

209 Financial reporting

The aims of this module are to ensure that students have a sound understanding of the techniques of double entry accounting and can apply its principles in recording transactions, adjusting financial records and preparing non-complex financial statements.

On completion of the module students will be proficient in the use of double entry accounting techniques and the maintenance of accounting records. They will also develop the ability to identify and correct omissions and errors in accounting records and financial statements.

Students will be able to specify the components of financial statements and prepare and present non-complex accounts for a range of different business structures including sole traders, partnerships and limited companies.

Intended module learning outcomes

On completion of this module, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the role of accounting within an organisation.
2. Explain the importance and use of internal control systems.
3. Outline the accounting system and identify areas for improvement and report to management.
4. Draft limited company financial statements from appropriate information and accounting standards.
5. Prepare and interpret cash flow statements.
6. Calculate and interpret accounting ratios and compare them to similar companies and industry average ratios, and report conclusions to appropriate parties.

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Indicative content

1. Demonstrate competence in double entry accounting techniques, financial calculations and maintain accounting records.
2. Identify and correct omissions and errors in accounting records and financial statements.
3. Analyse different forms of business organisation including sole trader, partnership, limited and unlimited company.
4. Specify the components of financial statements (including consolidation of financial statements and statement of cash flow), and prepare and present non-complex accounts for sole traders, partnerships and limited companies.
5. Evaluate the accounting records of a given organisation, producing recommendations for process improvement.
6. Analyse international differences in financial reporting taking into account the international financial reporting standards and UK GAAP for FRS 102 and FRS 105.

Required reading

ICAEW (2017) *Accounting, study manual 2018*. 11th ed., London: ICAEW.

Recommended reading

Black, G. (2009) *Introduction to accounting and finance*. Harlow: Pearson Education Limited.

Elliott, B., & Elliott, J. (2017) *Financial accounting and reporting*. 18th ed., Harlow: Pearson Education Limited.

Finch, C. (2012) *A student's guide to International Financial Reporting Standards*. 3rd ed., Wokingham: Kaplan Publishing UK.

McLaney, E., & Atrill, P. (2018) *Accounting and finance: an introduction*. 9th ed., Harlow: Pearson Education Limited.

Scheme of work

Once you have registered and paid for a module you will receive the scheme of work detailing the weekly schedule study plan.

Assessment

The learning outcomes for this module will be assessed as follows:

1½ hour's multiple choice time-constrained closed-book test with one scenario-based question.

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