

ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE: Positioning the Accounting Technician for Success

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Introduction



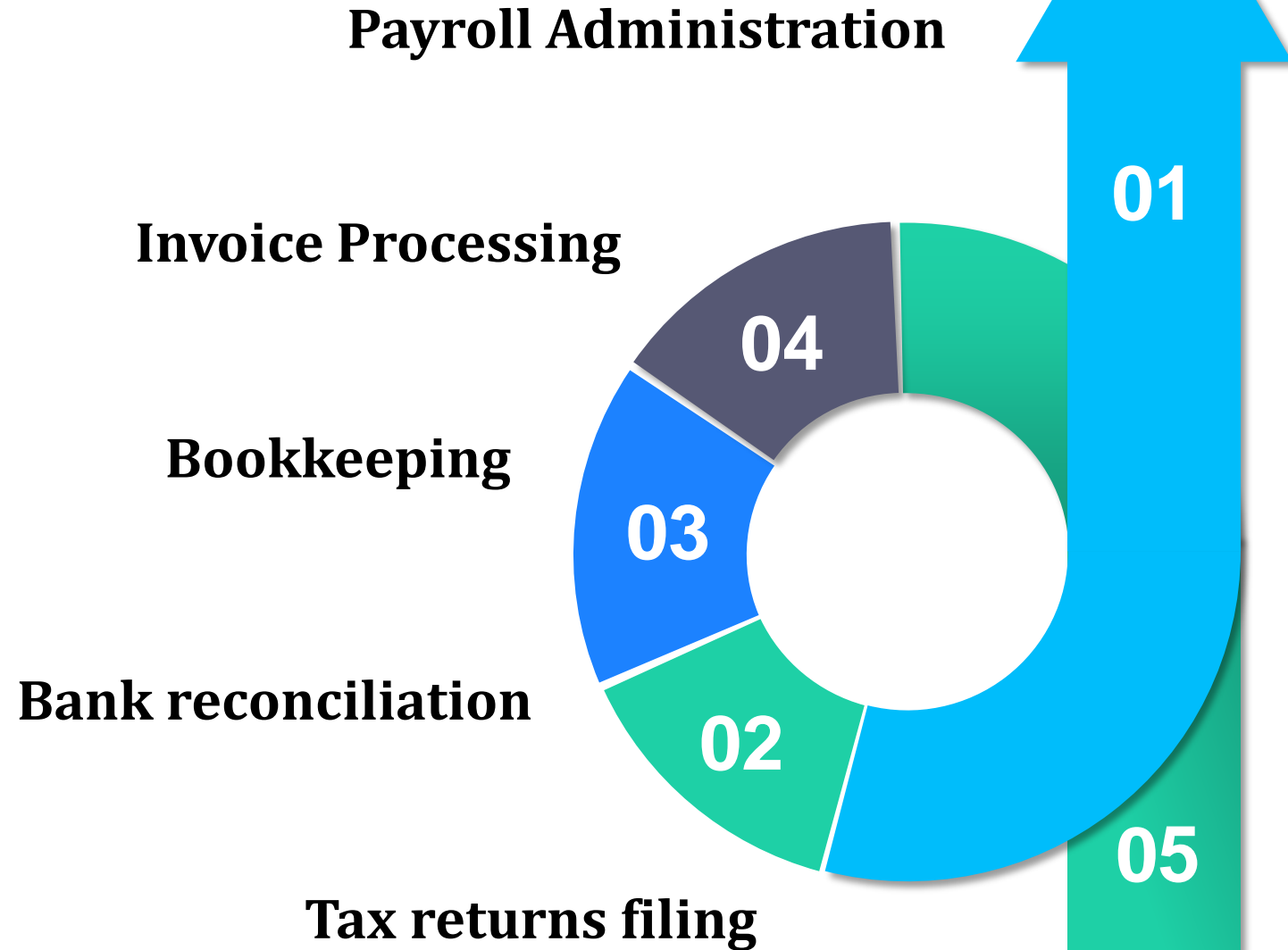
Accounting Technicians are the ***BACKBONE*** of the finance function...

Accounting Technicians have been the backbone of the accounting function for decades and they carry out a range of practical accountancy, financial and taxation work.

Due to the versatile skillset possessed by accounting technicians, they are able to occupy roles across sectors in private, public and not-for-profit organizations.

Functions of Accounting Technicians

Accounting Technicians perform a ***RANGE OF FUNCTIONS*** across the finance department...

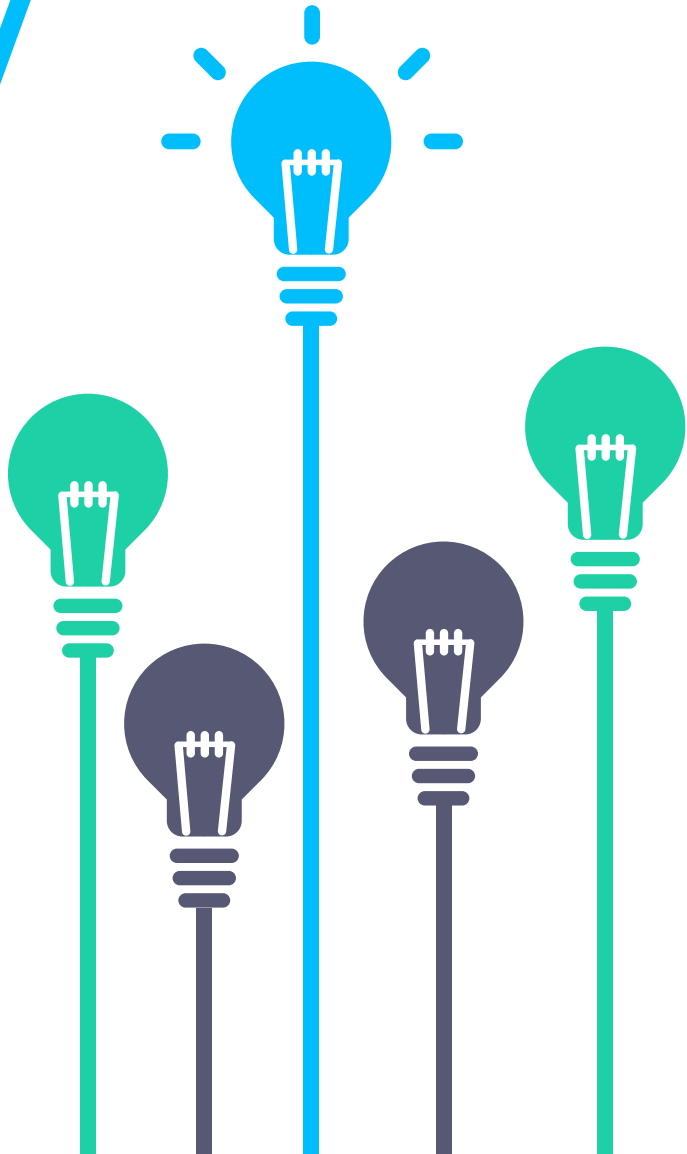


Changes in the World – VUCA world...

We are in a ***VOLATILE, UNCERTAIN, COMPLEX & AMBIGUOUS*** world...

- We live in a constantly evolving VUCA world and there is need to stay ahead of the evolution.
- With a fusion of advances in technologies, we are experiencing the fourth industrial revolution.
- Therefore, routine and repetitive tasks would be automated and digitalized.

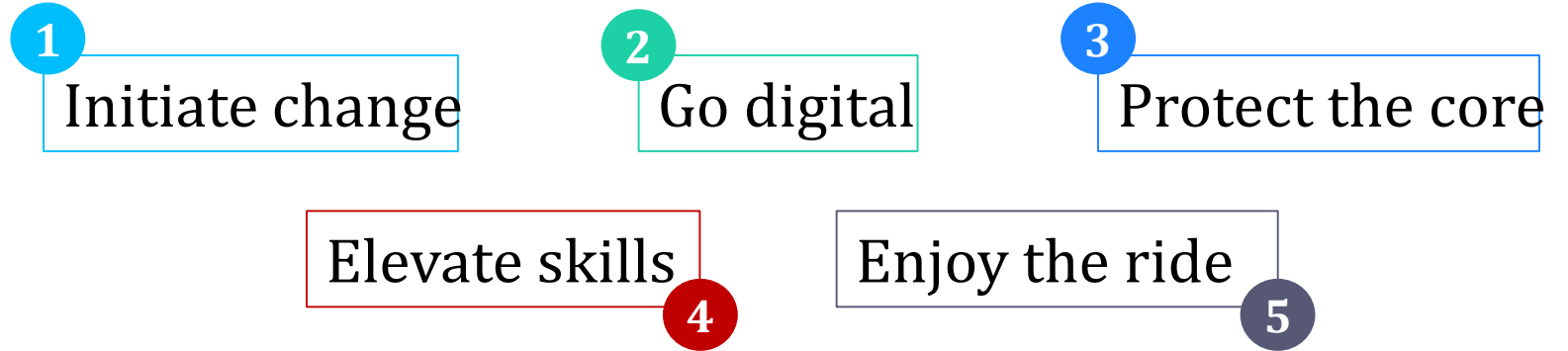
Where does this leave the Accounting Technician?



Steps to be Future Ready

Technology and the pace of change has ***OUTPACED HUMANS' ABILITY TO ADAPT...***

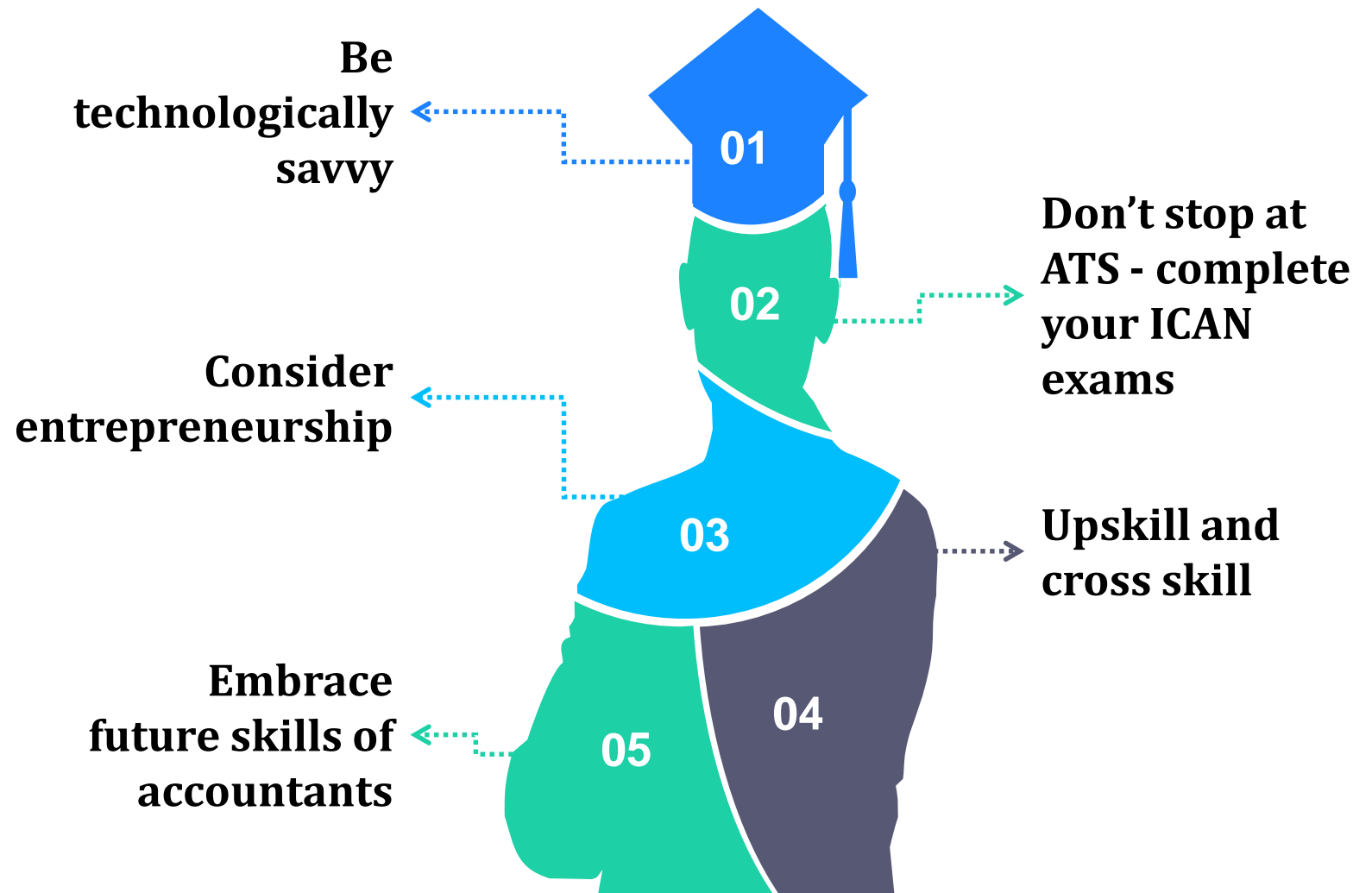
Technological revolution impacts businesses and firms of all sizes worldwide. In order to be *future ready*, these five steps are necessary:



In a period of rapid change such as the one we are living in, those who are aware, predictive and adaptive will lead the charge for success, and enjoy the ride.

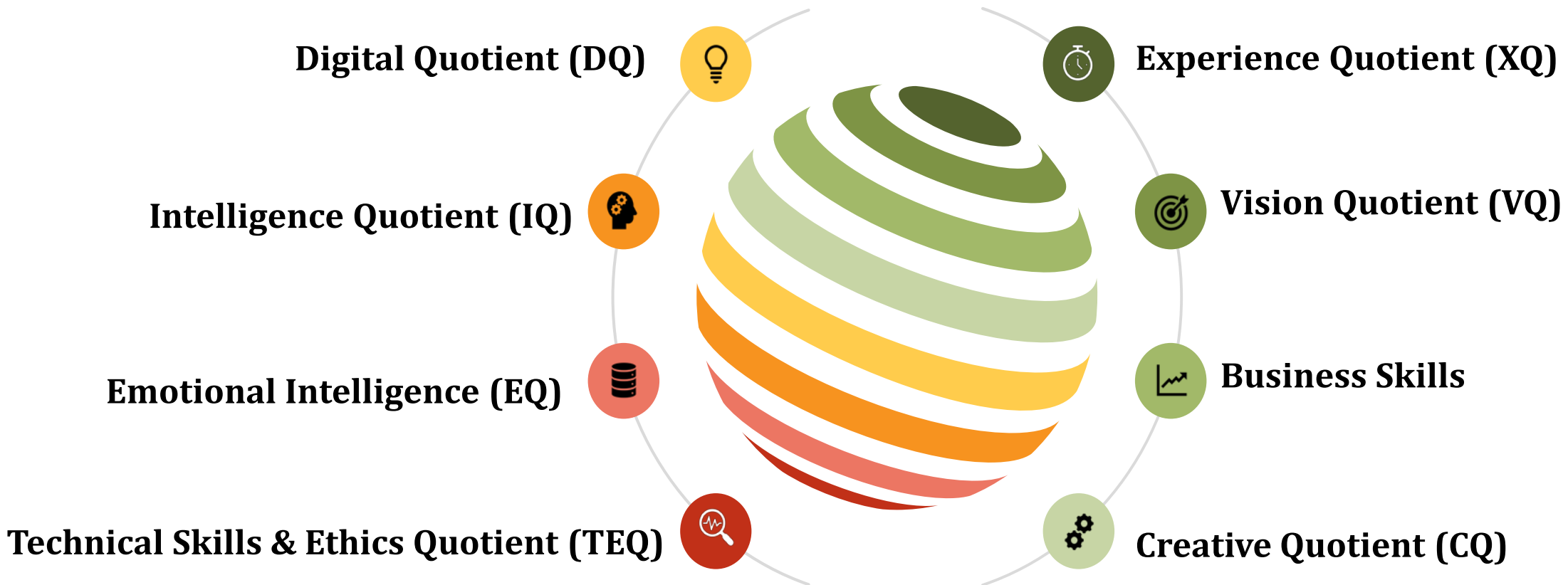
Positioning of the Accounting Technician

Accounting Technicians need to be **WELL POSITIONED** in order to remain relevant...



Skills Required for the Accounting Technician

Accounting Technicians also need to possess certain
FUTURE SKILLS...



Quotes

“It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one ***most responsive to change.***” – Charles Darwin

“***Change is the law of life.*** And those who look only to the past and present are certain to miss the future.” – John F. Kennedy

“There is nothing permanent, ***except change.***” – Heraclitus

“You never change your life until you step out of your comfort zone; ***change begins at the end of your comfort zone.***” – Roy T. Bennett

Conclusion

As the world keeps evolving, Accounting Technicians have to stay ahead of the curve.

Therefore, it is important to build necessary skills to ensure success in our dynamic business environment.



As an accounting technician, you need need to embrace technology, position yourself,

AAT qualification is your starting point, not your destination..... See you at the TOP!!!

About the Speaker



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