

AAT Unit Cash and Financial Management Level 4



In a nutshell

The AAT Level 4 Diploma in Professional Accounting maximises opportunities for employment within a wider accountancy context. This course as whole covers high level accounting and finance topics and tasks.

The unit that you are purchasing here is Cash and Financial Management unit of the AAT level 4 Diploma in Professional Accounting.

This unit focuses on the importance of managing cash within organisations and covers the knowledge and skills required to make informed decisions on financing and investment in accordance with organisational policies and external regulations.

You will identify current and future cash transactions from a range of sources. You will learn how to eliminate non-cash items in the financial information provided. Using various techniques, you will prepare cash budgets considering the timing of transactions required to monitor the flow of cash into and out of organisations.

Understanding the importance of cash management is key to the sustainability of organisations, therefore you will identify shortfalls and surpluses in cash budgets and take

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appropriate action to deal with them. You will understand how to reforecast cash budgets and reasons for deviations from budget.

You will gain an understanding of the external regulations and considerations that relate to cash and finance, including any financing and investment decisions, to comply with an organisation's policies and principles, which may not be purely focused on maximising wealth.

This is a roll-on/ roll-off course with flexible start dates. We recruit students all year round.

This is also a blended learning course (a mix of traditional in-person with a teacher in a classroom and learning activities using digital technologies, from home).

This course is progression from Level 3 Diploma in Accounting and will enable you to gain further skills to progress within the accountancy field.

This course is for...

... You have successfully completed the AAT Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Accounting and want to continue to build your accounting skills.

... You want to go on to become an AAT full member and / or go onto study for chartered accountant status.

... You want to start your own business through the AAT licensed members scheme.

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You will enhance the skills you developed from Level 3 Diploma in Accounting and acquire lifelong professional accounting and finance skills, enabling you to maximise your opportunities within your accounting career.

The AAT Level 4 Accounting comprises three mandatory units:

Applied Management – you will learn how to implement organisational planning processes in an organisation, use internal processes to enhance operational control, and techniques to decide on short-term and long-term decision making.

Drafting and Interpreting Financial Statements – you will learn about drafting financial statements for single entities and relevant accounting standards and the consolidation of limited companies. You will also gain the skills to interpret the financial statements, using ratio

analysis.

Internal Accounting Systems and Controls – You will demonstrate your understanding by evaluating internal controls and accounting systems within an organisation, and make recommendations to any weaknesses you find.

The optional units that we currently offer are as follows:

Credit and Debt Management – You will learn the techniques to assess credit risks, grant credit, how to collect debt from customers, and the principles of effective control in an organisation.

Cash and Financial Management – You will learn how to prepare forecasts for cash receipts and payments, cash budgets and monitor cash flows.

By applying here you are purchasing Cash and Financial Management unit, you will need to also purchase the Drafting and Interpreting Financial Statements and Applied Management and Accounting and Internal Accounting Systems and Controls to complete all of the core units for AAT Level 4, plus Credit and Debt Management as the second optional unit.

To gain the Level 4 Accounting qualification you need to complete all five of the above modules, you can purchase each module separately.

Entry Requirements

To be considered for this course you need to have successfully completed AAT Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Accounting or equivalent.

If you are unsure if this is the correct level for you, please visit aat.org.uk where you can complete the AAT Skillcheck test or to help ensure that you start at the correct level.

Additional information

On completion of this course, and having met AAT's criteria, you can apply for full AAT membership, which will allow you to use the designatory letters MAAT after your name.

However, the primary and most important outcome of the Level 4 Diploma in Professional Accounting is that it can lead to a wide variety of well-paid accountancy and finance jobs, some of which include:

Professional Accounting Technician



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Assistant Auditor
Assistant Management Accountant
Commercial Analyst
Payroll Manager
Senior Bookkeeper
Senior Financial Officer
Accounts Payable and Expenses Supervisor
Assistant Financial Accountant
Cost Accountant
Fixed Asset Accountant
Indirect Tax Manager
Payments and Billing Manager
Senior Fund Accountant
Senior Insolvency Administrator
VAT Accountant

Completion of this course also offers you a fast track route to chartered accountancy status as AAT will give you generous exemptions from all UK chartered and certified bodies.

Other costs:

Books £30 per module approximately

AAT Registration (payable to AAT) £240

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