

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING | COURSE BROCHURE

Introduction to International Taxation

5 days | Classroom training | English

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Why attend

This course provides a foundational understanding of international taxation principles, treaties, and compliance requirements. Participants will explore cross-border tax issues, transfer pricing, and the impact of global tax reforms, equipping them with the skills to navigate complex international tax environments.

International taxation poses significant challenges for businesses operating across borders, including compliance with diverse tax laws and regulations. Professionals in finance, accounting, and legal advisory roles must understand these complexities to mitigate risks and ensure compliance with international standards. This knowledge is essential for effective tax planning and for avoiding costly penalties associated with non-compliance. Participants will learn to navigate the intricacies of international tax treaties and the implications of residency and source of income rules, which are critical for multinational operations. Additionally, they will develop skills in assessing tax liabilities and structuring transactions to optimise tax outcomes.
Developing practical capabilities in this course enables participants to analyse international tax treaties, assess transfer pricing strategies, and evaluate the implications of tax reforms. By engaging in real-world scenarios, they will enhance their decision-making skills in tax planning and compliance. Participants will practice constructing compliance checklists and diagnosing potential tax risks, which are vital tasks for ensuring that their organisations optimise tax positions while adhering to legal requirements. This course equips professionals with the tools necessary to make informed decisions in a rapidly changing global tax landscape, ensuring they can effectively advise clients and manage corporate tax strategies.

Professional Problems This Course Is Designed to Solve

- Difficulty translating subject knowledge into practical workplace decisions.
- Inconsistent approaches to the activities covered in the course outline.
- Lack of a structured plan for applying and reviewing new skills.

Course methodology

This course employs a blend of case studies, group discussions, and practical exercises to deepen understanding of international taxation. Participants will engage in simulations that mimic real-world tax scenarios, allowing them to apply theoretical knowledge to practical situations. Specific exercises will include analysing tax treaties and developing compliance checklists. Outputs such as detailed analyses of tax treaties and compliance roadmaps will serve as valuable resources for their professional roles. The interactive nature of the course fosters collaboration and critical thinking, ensuring that participants can effectively tackle the challenges of international taxation in their workplaces. Participants will also receive feedback on their outputs to refine their understanding and application of concepts.



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Course objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:
• Analyse key principles of international taxation and their implications for multinational enterprises.
• Evaluate the impact of double taxation treaties on cross-border transactions.
• Assess transfer pricing methods and their compliance with international guidelines.
• Construct a compliance checklist for international tax obligations in specific jurisdictions.
• Justify tax planning strategies to optimise global tax liabilities and ensure compliance.
• Diagnose potential tax risks associated with international operations and propose mitigation strategies.
• Develop a comprehensive international tax strategy aligned with business objectives and compliance requirements.
• Critique the effectiveness of existing international tax strategies in case studies and recommend improvements.

Target audience

This course is suitable for:
• Tax consultants focusing on international clients, as they need to navigate complex tax regulations.
• Finance managers in multinational corporations, responsible for tax compliance and strategy.
• Legal advisors specialising in international business law, requiring knowledge of tax implications.
• Accountants managing cross-border transactions, needing to ensure accurate reporting and compliance.

Target competencies

Participants will develop competencies in:
• Ability to interpret international tax treaties and their applications.
• Skill in conducting transfer pricing analyses and documentation.
• Proficiency in identifying compliance requirements for multiple jurisdictions.
• Capability to develop tax strategies that align with global business objectives.
• Expertise in assessing risks related to international tax planning.
• Understanding of the impact of global tax reforms on business operations.

Course outline

Day 1: Foundations of International Taxation

Applied activity: Participants will review a fictional multinational company's operations across three countries, identifying potential tax liabilities and compliance issues based on residency and source of income rules. They will discuss the implications of these findings for the company's tax strategy.
Output: A report outlining identified tax liabilities and compliance challenges, including recommendations for mitigation.



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09:00–09:54	Overview of international taxation principles and frameworks, including key concepts such as residency and source of income.
09:54–10:48	Understanding the role of the OECD in shaping global tax policy and standards.
10:48–11:00	Key concepts: permanent establishment and its implications for taxation.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Key concepts: permanent establishment and its implications for taxation. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Global tax compliance requirements for multinational enterprises and their significance.
13:06–14:00	Introduction to the challenges of double taxation and strategies for mitigation.

Day 2: Double Taxation Treaties

Applied activity: Working in groups, participants will analyse a selected DTT between two fictional countries, assessing its implications for a cross-border investment scenario. They will present their findings and recommendations for optimising tax positions.
Output: A presentation summarising the DTT's key provisions and their impact on cross-border transactions.

09:00–09:54	Purpose and structure of double taxation treaties (DTTs) and their role in international taxation.
09:54–10:48	How DTTs mitigate double taxation risks for cross-border transactions and investments.
10:48–11:00	Key provisions in DTTs: withholding tax rates, exemptions, and dispute resolution mechanisms.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Key provisions in DTTs: withholding tax rates, exemptions, and dispute resolution mechanisms. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Case studies on the application of DTTs in various cross-border scenarios and their outcomes.
13:06–14:00	Negotiation strategies for DTTs between countries and their implications for multinational enterprises.

Day 3: Transfer Pricing Fundamentals

Applied activity: Participants will simulate a transfer pricing audit for a fictional company, assessing compliance with documentation requirements and proposing adjustments based on market data. They will develop a strategy for defending their pricing decisions.
Output: A transfer pricing report detailing findings, proposed adjustments, and a defence strategy.



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09:00–09:54	Introduction to transfer pricing and its significance in international taxation, including compliance requirements.
09:54–10:48	Transfer pricing methods: comparable uncontrolled price, cost plus, and resale price, with practical examples.
10:48–11:00	Documentation requirements and compliance under OECD guidelines, including local file and master file requirements.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Documentation requirements and compliance under OECD guidelines, including local file and master file requirements. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Case studies on transfer pricing adjustments, audits, and their implications for multinational enterprises.
13:06–14:00	Strategies for setting and defending transfer prices in line with market conditions and regulatory expectations.

Day 4: International Tax Compliance and Reporting

Applied activity: Participants will create a compliance roadmap for a fictional multinational company, outlining steps to meet international reporting obligations across various jurisdictions. They will identify key challenges and propose solutions to enhance compliance.
Output: A detailed compliance roadmap document, including timelines and responsibilities.

09:00–09:54	Overview of international tax compliance frameworks: FATCA and CRS, and their global implications.
09:54–10:48	Understanding the implications of BEPS for multinational enterprises and compliance strategies.
10:48–11:00	Reporting requirements for cross-border transactions and income, including common pitfalls.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Reporting requirements for cross-border transactions and income, including common pitfalls. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Tools and technologies for managing international tax compliance and reporting effectively.
13:06–14:00	Best practices for maintaining compliance in multiple jurisdictions and avoiding penalties.



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Day 5: Integrated International Tax Strategy

Applied activity: In teams, participants will develop a comprehensive international tax strategy for a fictional multinational corporation, considering various jurisdictions and tax implications. They will present their strategy to a panel for feedback. Output: A strategic tax planning document outlining the proposed international tax strategy, including risk assessments and compliance measures.

09:00–09:54	Developing an international tax strategy aligned with business objectives and risk management.
09:54–10:48	Evaluating the impact of global tax reforms on corporate tax strategies and planning.
10:48–11:00	Risk assessment and management in international tax planning, including case studies.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Risk assessment and management in international tax planning, including case studies. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Case studies on successful international tax strategies and lessons learned.
13:06–14:00	Future trends in international taxation and their implications for multinational enterprises.

The timings provided are estimates and may vary depending on the number of participants and the discussions taking place during the sessions. They are indicative only and do not constitute a binding commitment.

Dates, venues and fees

Current published course plans. Fees are per participant in EUR, excluding unconfirmed taxes.

Venue	Start date	End date	Fee (EUR)
Istanbul Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**€2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**€1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**€2,540.-**



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Venue	Start date	End date	Fee (EUR)
Online Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**€1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**€2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**€1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**€1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	4 Jan 2027	8 Jan 2027	**€1,890.-**
Online Confirmed dates	4 Jan 2027	8 Jan 2027	**€1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**€3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**€1,250.-**



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Frankfurt Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**€2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**€1,250.-**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**€1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**€1,250.-**
Paris Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**€2,860.-**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**€1,250.-**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**€2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**€1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	15 Mar 2027	19 Mar 2027	**€1,890.-**



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Amsterdam Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**€2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**€1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	12 Apr 2027	16 Apr 2027	**€2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	12 Apr 2027	16 Apr 2027	**€1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**€1,250.-**
Vienna Confirmed dates	3 May 2027	7 May 2027	**€2,940.-**
Online Confirmed dates	3 May 2027	7 May 2027	**€1,250.-**



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Dubai Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**€3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**€1,250.–**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**€2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**€1,250.–**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**€1,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**€1,250.–**
Paris Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**€2,860.–**
Online Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**€1,250.–**
Rome Confirmed dates	5 Jul 2027	9 Jul 2027	**€2,450.–**



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Online Confirmed dates	5 Jul 2027	9 Jul 2027	**€1,250.-**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**€2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**€1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**€2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**€1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	9 Aug 2027	13 Aug 2027	**€2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	9 Aug 2027	13 Aug 2027	**€1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**€1,250.-**



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Rome Confirmed dates	6 Sept 2027	10 Sept 2027	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	6 Sept 2027	10 Sept 2027	**€1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	13 Sept 2027	17 Sept 2027	**€3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	13 Sept 2027	17 Sept 2027	**€1,250.-**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**€2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**€1,250.-**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**€1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**€1,250.-**
Paris Confirmed dates	25 Oct 2027	29 Oct 2027	**€2,860.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	25 Oct 2027	29 Oct 2027	**€1,250.-**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	1 Nov 2027	5 Nov 2027	**€2,840.-**
Online Confirmed dates	1 Nov 2027	5 Nov 2027	**€1,250.-**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	8 Nov 2027	12 Nov 2027	**€2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Nov 2027	12 Nov 2027	**€1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	22 Nov 2027	26 Nov 2027	**€2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Nov 2027	26 Nov 2027	**€1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	6 Dec 2027	10 Dec 2027	**€2,820.-**
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