

Thomas Whitfield

Accountant

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ACA-qualified accountant with five years of experience across audit and financial reporting. Trained at PwC Bristol and now working in-house at a FTSE 250 insurance group managing statutory accounts and group consolidation. Comfortable with IFRS 17 implementation and working closely with external auditors during year-end.

EXPERIENCE

Financial Accountant, Hiscox Ltd, Bristol

Jun 2023 – Present

Part of the group finance team responsible for statutory reporting for 3 UK legal entities within the Hiscox group.

- Prepare **quarterly and annual statutory accounts** under IFRS for 3 entities with combined GWP of £1.8 billion
- Managed the **IFRS 17 transition** for the UK entities — coordinated with actuarial, IT, and external audit teams over 9 months
- Own the **group consolidation** process in SAP BPC, eliminating inter-company balances across 14 entities
- Primary contact for **KPMG external audit** — reduced audit queries by 30% year-on-year through improved documentation

Senior Associate – Audit, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Bristol

Sep 2021 – May 2023

Led audit fieldwork for financial services and insurance clients across the South West.

- Managed audit teams of **3–5 people** on engagements with fees ranging from £120,000 to £400,000
- Led the **Year 1 audit of a £600 million insurance syndicate** at Lloyd's of London
- Reviewed and signed off on **revenue recognition, claims reserves, and investment valuations**

Associate – Audit, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Bristol

Sep 2019 – Aug 2021

Graduate trainee on the ACA programme within the insurance and financial services audit practice.

- Completed testing across **cash, receivables, payables, and revenue** for 8 audit clients per year
- Passed all **15 ACA exams first time** while maintaining a full client workload
- Awarded **PwC Bravo recognition** twice for quality of working papers

EDUCATION

BSc (Hons) in Accounting and Finance, University of Bath, Bath

Sep 2016 – Jun 2019

First Class Honours. Completed a year-long industrial placement at Lloyds Banking Group during the third year.

SKILLS

IFRS Financial Reporting (inc. IFRS 17), Statutory Accounts Preparation, Group Consolidation (SAP BPC), External Audit Management, UK GAAP & FRS 102, Excel (Advanced — VBA, Power Query), SAP S/4HANA Finance, Tax Provision Calculations, Intercompany Reconciliation, Month-End & Year-End Close

CERTIFICATIONS

ACA – Associate Chartered Accountant, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

Jul 2022

IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts – Technical Training, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Nov 2022

LANGUAGES

English (native)

PROJECTS

IFRS 17 Transition – Hiscox UK Entities

Sep 2023 – Jun 2024

Coordinated the finance workstream of the IFRS 17 implementation across 3 UK legal entities.

- Built **12 new reporting templates** for the Contractual Service Margin and Loss Component disclosures
- Worked with actuarial to validate **transition adjustments totalling £47 million**
- Delivered the first IFRS 17-compliant statutory accounts on time with clean audit opinion

Audit Process Automation – PwC Bristol

Jan 2022 – Jun 2022

Developed Excel-based automation tools to streamline recurring audit procedures.

- Created a **VBA-driven bank confirmation tracker** used across 15 audit engagements
- Reduced time spent on confirmation follow-ups by **8 hours per engagement**

REFERENCES

Claire Donovan, Group Financial Controller, Hiscox Ltd, claire.donovan@hiscox.com, +44 7700 900 118

James Underhill, Senior Manager – Insurance Audit, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, james.underhill@pwc.com, +44 7700 900 275

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

ICAEW South West Regional Committee Member

Jan 2024

Elected to the regional committee representing newly qualified members. Help organise 3 networking and CPD events per year for 200+ local members.

Treasurer – Bristol Community Rowing Club

Sep 2021

Manage the club's annual budget of £18,000, handle membership fees, and prepare the annual accounts for submission to the Charity Commission.