

Technical and Compliance Advisor – £ Highly Competitive

About HAT Group of Accountants

HAT provides technical support and methodology, compliance services and training courses to more than 250 accountancy firms across the UK. Our clients range from members of the Accountancy Age “Top 50 + 50” to sole practitioners. HAT’s areas of expertise include audit and assurance, financial reporting and practice procedures. Established for almost fifty years, we pride ourselves on providing our clients a truly personal service and providing practical advice on current technical developments and issues.

The Role

To aid our continued expansion we are looking for an experienced accountant with a keen interest in financial reporting and auditing. This client facing role is at the centre of the small and friendly HAT technical team and reports directly to the Managing Director. Regular visits to clients will be required but there will also be the opportunity to work from home on a frequent basis.

The successful candidate will have a significant degree of autonomy and will help provide the following services to our clients:

- Conducting both engagement quality control reviews (EQCR) and quality control cold file reviews on audit and non-audit files, providing face to face feedback to clients and preparing detailed reports;
- Advising clients on our technical helpline covering UK GAAP and IFRS; Auditing Standards, Ethical issues, Company Law and specialist areas (including Charities, Pensions, SRA Accounts Rules and FCA);
- Contributing to our suite of technical manuals and audit methodology.

The role will be tailored to the skills of the successful candidate and may include:

- Conducting Practice Assurance Compliance Reviews;
- Presenting on our CPD programme (regular presentations will not necessarily form part of the role);
- Providing other consultancy services as necessary and as skills develop.

You will have the opportunity to develop strong relationships with our clients and help build and expand the business going forward. Appropriate training and support will be provided on an ongoing basis and there are opportunities for progression within the team.

Person Specification

The successful candidate must:

- Have a strong audit background at manager or senior manager level with a range of audit clients;
- Possess an excellent understanding of current financial reporting (primarily FRS 102 although exposure to IFRS and / or specialist clients is preferred) and audit requirements;
- Have, or be eligible to obtain, a Practising Certificate with a CCAB body;
- Have excellent inter-personal skills, and be comfortable explaining complex concepts to clients with varying backgrounds and levels of experience;
- Be able to quickly identify key audit issues, whilst recognising and balancing practical and commercial considerations;
- Be flexible and able to visit clients throughout the UK (although most work is within a 50-mile radius of London);
- Be self-motivated and able to work independently.

Package

The successful candidate will benefit from a generous remuneration package including a competitive salary, private healthcare and thirty days holiday per year.

For more information, please contact Andrew Jarvis in confidence (andrew@hatgroup.co.uk or 020 7213 9911).

All applicants who apply for a job with us will receive fair treatment and will be considered solely on their ability to do the job.