

CPABC Post-Secondary Public Practice Lower Mainland Recruitment Framework – Fall 2024

BDO, Deloitte, EY, KPMG, MNP, PwC and RSM Canada

The following document provides details on a framework for hiring Post-Secondary accounting students as agreed upon by the Lower Mainland offices of **BDO, Deloitte, EY, KPMG, MNP, PwC and RSM Canada**. It provides recruitment timelines, including application deadline, first interview/offer out dates and offer acceptance dates as agreed upon by these firms, and endorsed by CPABC.

In Scope for this Framework

- Job offers for CPABC PPR (Pre-approved Route) positions - full-time, summer and co-op - where the position start date falls within the 2025 calendar year.
- Job offers extended by the Lower Mainland branches of **BDO, Deloitte, EY, KPMG, MNP, PwC and RSM Canada**.

Out of Scope for this Framework

- EVR (Experience Verification Route) position job offers with any start date.
- The 2024 Framework does not apply to job offers extended by firms to students who have previously completed a co-op position with their firm.
- “On Demand” hires, or job offers extended to post-secondary students with a job position start date within the 2024 calendar year, are exempt from the Framework structure.
- Job offers extended by any other BC Lower Mainland public practice firm other than the firms listed above.
- Job offers extended by public practice firm offices outside of the Lower Mainland. British Columbia post-secondary institutions, students, and firms should consult the [CPABC website](#) for information regarding Frameworks that may be in place for other regions of British Columbia.

2024 FALL ACCOUNTING RECRUITMENT TIMELINES

PPR position recruitment activities engaged by the Lower Mainland offices of BDO, Deloitte, EY, KPMG, MNP, PwC and RSM Canada must meet the following criteria:

- **Application Deadline:** Sunday, September 15, 2024
- **First Interview/Offer Out Date:** Monday, September 23, 2024 (no interviews may be conducted or offers extended prior to this date)
- **Offer Acceptance Date:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 (all offers must remain open for acceptance until this date)

Any of the firms specified above meeting a student between September 23, 2024 and October 15, 2024 can present an Offer of Employment to a candidate, however, these offers must remain open until October 15, 2024.

Stakeholder Responsibilities

STUDENTS

It is the student's responsibility to:

- Comply with all relevant federal and provincial legislation
- Provide accurate and appropriate information on resumes and application forms and at interviews
- Seriously consider their career goals and professional aspirations when making decisions about job offers to gain practical experience
- Be cognizant of, and committed to, academic responsibilities such as classes, exams, and projects, that may conflict with recruiting activities
- Consult the [CPABC website](#) for information if applying for roles outside of their region of residence

Job Postings & Application Deadline:

- Know and adhere to the application deadline
- Students are encouraged to seek employment opportunities on post-secondary job boards and on company websites

Interviews:

- Prepare for the interview
- Notify employers and/or the post-secondary career centre well in advance, if possible, if an interview needs to be postponed or canceled
- Acknowledge invitations for site-visits or second interviews promptly, whether accepting or rejecting the invite. Accept interview invitations (second and subsequent) only when seriously considering a position with the employer

Job Offers:

- Discuss offers with employers to verify terms and reach mutually acceptable agreements
- Respond to every offer whether it is to be accepted or rejected
- Notify employers of acceptance or rejection of an offer as soon as a decision is made
- Notify the Career Centre immediately (if applicable) upon confirmation of a job acceptance in order to withdraw from further recruitment activities
- **Do not renege after accepting an offer.** Accepted offers are a contractual agreement between the jobseeker and the employer. All students are expected to treat accepted job offers as legally binding agreements.

EMPLOYERS

It is the employer's responsibility to:

- Represent the profession in an ethical and responsible way
- Comply with all relevant federal and provincial legislation as well as to follow federal

and provincial privacy regulations

- Maintain confidentiality in regards to the students' information, personal knowledge, written records and transcripts, unless the student has given prior consent
- Represent itself fairly and describe what it can offer to students during their experience
- Refrain from making or insinuating offensive remarks about another firm or organization

Company Information Sessions & Events:

- Information sessions/corporate recruitment events for students hosted off-campus or virtually do not have any schedule limitations
- Some firms with PPR roles participating in Spring and Fall recruit will provide their corporate information sessions to be posted on [the Campus Recruitment Opportunities and Events website page](#), to share with students, career centres, faculty, and firms. For Spring recruit, this information will be added to this webpage the first week of March, with additional upcoming events added mid- March if necessary. For Fall recruit, this information will be added to this webpage once in late July and once again in August. This resource is to help employers plan their events so they do not overlap with one another.

Job Postings & Application Deadline:

- It is recommended that job postings with application deadlines are displayed on post-secondary job boards to maximize exposure

Interviews:

- Provide accurate information on job responsibilities, compensation, benefits and contact information
- Respond to all candidates within agreed-upon timeframes and provide reasonable notice of any interview cancellations
- Provide students with adequate time to prepare for interviews
- Advise students of any compensation for on-site or interview visits to employer's location or other off-campus locations
- On-campus interviews are to be coordinated with the post-secondary institution's schedules who should be given appropriate lead time to schedule these interviews

Job Offers:

- For firms not listed as participating in this framework but participating in Spring and/or Fall recruit, they should provide a reasonable amount of time (preferably at least 5 business days) for students to respond to job offers
- Confirm job offers and terms of employment in writing to students
- **Do not renege after extending an offer.** Accepted offers are a contractual agreement between the jobseeker and the employer. All employers are expected to treat accepted job offers as legally binding agreements.

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

It is the career educators' responsibility to:

- Comply with all relevant federal and provincial legislation and follow federal and provincial privacy regulations
- Follow legal and ethical guidelines in providing student information to employers
- Provide equitable services to all students and employers
- Address any questionable recruitment practices (at the post-secondary institution's discretion)

Interviews:

- Accommodate employers' reasonable requests for interview times and space on-campus when available. Due to interview space constraints or organizational preference, many employers may choose to host interviews off-campus. These decisions are at the employers' discretion and there are no formal constraints on the timing/scheduling of the interviews.
- Ensure that students have a reasonable amount of time from the start of the school year to prepare for the on-campus recruitment process prior to the commencement of interviews

CPABC

It is CPABC's responsibility to:

- Define and promote the value of the CPA designation to stakeholders (including students, post-secondary institutions, and employers)
- Actively focus on growing the CPA profession in British Columbia through recruitment and career information initiatives, and communication and outreach activities
- Support stakeholders in the recruitment process (this is a support role; not an enforcement role)
- Provide recruitment and career information to students
- Provide long-term support to students from initial interest in the profession, to membership and throughout their careers
- Regularly review (and adjust, as necessary) the recruitment process with stakeholders to ensure it continues to be of value to all stakeholders
- Address any questionable recruitment practices (at the profession's discretion)