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Course: Accounting, Decision Making & Financial Communication

Code	City	Hotel	Start	End	Price	Language - Hours
175	Florence (Italy)	Hotel Meeting Room	2025-12-22	2025-12-26	5450 €	En - 25

Why Choose this Course?

This course will provide a comprehensive illustration of how accounting information is collected, recorded, how it is analysed and presented both internally and externally, to support effective management, control, and decision making. This is important because key personnel in an organization use accounting information which is often said to be the 'language of business'; hence it is essential to understand and to be able to use this language.

This course will also introduce delegates to the systems and structures of financial and management accounting and their value in ensuring the success of the business. Delegates will be exposed to, and enjoy an 'MBA Level' experience in terms of content, instruction, discussion, and team exercises.

This course will feature:

- The finance function, and financial and management accounting systems
- The income statement, balance sheet, and cash flow statement
- How to accurately determine product or service costs
- Accounting techniques for effective decision making
- Using budgets to control the business

What are the Goals?



By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Prepare income statement, balance sheet, and cash flow statement
- Explain the difference between profit and cash flow
- Interpret cost behaviour and its impact on product costing
- Use accounting techniques to improve profitability and efficiency
- Construct functional and departmental budgets

Who is this Course for?

This course is suitable for a wide range of professionals who wish to achieve career progress by expanding their financial knowledge. However, it will be most suitable for operational and middle Managers who wish to better understand and make use of financial information in their management roles, for example:

- Members of the operational management team
- Managers who have responsibility for divisional performance
- Managers who have responsibility for support functions
- Consultants who provide advice on systems and operations
- Senior staff members of any department

How will it be Presented?

This course uses a range of training methods designed to achieve effective learning, and to maintain the interest and enthusiasm of delegates. The presenter will discuss, develop, and build a framework of core knowledge of accounting and reporting, illustrating these with real-world examples.



A range of techniques will be presented, explained, and reinforced using exercises and examples. Delegates will have the opportunity to participate in teamwork exercises, analyzing financial data to control operations, measure performance, and make profitable decisions.

The Course Content

Day One : Introduction to Accounting

- The importance of accounting information
- The role of the Finance Function
- The accounting equation and financial accounting systems
- Recording facts and applying judgement
- Preparing the Income Statement and Balance Sheet
- Accounting principles and accounting standards

Day Two : Accounting Reports

- The format and contents of the Income Statement
- The format and contents of the Balance Sheet
- The effect of depreciation and impairment on profit
- Identifying and valuing inventory
- Preparing the Cash flow Statement
- The importance of cash flow in business

Day Three : Management Accounting for Control and Decision-Making

- Collecting and analyzing costs
- The structure of direct and indirect costs
- Dealing with overheads - absorption costing or ABC?
- Cost-Volume-Profit and break even analysis
- Decision making - make or buy



- Decision making - the effect of limiting factors

Day Four : Communicating the plan through Budgeting

- Corporate planning and corporate objectives implemented through budgeting
- The budgeting process and timescale
- Sales budget forecasting techniques
- Cascading the budgets across the whole business
- Preparing functional budgets and the cash budget
- Budgeting principles, methodologies and applications

Day Five : Measuring performance to inform Decision Making

- Monthly management reporting
- Setting and using standards
- Identifying and calculating variances
- Operating and planning variances - who is responsible?
- Measuring responsibility centre performance, ROI, RI, and EVA
- Non-financial performance - the Balanced Scorecard



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• **Theoretical Lectures:**

- We deliver knowledge through advanced presentations such as PowerPoint and visual materials, including videos and short films.

• **Scientific Assessment:**

- We evaluate trainees skills before and after the course to ensure their progress.

• **Brainstorming and Interaction:**

- We encourage active participation through brainstorming sessions and applying concepts through role play.

• **Practical Cases:**

- We provide practical cases that align with the scientific content and the participants specific needs.

• **Examinations:**

- Tests are conducted at the end of the program to assess knowledge retention.

• **Educational Materials:**

- We provide both printed and digital scientific and practical materials to participants.

• **Attendance and Final Result Reports:**

- We prepare detailed attendance reports for participants and offer a comprehensive program evaluation.

• **Professionals and Experts:**

- The programs scientific content is prepared by the best professors and trainers in various fields.

• **Professional Completion Certificate:**

- Participants receive a professional completion certificate issued by the Scandinavian Academy for Training and Development in the Kingdom of Sweden, with the option for international authentication.

• **Program Timings:**

- Training programs are held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and include coffee break sessions during lectures.