

IPSAS for Non-Accountants Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Public Financial Management & Budgeting	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

IPSAS for Non-Accountants Training Course is designed to empower professionals across diverse sectors with practical knowledge of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) without requiring prior accounting experience. Participants will gain a clear understanding of public sector financial reporting, transparency in financial statements, and compliance with global accounting standards. This course emphasizes simplified explanations of complex accounting principles, ensuring learners can apply IPSAS standards in real-world public sector scenarios. Through interactive learning, real-life examples, and hands-on exercises, the course equips participants to enhance financial accountability, budget management, and internal control processes. By the end of this program, non-accounting professionals will confidently interpret IPSAS-compliant reports, contribute to strategic decision-making, and ensure organizational financial integrity. This course blends conceptual knowledge with practical skills, making it highly relevant for government officials, NGO staff, and public sector managers aiming to strengthen financial governance.

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the fundamental principles of IPSAS for non-accountants.
2. Interpret financial statements in compliance with IPSAS.
3. Apply accrual and cash-based accounting in public sector contexts.
4. Recognize financial reporting requirements for government entities.
5. Enhance transparency and accountability in financial management.
6. Analyze budgetary control processes and public sector finances.
7. Develop internal control mechanisms aligned with IPSAS.
8. Understand asset, liability, and equity reporting under IPSAS.
9. Identify common errors in public sector reporting and corrective measures.
10. Apply IPSAS standards in financial decision-making.
11. Evaluate financial performance indicators in public organizations.
12. Enhance stakeholder communication through accurate reporting.
13. Utilize case studies and practical exercises to reinforce IPSAS application.

Target Audience

1. Government officers and public sector staff
2. NGO and non-profit finance professionals
3. Project managers overseeing public sector projects
4. Internal auditors and compliance officers
5. Policy makers involved in financial governance
6. Procurement and contract management professionals
7. Managers seeking understanding of IPSAS without accounting background
8. Consultants and advisors working with public sector organization

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to IPSAS

- Overview of IPSAS standards
- Difference between **cash and accrual accounting**
- Importance of IPSAS in public sector transparency
- Role of IPSAS in **financial accountability**
- Key IPSAS standards explained for non-accountants
- **Case Study:** Implementing IPSAS in a local government entity

Module 2: Financial Statements Under IPSAS

- Components of **IPSAS-compliant financial statements**
- Understanding statement of financial position
- Interpretation of **statement of financial performance**
- Role of notes and disclosures
- Common reporting pitfalls
- **Case Study:** Preparing simplified financial statements for a public sector NGO

Module 3: Revenue and Expense Recognition

- Principles of revenue recognition under IPSAS

- Expense recognition and accrual principles
- Differences from private sector accounting
- Practical application in budgeting
- Avoiding misstatements
- **Case Study:** Revenue and expense adjustments in municipal finance

Module 4: Asset and Liability Management

- Classification of public sector assets and liabilities
- Accounting for fixed assets and depreciation
- Treatment of contingent liabilities
- IPSAS guidelines for investments
- Ensuring accuracy in financial reporting
- **Case Study:** Asset management in a government department

Module 5: Budgeting and Control

- Linking budgets to IPSAS standards
- Monitoring expenditure and variance analysis
- Enhancing budget transparency
- Controlling public funds responsibly
- Reporting budgetary performance
- **Case Study:** Budget preparation and reporting in a regional authority

Module 6: Internal Controls and Compliance

- Understanding **internal control systems**
- Mitigating financial mismanagement risks
- Ensuring regulatory compliance
- Role of audits in IPSAS implementation
- Reporting irregularities and corrective actions
- **Case Study:** Strengthening internal controls in a public hospital

Module 7: Reporting and Stakeholder Communication

- Simplifying financial statements for stakeholders
- Effective communication of financial information
- Visual presentation and summary techniques
- Building trust through transparency
- Evaluating financial performance indicators
- **Case Study:** Enhancing stakeholder confidence in public reporting

Module 8: Practical IPSAS Application

- Step-by-step guide to implementing IPSAS in non-accounting roles
- Integrating IPSAS with organizational processes
- Common challenges and practical solutions
- Hands-on exercises and real-life examples
- Review of course concepts through simulations
- **Case Study:** Applying IPSAS in a multi-department government project

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and simplified presentations
- Real-life **case studies** for practical understanding
- Hands-on exercises for financial statement analysis

- Group discussions and knowledge-sharing sessions
- Scenario-based simulations of IPSAS application
- Quizzes and assessments to reinforce learning

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- a. The participant must be conversant with English.
- b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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