



**12 April 2015 CCAB Press Release**

## **CCAB hosts advice on choosing the right accountant or tax adviser**

Easily accessible advice and information on choosing the right accountant/tax adviser is now available on the CCAB website. The information, which is being hosted by CCAB on behalf of professional bodies, is aimed at improving access to services from regulated and qualified accountants/tax advisers. It also seeks to raise awareness of the fact that anyone can call themselves an accountant/tax adviser whether or not they are professionally qualified. It gives tips on what to look for, making contact, charges and what to expect after appointing an adviser.

Jann Brown, CCAB Chair, said: "CCAB welcomes this initiative as a means of encouraging and helping individuals and businesses to find the right advisers. While we accept that some non-qualified advisers may have experience, professionally qualified and regulated advisers have knowledge and expertise and, moreover are obliged to work ethically, keep their knowledge and skills up to date and hold professional indemnity insurance. We believe that this advice will provide clarity in what can be a very confusing market for those needing advice."

The tips can be accessed on <https://www.ccab.org.uk/choosing-an-accountant/>

Seven professional bodies are parties to the advice:

*Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)*

*Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS)*

*Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)*

*Chartered Accountants Ireland (CAI)*

*Chartered Institute of Taxation (CIOT)*

*Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT)*

*Association of Taxation Technicians (ATT)*

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## Notes for editors

1. The combined membership of the five CCAB bodies - ICAEW, ACCA, ICAS, CIPFA and Chartered Accountants Ireland - amounts to 245,000 professional accountants in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (354,000 worldwide).
2. CCAB provides a forum for the bodies to work together collectively in the public interest on matters affecting the profession and the wider economy.
3. CCAB's credibility stems from its insight into all areas of finance and accounting, from finance director and audit partner to management accountants, professional advisers, public sector finance leaders and entrepreneurs. CCAB's members work through the financial value chain in all sectors as key decision makers and business leaders within the UK and around the world.

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