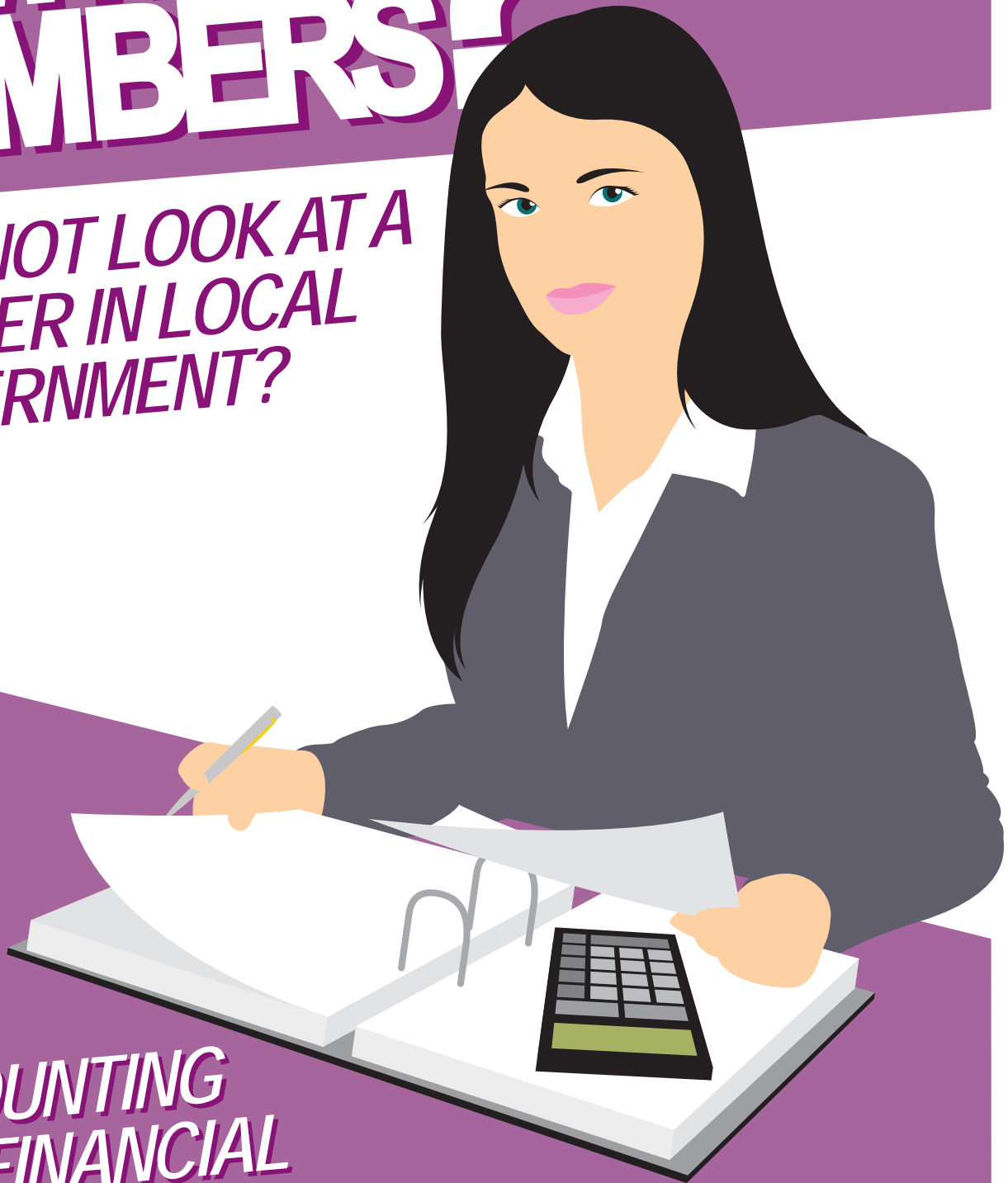


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# ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

There are a wide range of Accounting and Financial Management careers available in Local Government.

Councils manage large and complex budgets, which require a wide range of staff.

The job opportunities available largely depend on the size of the council.

For example, in a small council, especially in a rural and regional area, there may be one finance manager who would have very broad operational responsibilities. Skills in IT are also highly regarded.

Large councils however can have large finance teams with opportunities for progression to senior management and executive roles. For example, many General Managers of councils have finance and accounting qualifications.

In your first years, you are likely to have the opportunity to participate in the budget development process, taxation, risk management and work with other professionals in developing cash flow requirements.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

There are many pathways into accounting or financial management roles in councils. Some options include:

- Applying for a traineeship position with a council and studying while you work
- Moving into an accounting or financial management role from another area within council
- Completing a university or vocational qualification prior to working in council

Some jobs in accounting and financial management do not require a university degree. There are vocational education and training courses offered by TAFE and other Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) which will articulate into degrees, if you choose to take your education further.

Examples of qualifications you might consider are:

- Master of Accounting
- Master of Business Administration
- Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting or Finance
- Bachelor of Business in Accounting or Finance
- Bachelor of Economics in Accounting
- Certificate IV in Financial Services (Accounting), Diploma or Advanced Diploma of Accounting – TAFE or private RTO
- Certificate IV, Diploma and Advance Diploma in Financial Services – TAFE or private RTO
- Certificate III in Financial Services and Certificate III in Financial Services (Accounts Clerical) (also available as school-based traineeships) – TAFE or private RTO

## FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT...

- [www.lgsa-plus.net.au](http://www.lgsa-plus.net.au) and [www.careergov.com.au](http://www.careergov.com.au) to learn more about careers in local government
- [www.counciljobs.com](http://www.counciljobs.com) to look at jobs currently available in local government
- [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au) to see the range of university courses available
- [www.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.tafensw.edu.au) to find out more about TAFE courses in NSW
- [www.counciljobs.com](http://www.counciljobs.com) to look at the jobs currently available in local government
- [www.sbatinnsw.info](http://www.sbatinnsw.info) to find out more about school-based traineeships in NSW
- [www.lgsa.org.au](http://www.lgsa.org.au) to locate all councils across NSW

Remember, council job opportunities are advertised in local and national newspapers.