

Live chat schedule

Available from May through to August, you can chat online with featured employers for invaluable insights to what accounting is like in reality, and gain lots of career tips to help you secure your dream job.

Review the live chat schedule, to see when employers are online to answer your queries each week.

May – 2010	When	Webinar topic	Presenter
Week 1	Thursday, 6 May 2.00 – 3.00pm	The truth about Tax Hear first hand from Natalie Ma, Senior Tax Consultant at HLB Mann Judd, on why Tax is a great area to specialise in due to the variety of work available. Legislation is always changing, so there are always opportunities to learn and be challenged by a new ruling or case.	Natalie Ma (HLB Mann Judd)
Week 2	Tuesday, 11 May 10.00 – 11.00am	Meet Prue Brumley, CA Prue Brumley, is a Financial Analyst working for AXA. She's recently completed the Chartered Accountants Program and reveals why she has decided to become a Chartered Accountant, how the Program helps in her role at AXA on a day to day basis and what her plans are for the future. Fresh from her secondment in Hong Kong – her experience proves this is a career that can take you places.	Prue Brumley (AXA)
Week 3	Tuesday, 18 May 12.45 – 1.45pm	Privately held Business Services Commonly referred to as PHB, Privately Held Business focuses on clients which are not listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. A client could be a business or high net worth individual i.e. someone with lots of money. As Monica Cieccko, Senior Accountant at Grant Thornton explains, working in this area gives you exposure to all the issues that a business and business owners face. Services range from compliance work, day-to-day operating support to more complex matters such as estate planning, company restructuring and asset funding.	Monica Cieccko (Grant Thornton)
Week 4	Monday, 24 May 2.00 – 3.00pm	Audit & Assurance – an insider's view Watch Geoff Rooney, Senior Accountant at Ernst & Young dispel the rumours that Audit is a boring area to work in. Learn about the role Audit & Assurance plays in the accounting industry and the value it provides to companies, government, regulators, investors and the general public.	Geoff Rooney (Ernst & Young)
June – 2010			
Week 5	No live chat		
Week 6	Tuesday, 8 June 3.00 – 4.00pm	Bringing science to decision making Chartered Accountants enjoy a varied, exciting and challenging choice of career paths. Hear from two Chartered Accountants, one working in Insolvency, the other a National Manager – Competitor Strategy at Coca-Cola Amatil, on the role they play for their organisations, and their advice to candidates.	Jean-Baptiste Naudet (Coca-Cola Amatil)
Week 7	No live chat		
Week 8	Wednesday, 23 June 3.00 – 4.00pm	Business Recovery & Insolvency – undertakers or financial doctors? Due to the recent global economic downturn, Business Recovery and Insolvency (otherwise known as BRI) has experienced an accelerated growth pattern as more companies find themselves with financial difficulties. Walk into Gino Tabila's world at BDO to see how this accounting stream helps to save businesses, either through a restructure, sale of the business or simply fine tuning the financial operations to improve cash flow.	Gino Tabila (BDO)

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Week 9	Thursday, 1 July 3.00 – 4.00pm	Tips for a successful interview Your skills on paper are one thing: being able to sell yourself face to face, quite another. Hear what experienced interviewers look for in a candidate, their simple tips to help you stand out, and the keys to success in group interview activities.	Jen Barrett (PricewaterhouseCoopers)
Week 10	Tuesday, 6 July 5.00 – 6.00pm	Business Services Scott Kay, Senior Accountant from HLB Mann Judd has his own website, www.nomoney.com.au which is focused on providing tips to Gen Y on how they can achieve financial success. In his day job he works in Business Services which encompasses a broad range of activities including compliance work such as preparing financial statements, tax returns and business activity statements and dealing with government authorities like the Australian Taxation Office on behalf of clients. If you are client focused and enjoy helping people, this might be the right career path for you.	Scott Kay (HLB Mann Judd)
Week 11	Thursday, 15 July 3.00 – 4.00pm	Corporate finance in the accounting world Tom Williams, Consultant, Financial Services at BDO will be able to share his insights on how he assists owners and management at CEO/CFO level make financial decisions to help their businesses achieve their strategic objectives. This may include merger and acquisition advisory, financial due diligence, business valuations and financial modelling support. See how you can make the transition into this competitive stream of accounting.	Tom Williams (BDO)
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Week 13	No live chat		
Aug – 2010	When	Webinar topic	Presenter
Week 14	Thursday, 5 August 2.00 – 3.00pm	How to secure a graduate placement In the current economic climate, finding a graduate placement is becoming increasingly competitive; and it is up to the graduate to prove why a company should invest in them. Often times people forget a graduate placement is a reciprocal investment for both the company and the candidate. So to give graduates that extra edge Phil Wells (Human Resources, WHK) and Caroline Henshaw (Graduate Recruitment Manager, Deloitte) share their tips on securing a placement and highlight the importance of finding the right placement to match your career goals with the company best suited to you.	Phil Wells (WHK)
Week 15	Thursday, 12 August 10.00 - 11.00am	What to expect as a Chartered Accounting graduate? There's always two sides to every story, and such is the case for the graduate recruitment process. Find out what one can expect from Sacha Jaques (Audit in Ernst & Young) as she shares her experiences in becoming a graduate and provides some helpful tips for future graduates looking to secure a placement. Furthermore, Danielle ElAtrache (Graduate Recruitment Team, Ernst & Young) talks us through the interview process and provides some valuable interview advice.	Sacha Jaques (Ernst & Young)
Week 16	No live chat		
Week 17	No live chat		

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