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**The Reality – The Opportunity**

**THE REALITY ABOUT ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS (ATs)**

- Every country has individuals involved in accounting relating activities that would normally be associated with an AT
- The accountancy profession, in terms of the global, regional and national institutions that represent accountants, rarely make mention of ATs
- ATs is not a term recognised in all jurisdictions, and even where it is, is poorly understood
- ATs have historically been associated with the term ‘book-keeper’ and as a consequence there has been a blurring between those that are formally qualified and those that hold no qualifications

**THE OPPORTUNITIES AND BENEFITS ARE HUGE:**

- For the profession – to enhance its sustainability through relevance, growth and public interest
- For employers in all sectors – to access the right skills for the job, improving efficiency and effectiveness
- For individuals - providing access to a career in accountancy that otherwise may not exist
- For society, markets and economies - increasing worthwhile employment, addressing aspects of inequality, and raising standards and economic growth. The impact on Sustainable Development Goals will be significant for many jurisdictions.
**ATs Within the Accountancy Profession**

The AT or equivalent role, where it exists in certain jurisdictions, is a fundamental part of the profession and plays an important role in wider accounting related activities.

“An AT qualification can be a stepping stone, however primarily it is a credible end-point for many aspiring to work in the profession.”

Qualified ATs could represent a much larger part of the overall accountancy profession.

Qualified and experienced ATs capable of undertaking the main accounting qualification.
An **AT** Program Expands Access to the Profession