

6. Accountant

Dave, 27, is an accountant working for a local accounting firm. He has a sharp mind for numbers so he's good at keeping and inspecting financial records.

David has a bachelor's degree from a state university. His income provides him a decent life. However, if he became a certified public accountant (CPA), he could earn a lot more money and gain more responsibility. This would allow him to grow within his company.

To become a CPA, he'd have to go back to school and undergo a year of supervised training. He would also have to pass a test of business, tax, auditing, and general accounting skills. Then, after becoming licensed, he would have to take continuing education classes throughout his career in order to maintain up-to-date information on issues and changes in the accounting world.

Dave's job is sedentary and his days are very organized and predictable. However, this suits Dave's style, and he gains satisfaction from a job well done. But he wants more. Tomorrow, he will request a meeting with his boss and ask when he can start his CPA training.