Financial Reporting Standards for Cooperatives (IFRS/GAAP for Co-ops) 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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Course Objectives

1. Interpret and apply core IFRS/GAAP principles to cooperative financial statements.
2. Differentiate between member equity and financial liabilities in cooperative reporting.
3. Accurately account for and disclose patronage refunds under relevant standards.
4. Apply IFRS 9 (Financial Instruments) to cooperative loan portfolios and investments.
5. Implement IFRS 15 (Revenue from Contracts with Customers) for cooperative revenue streams.
6. Understand and apply IFRS 16 (Leases) to cooperative lease arrangements.
7. Prepare compliant financial statements including Statement of Financial Position, Income Statement, and Cash Flow Statement for cooperatives.
8. Analyze the impact of new and upcoming accounting standards on cooperative financial performance.
9. Address fair value measurement challenges specific to cooperative assets and liabilities.
10. Ensure disclosure requirements under IFRS/GAAP are met for cooperative financial reports.
11. Navigate tax implications arising from IFRS/GAAP application in cooperatives.
12. Utilize financial reporting software and tools to enhance compliance and efficiency.
13. Communicate complex financial information effectively to cooperative stakeholders.

Organizational Benefits

1. Enhanced compliance with national and international accounting standards.
2. Increased accuracy and reliability of financial statements.
3. Improved transparency and credibility with members, lenders, and regulators.
4. Better comparability of financial performance with industry peers.
5. Reduced risk of audit qualifications and regulatory penalties.
6. Streamlined financial reporting processes and increased efficiency.
7. More informed strategic decision-making based on robust financial data.
8. Attraction of external funding through clear and compliant financial reporting.
9. Strengthened internal controls over financial reporting.

10. Development of skilled financial professionals within the cooperative.

Target Participants

- Cooperative Accountants and Financial Officers
- Cooperative General Managers and CEOs
- Internal and External Auditors of Cooperatives
- Board Members and Audit Committee Members of Cooperatives
- Financial Regulators and Supervisors of Cooperatives (e.g., SASRA in Kenya)
- Consultants specializing in Cooperative Finance
- Academics and Researchers focused on Cooperative Financial Reporting

Course Outline

Module 1: Introduction to Financial Reporting for Cooperatives

- Overview of the cooperative model and its financial implications.
- The importance of standardized financial reporting for cooperatives.
- Key differences between cooperative and conventional financial reporting.
- Introduction to IFRS and GAAP frameworks.
- Case Study: Analyzing a typical cooperative's basic financial structure.

Module 2: The Conceptual Framework and Presentation of Financial Statements

- Review of the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting.
- Components of a complete set of cooperative financial statements (IAS 1/ASC 205).
- Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) – cooperative specifics.
- Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income – cooperative specifics.
- Case Study: Re-presenting conventional financial statements to align with cooperative principles.

Module 3: Accounting for Member Shares and Equity

- Classification of member shares as equity or liability (IFRS: IAS 32; GAAP: ASC 480).
- Treatment of withdrawable and non-withdrawable member capital.
- Patronage dividends and their impact on equity.
- Reserve funds and their regulatory requirements in cooperatives.
- Case Study: Analyzing the classification of diverse member share types.

Module 4: Revenue Recognition (IFRS 15 / ASC 606) for Cooperatives

- The five-step model for revenue recognition.
- Identifying performance obligations in cooperative contracts (e.g., member services, product sales).
- Accounting for variable consideration (e.g., discounts, rebates, patronage).
- Contract costs and their capitalization.
- Case Study: Applying IFRS 15 to a multi-service agricultural cooperative.

Module 5: Financial Instruments (IFRS 9 / ASC 320) for Cooperatives

- Classification and measurement of financial assets and liabilities (loans, deposits, investments).
- Impairment of financial assets: Expected Credit Loss (ECL) model for cooperative loan portfolios.

- Hedge accounting principles and application (if applicable to advanced co-ops).
- Fair value measurement of financial instruments.
- Case Study: Calculating ECL for a SACCO's loan book under IFRS 9.

Module 6: Leases (IFRS 16 / ASC 842) for Cooperatives

- Identifying a lease under the new standards.
- Recognition and measurement of Right-of-Use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities.
- Lease modifications and reassessments.
- Exemptions for short-term and low-value leases.
- Case Study: Accounting for a cooperative's leased office building and equipment.

Module 7: Inventory and Property, Plant & Equipment (IAS 2, IAS 16 / ASC 330, ASC 360)

- Valuation methods for cooperative inventory (e.g., agricultural produce, retail goods).
- Recognition, measurement, and depreciation of PPE in cooperatives.
- Impairment of non-financial assets.
- Component accounting for significant assets.
- Case Study: Determining the carrying amount of a cooperative's processing plant.

Module 8: Accounting for Employee Benefits (IAS 19 / ASC 715) and Provisions (IAS 37 / ASC 450)

- Accounting for defined contribution and defined benefit plans for cooperative employees.
- Recognition and measurement of provisions (e.g., legal claims, restructuring costs).
- Contingent liabilities and contingent assets.
- Disclosure requirements for employee benefits and provisions.
- Case Study: Assessing a cooperative's liabilities related to employee pension schemes.

Module 9: Income Taxes (IAS 12 / ASC 740) for Cooperatives

- Understanding current and deferred tax implications for cooperatives.
- Taxable vs. accounting profit in cooperative contexts.
- Recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities.
- Impact of patronage refunds on taxable income.
- Case Study: Calculating deferred tax for a cooperative with unique tax exemptions.

Module 10: Statement of Cash Flows (IAS 7 / ASC 230) for Cooperatives

- Preparation of the Statement of Cash Flows using direct and indirect methods.
- Classification of cash flows from operating, investing, and financing activities for cooperatives.
- Reconciliation of profit to cash flows from operations.
- Specific cooperative cash flow considerations (e.g., member deposits, loan disbursements).
- Case Study: Analyzing a cooperative's cash flow statement to assess liquidity.

Module 11: Related Party Disclosures (IAS 24 / ASC 850) and Segment Reporting (IFRS 8 / ASC 280)

- Identifying related parties in a cooperative structure.
- Disclosure requirements for related party transactions.
- Determining operating segments in diversified cooperatives.
- Reporting segment information (revenue, profit/loss, assets).
- Case Study: Preparing related party disclosures for a cooperative group.

Module 12: Consolidated Financial Statements (IFRS 10 / ASC 810) and Business Combinations (IFRS 3 / ASC 805)

- Principles of consolidation for cooperative groups and federations.
- Accounting for business combinations involving cooperatives.
- Non-controlling interests (if applicable in cooperative structures).
- Disclosures for consolidated financial statements.
- Case Study: Preparing consolidated financial statements for a cooperative holding company and its subsidiaries.

Module 13: Impact of New and Upcoming Accounting Standards

- Review of recently issued and effective IFRS/GAAP amendments.
- Anticipating the impact of future accounting standards on cooperatives.
- Transition provisions and practical expedients.
- Strategies for proactive implementation.
- Case Study: Assessing the potential impact of a new accounting standard on a cooperative's financial position.

Module 14: Practical Application and Case Studies

- Comprehensive case studies integrating multiple IFRS/GAAP standards.
- Problem-solving exercises on complex cooperative financial scenarios.
- Discussion on real-world challenges and solutions in cooperative financial reporting.
- Interactive group work on preparing and reviewing cooperative financial statements.
- Case Study: End-to-end preparation of financial statements for a complex cooperative.

Module 15: Financial Reporting in the Digital Age and Future Outlook

- Leveraging accounting software and enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems.
- Data analytics for enhanced financial reporting and insights.
- XBRL and digital financial reporting initiatives.
- The role of technology in ensuring compliance and transparency.
- Case Study: Evaluating a cooperative's digital financial reporting capabilities.

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.
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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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