://uk.accaglobal.com>

Corporate Governance
www.accaglobal.com/governance

Directory of Members and Directory of Business Advisers
<https://www.acca-business.org/dom>

Events Database
www.accaglobal.com/events

In-Company Training
<http://uk.accaglobal.com/uk/employers/incompany>

International Financial Reporting Standards
www.accaglobal.com/ifrs

Knowledge Library
www.accaglobal.com/cpdrealise/library

Money Laundering
www.accaglobal.com/transparency/moneylaundering

Pensions
www.accaglobal.com/transparency/pensions

Publications
www.accaglobal.com/publications

Sustainability
www.accaglobal.com/sustainability

■ **The internet has become an essential research tool for many, and an almost indispensable tool of the modern office. From financial data to government legislation the internet allows us to work more efficiently.**

ACCA established its global website – www.accaglobal.com – over seven years ago. Since then it has expanded rapidly. Following the creation of *ACCA UK* in 2002 a website tailored to the needs of a UK audience was created. You can visit this at <http://uk.accaglobal.com>.

This article focuses on the pages most relevant to members working in the financial services sector. (The box on the left gives specific URLs.) The key pages are discussed below.

Financial Services Review is one of many publications available online. These include the other members' network newsletters, ACCA research reports, sector-specific booklets and ACCA's Rulebook.

You can also plan ahead by searching our Events Database. This contains details of events scheduled throughout 2005 by the Financial Services Network, ACCA UK's Professional Courses team (CPD events) and the regional networks.

Members working in the financial services sector may wish to engage the services of – or offer their services as – a non-executive director (NED). ACCA maintains an online database of all members qualified to act as NEDs.

ACCA has also developed microsites covering issues relevant to you. These include pensions, corporate governance, sustainability and money laundering.

Knowledge Library

One of the latest developments is the Knowledge Library, which has been developed as part of ACCA Realise, a new scheme for continuing professional development.

The Knowledge Library has been developed in direct response to feedback from members, and draws together resources including technical updates, research reports, consultation responses, commentaries, opinion pieces and much more, as well as a range of links to other relevant sources of information to help members with their research.

This is an invaluable CPD tool, as it contributes to members' ability to obtain information that is relevant to them and can help them in their jobs. Members can search by topics, by resource types, alphabetically, or by key words. Resources have been classified with the help of technical experts, according to relevant subject areas and employment categories.

The Knowledge Library is designed to provide members with free, straightforward and flexible access to over 9,000 sources of information. The Knowledge Library is exclusively available to ACCA members and to ACCA Approved CPD Employers and can be accessed at www.accaglobal.com/cpdrealise/library. ■

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