

Module 20: Taxation 1

Stage		3					
Semester		1					
Module Title		Taxation 1					
Module Number		20					
Module Status		Mandatory					
Module ECTS Credits		5					
Module NFQ level		8					
Pre-Requisite Module Titles		N/A					
Co-Requisite Module Titles		N/A					
Capstone Module?		No					
List of Module Teaching Personnel		Madeleine Ford, Angela O’Keefe, Catherine O’Connell, Patrick Carrig					
Contact Hours				Non-contact Hours			Total Effort (hours)
58				42			100
Lecture	Practical	Tutorial	Seminar	Assignment	Placement	Independent Work	
48		10		12		30	100
Allocation of Marks (Within the Module)							
	Continuous Assessment	Project	Practical	Final Examination	Total		
Percentage Contribution	20%			80%	100%		

Intended Module Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, the learner will be able to:

1. Interpret and apply current Irish tax legislation in relation to income tax and VAT
2. Identify and quantify the income subject to personal tax legislation
3. Apply the appropriate reliefs, allowances and credits to calculate personal tax liabilities and detail the timing of payments required
4. Identify and apply available exemptions and reliefs to minimise the tax liabilities of individuals
5. Apply the general principles for the administration and computation of VAT

Module Objectives

This module is designed to develop knowledge and understanding of the workings of the Irish tax system in relation to personal income tax and value added tax (VAT). It develops the ability to apply knowledge and skills in providing taxation information to individuals on the impact of these taxes. The module provides learners with the opportunity to explore the impact of income tax on the transactions of individuals and partners.

Module Curriculum

Purpose and Administration of Taxation

- Outline of Tax Administration
- Self-Assessment System, Payment of Income Tax, Tax return Filing Dates, Surcharge and Penalties
- Structure of the Revenue, Revenue Powers, Revenue Audit, Taxpayers Charter of Rights, Appeals

Outline of Income Tax

- Charge to Income tax, residence and domicile
- Classification of Income, basis of assessment
- Tax credits, reliefs, charges on income
- Exemptions and relief schemes
- Retirement annuity contracts
- Tax treatment of single, married, civil partners, widowed, separated and divorced persons

Trade and Professional Income

- Badges of Trade
- Determination of income assessable
- Capital and revenue expenditure
- Computation of assessable profit
- Rules of commencement and cessation including possible revisions
- Short lived businesses
- Change of accounting date
- Partnership, assessment of partners
- Capital Allowances, wear and tear, balancing allowances and charges, replacement option
- Taxation of farmers, income averaging
- Subcontractors – relevant tax legislation, operation of Relevant Contracts Tax (RCT)

Property and Investment Income

- Taxation of Investment Income, Case III, Case IV, and Schedule F
- Basis of assessment
- Dividend withholding tax
- Case V income - Basis of assessment, Allowable deductions, Premiums on Leases
- Case V capital allowances
- Rent a room relief

Employment income

- Scope of Schedule E
- Employed vs Self-employed
- Basis of assessment
- Qualifying expenses, Benefits in kind, Share option schemes
- Termination payments, exemptions and reliefs
- PAYE system
- PRSI, USC

Income Tax Losses

- Relief for Trade Losses, current year claims and losses carried forward
- Excess Capital Allowances
- Losses in commencement
- Terminal Losses
- Case V losses
- Excess Case V capital allowances

Value Added Tax

- General principles including registration requirements (including group registration), records to be maintained
- Charge to VAT, Rates of VAT, Chargeable Amount
- Exempt and Zero Rated Supplies
- Allowable and Disallowable Deductions
- Two-thirds and package rules
- Cash and invoice basis
- EU intra community trade
- Imports and exports
- VAT on property – supply of immovable property for VAT purposes

Local Property Tax

- Scope of Local Property Tax (LPT)
- Liability, computations, payment options, exemptions

Reading lists and other learning materials

CPA Formation 2 Taxation Manual, Griffith College Publications, Current Edition

Recommended Reading List

Gaynor, C. et al., 2014. *Irish Taxation: Law and Practice – 2014/2015* 12th ed. K. Gallery, ed., Irish Tax Institute

Martyn, J. et al., 2014. *Taxation summary: Finance Act (No 2) 2013*, Dublin: Irish Taxation Institute

Comyn, A.-J., 2014. *Taxation in the Republic of Ireland 2014*, Haywards Heath: Bloomsbury Professional.

Brennan, P., 2014. *Tax acts 2013(2)*, Haywards Heath: Bloomsbury Professional

McAvoy & Associates, 2014. *Irish income tax 2014*, Haywards Heath: Bloomsbury Professional.

Website: www.revenue.ie

Module Learning Environment

This module is delivered by means of formal and participative style lectures as well as small group tutorials. The college intranet (Moodle) is used to provide supporting material including videos of lecture content.

Module Teaching and Learning Strategy

This module is delivered through lectures and tutorials. Lectures are used to impart knowledge and understanding and also allow learners to carry out problem solving exercises allowing the learner to apply the techniques learned. These are used to give learners immediate feedback - in this way learning can be monitored in the classroom. Formative assessment is also provided on a regular basis to help identify the learner's progress and areas that may need improvement.

Module Assessment Strategy

20% of the marks are allocated to coursework. Learners are required to provide taxation advice to a client and to reflect on taxation developments. Learners are advised how to undertake the assignments both in terms of research and the presentation format involved.

The remaining 80% is reserved for an end of semester examination upon module completion.

Constructive Alignment of Assessment

Module Learning Outcomes	Assessment Strategy	
	Assignment	Exam
Interpret and apply current Irish tax legislation in relation to income tax and VAT	Yes	Yes
Identify and quantify the income subject to personal tax legislation	Yes	Yes
Apply the appropriate reliefs, allowances and credits to calculate personal tax liabilities and detail the timing of payments required	Yes	Yes
Identify and apply available exemptions and reliefs to minimise the tax liabilities of individuals	Yes	Yes
Apply the general principles for the administration and computation of VAT	Yes	Yes