ACA – the next 10 years

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ACA evolution: 2013-2019

2013 – 2015

- New exam structure and content
- Online training file
- CPL
- Ethics Learning Programme
- Widened access

2016

- Banking and Insurance modules
- Launch of ACA/CTA joint qualification

2017

- Revised ACA skills framework
- UK GAAP alternative module
- BFP launched

2016 - 2019

- Computer Based Exams for Professional and Advanced Level
- Enhanced technology content

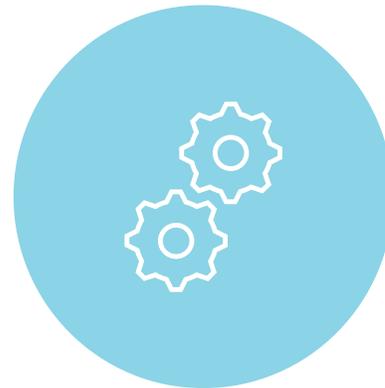# ACA 2019 consultations

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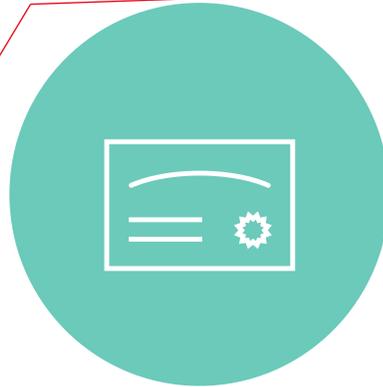Professional scepticism

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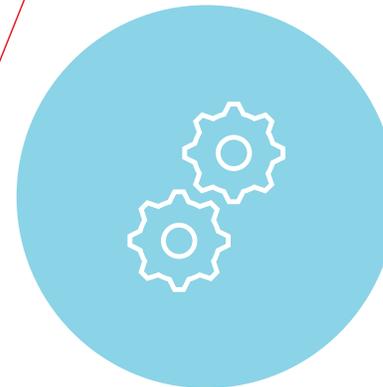
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Assessment needs to evolve to **better reflect workplace**

Focus should be on problem solving, data story-telling, but also **challenging the sources of the data**

Future ACA: development 2020-2023

- **Ethics** – update to Ethics Learning Programme (launched October 2020)

- **Technological change/Professional Scepticism/Skills:**
    - New exam platform including remote invigilation (launch March 2021)
    - Data Analytics Software (launched in March 2021)
    - Spreadsheet functionality incorporated in exam questions (launched March 2022)
    - Changing format of exam questions (Ongoing)
    - Digital Learning Materials (launched in 2021)

- **Technical knowledge**
    - 2021 - 2023 syllabus review: Ethics, AML, Green Finance, Statistics and Data Analysis, Professional Scepticism, continue embedding Technology and Sustainability, Skills assessed in the exams

ACA – *the next 10 years*

- Impact of sustainability

- Introduce use of additional software into assessment eg Tax Compliance, Accounting package, Data visualisation software eg Power BI

- Introduce AI to exam marking

- Create a more flexible exam regime

- Develop alternatives to exams – reduce dependence on summative assessment

- Introduce coding into syllabus

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