Advanced Accounting for Cooperative Societies Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Cooperative Societies	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Cooperative societies present distinct accounting challenges due to their unique ownership structure, distribution of surpluses, and adherence to cooperative principles. This advanced course bridges that gap by offering in-depth coverage of areas such as accounting for financial instruments unique to cooperatives (e.g., withdrawable shares, revolving funds), complex revenue recognition, inter-cooperative transactions, implications of digital financial services on accounting, and preparing for external audits. Through interactive workshops, real-world cooperative accounting case studies, and expert-led discussions, attendees will develop the critical analytical and technical skills necessary to prepare robust financial statements, interpret complex transactions, ensure full regulatory compliance, and provide high-quality financial information for strategic governance. This is an indispensable program for any cooperative committed to excellence in financial reporting and robust accountability.

Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Apply International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) to complex cooperative accounting scenarios.
2. Accurately account for and disclose member share capital, patronage refunds, and revolving funds.
3. Master financial instrument accounting specific to cooperative loans, deposits, and investments.
4. Understand and apply advanced revenue recognition principles for diverse cooperative activities.
5. Perform consolidation accounting for cooperative groups and subsidiaries.
6. Implement impairment testing methodologies for assets, including cooperative investments.
7. Account for investment properties and biological assets at fair value or cost.
8. Navigate the tax implications of complex cooperative transactions and structures.
9. Prepare comprehensive and compliant financial statements and disclosures for cooperatives.
10. Manage accounting for foreign currency transactions in international cooperatives.
11. Understand the accounting implications of digital financial services and FinTech adoption.

12. Prepare effectively for and manage external audits of cooperative financial statements.
13. Advise cooperative boards on best practices in financial reporting and governance.

Organizational Benefits

1. Enhanced accuracy and reliability of financial statements.
2. Stronger compliance with IFRS and local accounting regulations.
3. Improved transparency and credibility with members, regulators, and lenders.
4. Reduced risk of accounting errors, restatements, and penalties.
5. More informed strategic decision-making based on robust financial data.
6. Efficient and effective preparation for external audits.
7. Greater ability to attract funding and investment due to high-quality reporting.
8. Empowered accounting team with advanced technical expertise.
9. Streamlined accounting processes for complex transactions.
10. Sustained member trust and confidence in the cooperative's financial stewardship.

Target Participants

- Cooperative Accountants and Senior Accounting Staff
- Financial Managers and Controllers of Cooperative Societies
- Internal and External Auditors specializing in Cooperatives
- Chief Financial Officers (CFOs) of Cooperative Banks and Large SACCOs
- Board Members and Audit Committee Members of Cooperatives
- Consultants and Advisors to Cooperative Societies
- Academics and Researchers in Cooperative Finance

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Module 1: IFRS Framework and Cooperative Principles

- Deep dive into the conceptual framework of IFRS.
- Reconciliation of IFRS principles with cooperative principles (e.g., member economic participation vs. profit maximization).
- Hierarchy of IFRS pronouncements and their application.
- Key differences between IFRS and local GAAP (if applicable, e.g., Kenya GAAP).
- Case Study: Analyzing how a cooperative's patronage refund system aligns with or diverges from IFRS profit concepts.

Module 2: Advanced Member Share Capital and Equity Accounting

- Accounting for withdrawable and non-withdrawable member shares under IFRS.
- Classification of member shares as equity or financial liabilities (IAS 32 implications).
- Accounting for reserves, retained earnings, and revaluation surpluses in cooperatives.
- Treatment of entrance fees and share transfer fees.
- Case Study: Determining the correct classification of different classes of member shares on the balance sheet.

Module 3: Patronage Accounting and Surplus Distribution

- Detailed accounting for patronage refunds (cash, non-cash, allocated).
- Tax implications of patronage refunds and their accounting treatment.
- Distinguishing patronage refunds from dividends on equity.

- Accounting for unallocated surpluses and reserves.
- Case Study: Preparing journal entries for different forms of patronage distribution.

Module 4: Financial Instruments I: Recognition and Measurement

- Applying IFRS 9 to cooperative financial assets (loans, investments) and liabilities (deposits, borrowings).
- Classification categories: Amortized Cost, FVOCI, FVTPL.
- Initial and subsequent measurement of financial instruments.
- Accounting for interest income and expense for various instruments.
- Case Study: Classifying different types of cooperative loans and deposits according to IFRS 9.

Module 5: Financial Instruments II: Impairment and Hedging

- Expected Credit Loss (ECL) model under IFRS 9 for cooperative loans.
- Calculating impairment provisions for loans and other financial assets.
- Basic concepts of hedge accounting (IAS 39 / IFRS 9) for risk management in cooperatives.
- Disclosures related to financial instruments and risk management.
- Case Study: Calculating ECL for a portfolio of cooperative loans using a simplified approach.

Module 6: Revenue Recognition for Diverse Cooperative Activities

- Applying IFRS 15 to various cooperative revenue streams (e.g., sales of goods, services, agency fees).
- Identifying performance obligations and transaction prices.
- Accounting for contracts with customers unique to cooperative arrangements.
- Revenue recognition in agricultural, marketing, and housing cooperatives.
- Case Study: Recognizing revenue for a marketing cooperative with complex member agreements.

Module 7: Accounting for Investment Property and Biological Assets

- Applying IAS 40 (Investment Property) for cooperative-owned properties.
- Fair value model vs. cost model for investment property.
- Applying IAS 41 (Agriculture) for biological assets (e.g., livestock, crops) in agricultural cooperatives.
- Measurement at fair value less costs to sell for biological assets.
- Case Study: Accounting for a cooperative's administrative building classified as investment property.

Module 8: Leases (IFRS 16) for Cooperatives

- Understanding the new lease accounting model for lessees.
- Identifying lease contracts and determining the lease term.
- Recognition of Right-of-Use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities.
- Accounting for short-term and low-value leases.
- Case Study: Accounting for a cooperative's long-term office lease under IFRS 16.

Module 9: Consolidation Accounting for Cooperative Groups

- Identifying control and determining the scope of consolidation (IFRS 10).
- Preparation of consolidated financial statements for cooperative groups and subsidiaries.
- Accounting for intercompany transactions and elimination.

- Accounting for non-controlling interests in a cooperative context.
- Case Study: Preparing simple consolidated financial statements for a cooperative holding company and its subsidiary.

Module 10: Impairment of Non-Financial Assets (IAS 36)

- Understanding the concept of impairment and indicators of impairment.
- Identifying Cash Generating Units (CGUs) in cooperatives.
- Performing impairment testing: Recoverable amount (higher of Fair Value less Cost of Disposal or Value in Use).
- Reversal of impairment losses.
- Case Study: Assessing the impairment of a cooperative's processing plant.

Module 11: Taxation for Cooperative Societies: Advanced Issues

- Detailed understanding of current and deferred tax (IAS 12).
- Accounting for permanent and temporary differences specific to cooperatives.
- Tax planning considerations for patronage refunds and other distributions.
- Implications of various tax laws (e.g., income tax, VAT) on cooperative accounting.
- Case Study: Calculating deferred tax for a cooperative with unique tax exemptions.

Module 12: Accounting for Digital Financial Services and FinTech

- Revenue recognition from digital channels (e.g., mobile banking fees, transaction charges).
- Accounting for digital wallets, e-money, and blockchain-based transactions.
- Impairment considerations for digital assets and intangible assets related to FinTech.
- Cybersecurity costs and their accounting treatment.
- Case Study: Accounting for revenue generated from a cooperative's new mobile banking platform.

Module 13: Advanced Disclosures and Notes to the Financial Statements

- Importance of comprehensive and transparent disclosures under IFRS.
- Specific disclosure requirements for financial instruments, related party transactions, and fair value measurements.
- Narrative reporting and management commentary.
- Tailoring disclosures to the cooperative context and member needs.
- Case Study: Drafting a comprehensive set of notes to the financial statements for a cooperative.

Module 14: Preparation for and Management of External Audits

- Understanding the audit process and auditor's expectations for complex transactions.
- Preparing audit schedules and supporting documentation.
- Addressing common audit findings related to advanced accounting issues.
- Best practices for seamless audit engagement.
- Case Study: Responding to auditor queries on the classification of member share capital.

Module 15: Emerging Issues and Future of Cooperative Accounting

- Impact of new IFRS standards and interpretations on cooperatives.
- Accounting for sustainability (ESG) reporting and integrated reporting.
- The role of artificial intelligence (AI) and automation in advanced accounting functions.
- Global trends in cooperative financial reporting and governance.

- Case Study: Discussing the potential implications of a new proposed IFRS standard on cooperative financial statements.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
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Certification

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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
07 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Physical	$3,000
14 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$3,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$3,000
28 Sep 2026	09 Oct 2026	Physical	$3,000
05 Oct 2026	16 Oct 2026	Physical	$3,000
12 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	Physical	$3,000
19 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026	Physical	$3,000
26 Oct 2026	06 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000

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