

Professional Opportunities in Ontario (Canada)



Canada is often referred to as a thriving country of immigrants. As such, Canadians welcome people and ideas from across the world which has led to Canada having developed as a world class innovative economy. The challenges presented by Canada's ageing population, low birth rate and growing labour shortages make a strong case for a significant boost in immigration, particularly that of skilled work force, including, in the field of finance and accounting. Accounting is a thriving and respected profession in Canada. Accounting jobs exist country-wide across various industries in both private and public sector. Toronto, where the ICAI Chapter is located, is the financial hub of Canada and it offers plenty of opportunities in financial services, accounting, financial reporting, financial planning & analysis, auditing, risk management, taxation, etc. The ICAI Toronto Chapter is constantly at work to tap the immense potential for Indian accountants in Canada and offers credible support to its members through its website's (www.icaitoronto.com) 'career corner', where both opportunities and talent pool exist by encouraging both employers and potential candidates to post openings and resumes respectively. The Chapter offers networking opportunities by organising professional development events such as seminars, international conferences, annual gala, etc. Read on to know more...



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Canada is a nation of immigrants. From its indigenous people to the recent migrants, all play an important role in shaping the country. While building new lives for themselves, they built this country into what it is today. Canadians welcome people and ideas from around the globe, as they can turn their ideas into successful professions and

corporations that help build a world-class innovative economy. The challenges presented by Canada's ageing population, low birth rate and growing labour shortages make a strong case for a significant boost in immigration.

Province of Ontario is the most desired destination for immigrants as it offers affordable housing, health care, plenty of professional opportunities, various educational streams through its universities, colleges and schools. The Greater Toronto Area (GTA), comprising of Ontario's capital Toronto and adjacent towns, is the largest metropolitan area in Canada. The Toronto Chapter of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is located in the GTA.

Accounting is a thriving and respected profession in Canada and the local professional accounting designation is known as the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA). Accounting profession is provincially regulated and the professional interest at the federal level is represented by CPA Canada. CPA Ontario is the largest provincial body and GTA region falls within CPA Ontario. Accounting jobs exist country-wide across various industries in both private and public sector. Certified members hold key positions in business, commerce, industry, government and education sectors. Many are in individual public practice or work for well-established accounting firms, which offer multiple service lines in Canada.

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Getting your start here can be difficult, no doubt, but working in this great country can be marvellous. There are all sorts of challenges and rewards for immigrants. ■