



# **The Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies**

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## **CCAB SAYS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS AN ETHICAL OBLIGATION FOR FINANCE PROFESSIONALS**

Continuing professional development (CPD) is an ethical obligation for qualified finance professionals in the modern business world. This message will be delivered by CCAB Chairman Paul Druckman today (Friday) at the first CPD conference hosted by the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies (CCAB) at Chartered Accountants' Hall, London.

The CCAB is taking a collaborative stance on CPD for finance professionals. All the CCAB bodies have introduced CPD programmes for professionally qualified accountants, which are more flexible and recognise a wider range of development activities than has previously been the case. The aim of the conference is to promote CPD as a means of building public confidence, helping members achieve their career aspirations and enhancing their contribution to the businesses in which they work.

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The large number of leading employers attending the conference will hear from a distinguished line-up of industry figures from organisations such as Barclays, NHS, PKF and ScottishPower. There will be opportunities to hear real-life examples of how to foster a culture of professional development within organisations and exploit the support and guidance being offered by the professional bodies.

The conference will provide an opportunity for employers to benchmark training policies against those of other organisations as well as offering best practice advice on planning and providing professional development opportunities for finance professionals.

Paul Druckman will tell delegates at the CCAB conference: “I am delighted that the CCAB bodies have come together to champion the issue of continuing professional development. CPD helps to promote public confidence in the accountancy profession and delivers benefits for individuals and the businesses they work in.

“CPD will give accountants a competitive advantage and is a key differentiator between professionals and non-professionals. Committing to CPD will allow CCAB members to show to the outside world that they are part of a profession that is serious about maintaining the very highest standards.”

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### **Notes to Editors**

1. CCAB comprises the six major accountancy bodies in the UK and Ireland:

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2. CCAB provides a forum for co-ordinating views on a wide range of issues of interest to the accountancy profession as a whole.

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