

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS: Exploring Opportunities for the Profession

An overview of the outcomes from a series of Roundtables held throughout 2022

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ATs | The Reality – The Opportunity

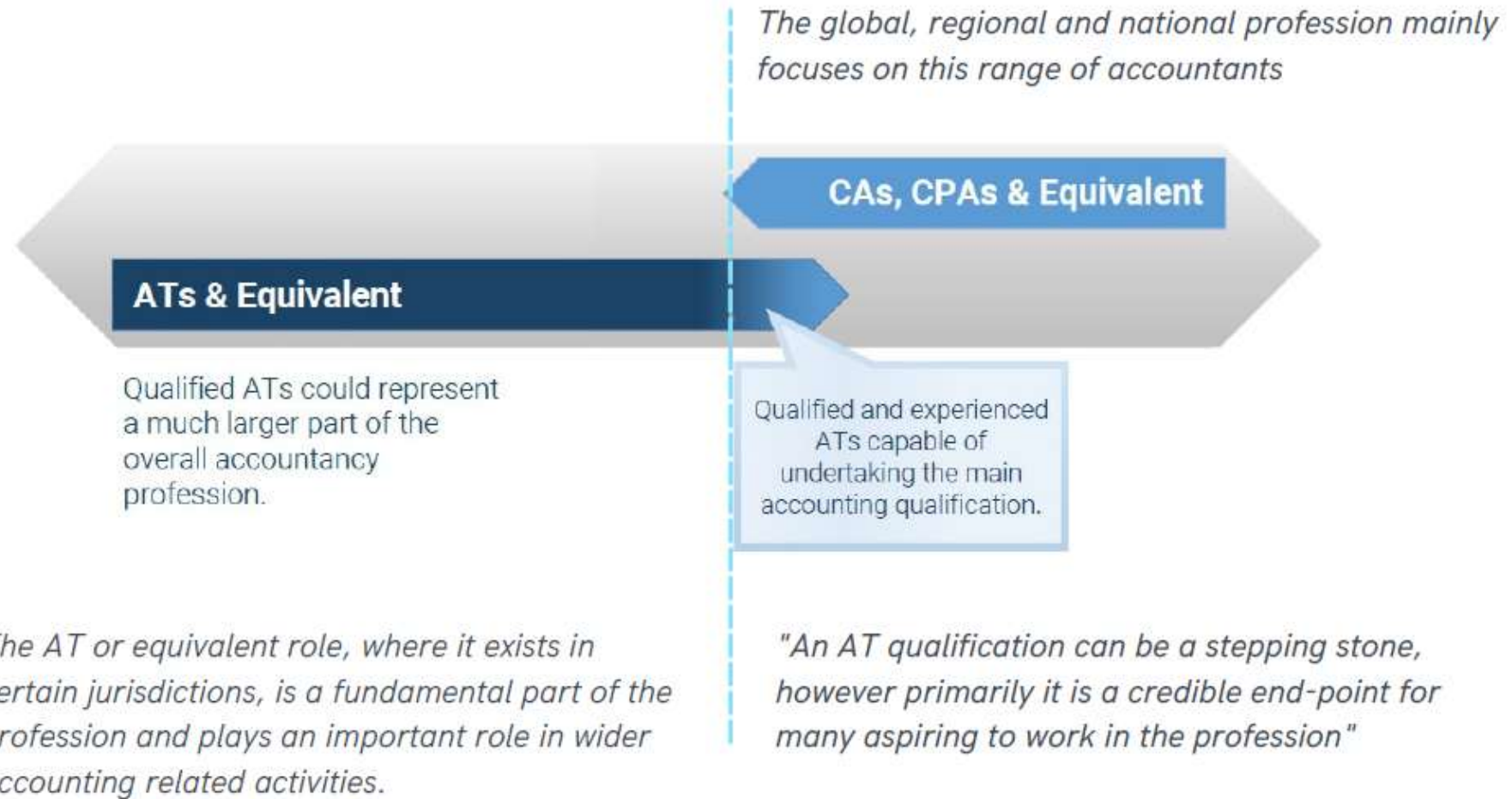
THE REALITY ABOUT ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS (ATs)

- Every country has individuals doing AT work
- Some individuals are formally qualified ATs
- Some have other training (e.g. book-keepers) or may have no qualifications
- The accountancy profession rarely makes mention of ATs
- ATs is not a term recognised in all jurisdictions

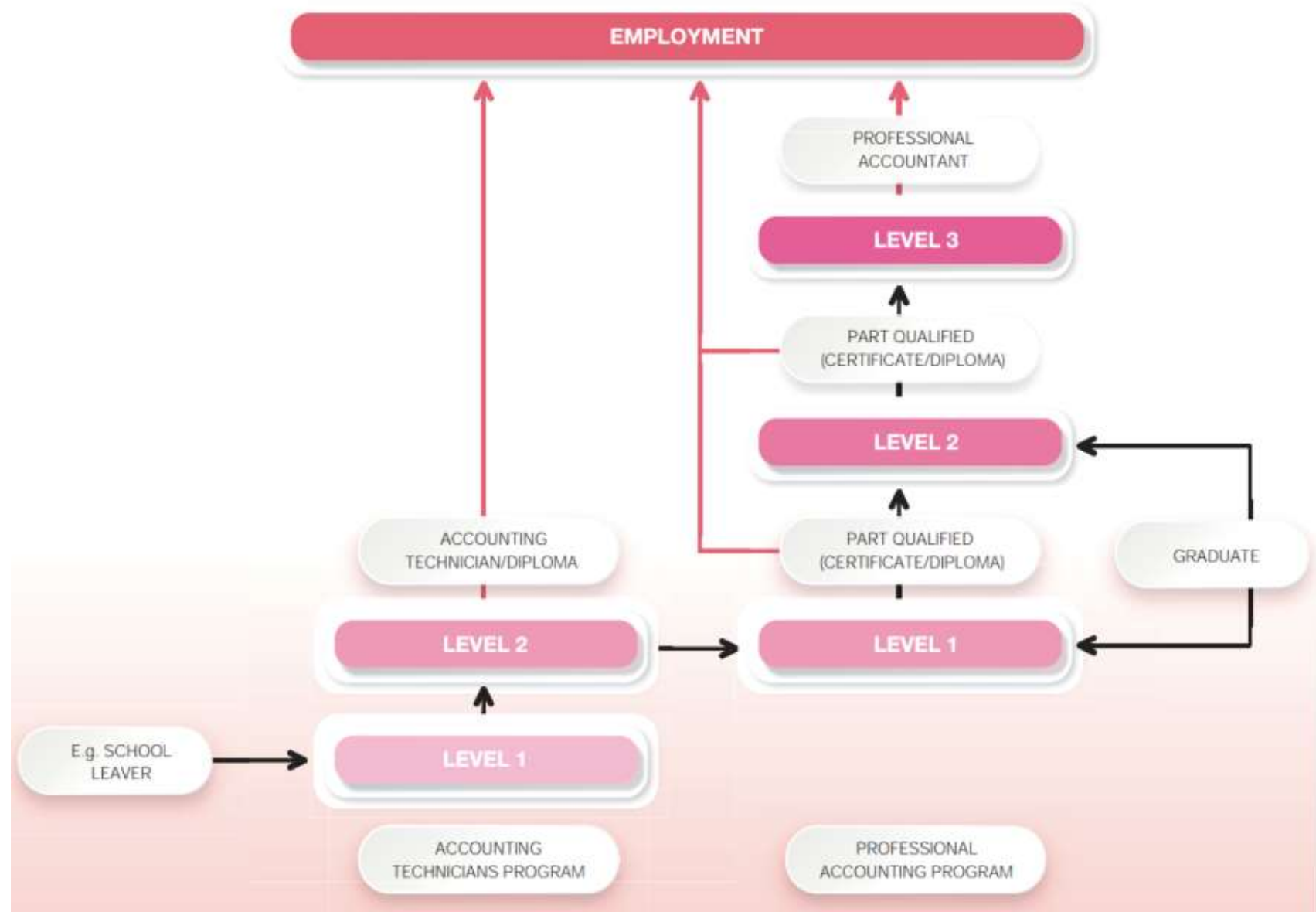
THE OPPORTUNITIES AND BENEFITS ARE HUGE

- For the profession > educate to improve quality; grow to improve sustainability – all public interest
- For ALL employers > increase supply, access the right skills, improving efficiency & effectiveness
- For individuals > providing access to a career in accountancy that otherwise may not exist
- For society, markets and economies > improving employment and quality; reducing inequality and corruption – all SDGs

ATs Within the Accountancy Profession



An **AT** Program Expands Access to the Profession



ATs | Call to Action

ACHIEVING RECOGNITION OF ATs MUST START WITH THE PROFESSION

- There needs to be more understanding of the role of ATs within the profession
- Those with significant control or influence over the direction of the profession (globally, regionally, locally) need to provide leadership, champion change, collaborate and commit
- Existing AT program providers have much to offer - coming together to drive the initiative forward, considering strategies and a roadmap

MUCH WORK WILL BE NEEDED

- The global profession to advocate and support
- The local professions to consider implementing programs and integrating into membership
- Governments to provide any legislation
- Academia to understand program requirements
- Aspiring accountants to understand career options and opportunities
- Employers/firms to understand skills and roles
- The public to know what to expect