A key requirement for commercial success is the production of accurate and intelligent financial information. Bookkeeping skills are fundamental for anyone working in or wishing to work in a commercial environment.

Who should attend the course?

- Anyone wishing to gain a good grounding in double-entry book-keeping in order to maintain a nominal ledger and extract a preliminary trial balance
- Anyone wishing to learn how to extend the trial balance in order to prepare the Final Accounts of a business
- Anyone wishing to set up in business and be able to keep their own books and perform the final accounts of a business.

Aim of the Course

- The aim of this course is to further develop the practices and processes studied at the Basic Bookkeeping Levels 1 and 2 courses.
- The course also aims to build confidence in applying what has been learnt in the work place and potentially build a career within accounts.

Prerequisites

The successful completion of Level 1 and 2 Basic Bookkeeping is a requirement. Basic math's and an understanding of the English language are desirable.

Objectives of the course

By the end of this course you be able to

- 1. Process documents involved in the accounting function using doubleentry bookkeeping
- 2. Record and interpret financial transactions up to and including final accounts
- 3. Prepare final accounts of sole Trader, partnerships, companies and not-for-profit organizations from conventional and incomplete records
- 4. Prepare year end and other adjustments associated with the above variety of organisations
- 5. Demonstrate an understanding of accounts through analysis and interpretation
- 6. Overall work as a Senior bookkeeper within a small business/sole trader

Course Duration

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 The full course is 42 hours long. This can be done over 7 days' day release (1 day per week) or 9 weeks in the evenings (2 evenings per week).

Course Content

Level 3 concentrates on:

- Preparing financial information for;
- Sole traders
- Partnerships
- Limited liability companies and not for profit/charitable organisations
- Manufacturing accounts
- Incomplete records
- This will include balance sheets, profit and loss accounts and period end adjustments
- Interpretation of the accounts using simple ratios to evaluate performance

Features

- All students are required to pay for City & Guilds exam fees
- Courses are practical and case study led rather than mainly lecture based.
- Extensive individual attention is available throughout the course and you will be encouraged to ask questions.
- Course materials provided printed handouts for each topic, questions and answers and a recommended reading list.
- The courses can be arranged to suit corporate clients making block bookings for their staff.
- Courses run from approximately 10.00 am to 4.30 pm each day. Some evening work will be required to consolidate the material covered during the day.
- Evening classes are available by arrangement.
- Sponsoring organisations will be sent a progress report on request
- BCC Ltd Bookkeeping certificate issued on completion and students have the option of a City & Guilds Exam assessment
- Foundation route to further accounting studies in AAT or ACCA

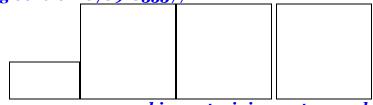
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Course Syllabus Outline

- 1. Sole Traders and Partnerships
 - 1.1. identify the difference between a sole trader and a partnership
 - 1.2. Record the accounting entries from source documents using books of prime entry where appropriate. Basic recording skills will be competent up to and including the extraction of a trial balance
 - 1.3. prepare the end of period accounts for a sole trader including; closing stock, depreciation (including provision), accruals, prepayments, bad debts written off, provision for bad debts
 - 1.4. Prepare the end of period accounts for a partnership including:closing stock, depreciation (including provision), accruals, prepayments, bad debts written off, provision for bad debts
 - 1.5. prepare the appropriation accounts for a partnership including the appropriation of net profit/loss as per a partnership agreement including any or all of the following: Interest on partners capital accounts, interest on partners drawings, partners salaries and commission, distribution of final residue of profit/loss
 - 1.6. apply the provisions of the UK Partnership Act 1890 in so far as they apply to the distribution of profits and losses
 - 1.7. identify the difference between fixed capital accounts and current accounts, write up the relevant accounts
 - 1.8. prepare a simple balance sheet in vertical form using a conventional presentation; present assets and liabilities in the balance sheet in proper manner
 - 1.9. NB: Goodwill will not be tested
- 2. Limited Liability Companies
 - 2.1. define the concept of limited liability
 - 2.2. define authorised and issued ordinary shares and preference shares
 - 2.3. define debentures and loan capital
 - 2.4. prepare a simple vertical trading and profit and loss account including an appropriation of profits between taxation, dividends and revenue reserves (net losses will not be tested)
 - 2.5. incorporate the following adjustments into the end of period accounts; closing stock, depreciation (including provision), accruals, prepayment, bad debts written off, provision for bad debts
 - 2.6. prepare a simple company balance sheet in vertical form using a conventional presentation; present assets and liabilities in the balance sheet in proper manner
 - 2.7. NB: partly paid share, bonus shares, rights issues and cumulative/non cumulative preference shares will not be tested
- 3. Not-for-profit Organisations
- 3.1. define a not-for-profit organisation

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- 3.2. calculate an accumulated (capital) fund
- 3.3. distinguish between 'receipts and payments' and 'income and expenditure' for an accounting period
- 3.4. compute 'surpluses' or 'deficits' for a club or society as a result of (a) the sale of refreshments (b) social or recreational fund raising activities (c) the disposal of capital equipment
- 3.5. prepare end of period revenue accounts for clubs and societies
- 3.6. be able to incorporate the following adjustments into end of period accounts; accruals, prepayments, subscriptions in advance and in arrears, depreciation, acquisition of capital equipment
- 3.7. prepare end of period balance sheets for clubs and societies
- 4. Manufacturing organisations
 - 4.1 define a manufacturing organisation
 - 4.2 define; prime cost, factory overhead, raw material consumed, work in progress, cost of goods produced
 - 4.3 differentiate overheads between manufacturing and trading
 - 4.4 prepare a simple manufacturing account in vertical format
 - 4.5 prepare a simple trading and profit and loss account in vertical format
 - 4.6 be able to incorporate the following adjustments into end of period accounts; stocks/raw materials, work in progress, finished goods; accruals, prepayments, depreciation, bad debts, provision for bad debts
 - 4.7 prepare an end of period balance sheet in vertical format
- 5. Incomplete records
 - 5.1. prepare a 'statement of affairs' and use this as a means of computing the opening capital at the start of a trading period
 - 5.2. prepare a 'statement of affairs' and use this as a means of computing the profit or loss for a trading period
 - 5.3. prepare a simple trading and profit and loss account in vertical format
 - 5.4. incorporate the following adjustments into end of period accounts; stocks, accruals, prepayments, depreciation, bad debts, provision for bad debts, sales, purchases, drawings
 - 5.5. prepare a simple balance sheet in vertical format
 - 5.6. NB: all questions on this area will relate to sole trader accounts
- 6. Interpretation
 - 6.1 use simple ratios to evaluate profit and liquidity across different organisations and across different trading periods
 - 6.2 from simple ratios make basic management observations together with simple judgments and/or recommendations
 - 6.3 calculate the following ratios to one decimal place; gross profit margin, net profit margin, return on capital employed, stock turnover (in days), debtors collection (in days) current ratio, quick (acid test) ratio

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