International VAT & GST Challenges Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Taxation and Revenue	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the fundamental principles and mechanisms of VAT and GST systems.
2. Analyze the impact of cross-border transactions on indirect tax compliance.
3. Interpret international rules for place of supply, registration, and invoicing.
4. Evaluate the challenges of digital services and e-commerce taxation.
5. Compare VAT/GST frameworks across major jurisdictions.
6. Manage refund claims, exemptions, and zero-rated supplies effectively.
7. Assess the effects of customs valuation and import/export on VAT.
8. Identify compliance risks and implement effective mitigation strategies.
9. Prepare for VAT/GST audits and dispute resolution processes.
10. Review global VAT/GST policy developments and harmonization efforts.
11. Develop efficient documentation and reporting systems.
12. Implement best practices for cross-border tax planning and control.
13. Apply practical case studies to real business operations for tax optimization.

Target Audience

This course is designed for:

1. Tax Managers and Indirect Tax Specialists
2. Finance and Accounting Professionals
3. Chief Financial Officers (CFOs)
4. VAT/GST Consultants and Advisors
5. International Trade and Customs Officers
6. Legal and Compliance Practitioners
7. Auditors and Policy Analysts
8. Multinational Business Executives and Entrepreneurs

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Course Modules

Module 1: Fundamentals of VAT & GST Systems

- Principles and scope of VAT and GST
- Input and output tax mechanisms
- Supply chain taxation and value addition
- Exemptions, zero-rating, and special regimes
- Global VAT/GST structures and policy variations
- **Case Study:** Comparative analysis of EU VAT and Australian GST systems

Module 2: Cross-Border Trade and Indirect Taxation

- Treatment of imports and exports under VAT/GST
- Place of supply and time of supply rules
- Triangular trade and chain transactions
- Reverse charge mechanisms and business-to-business (B2B) supplies
- Managing cross-border invoicing and documentation
- **Case Study:** VAT implications of cross-border service provision

Module 3: Digital Economy and E-Commerce Taxation

- Taxation of digital goods and online services
- OECD guidelines on digital VAT/GST
- Marketplace platforms and intermediary liability
- Electronic invoicing and digital reporting obligations
- Global trends in e-commerce VAT reforms
- **Case Study:** Implementing VAT compliance for a digital marketplace operator

Module 4: VAT/GST Registration and Compliance Management

- Registration thresholds and multi-jurisdictional obligations
- VAT/GST grouping and identification numbers
- Periodic filing, returns, and payment deadlines
- Common errors and penalties in VAT compliance
- Best practices in managing input tax credit claims
- **Case Study:** Managing multi-country VAT registrations for an MNE

Module 5: Refunds, Exemptions, and Special Schemes

- VAT refunds for non-residents and exporters
- Exemption regimes and eligibility criteria
- Input VAT recovery under special rules
- VAT treatment in free trade zones and special economic areas
- Managing refund audits and delays
- **Case Study:** Exporter VAT refund claim analysis in the EU

Module 6: Customs Duties and VAT/GST Integration

- Interaction between customs duties and VAT/GST
- Import VAT valuation and customs declarations
- Transfer pricing implications on import VAT
- Free trade agreements and preferential treatment
- Managing border tax compliance and documentation
- **Case Study:** VAT/customs integration for cross-border manufacturing supply chains

Module 7: Audit, Dispute Resolution & Risk Management

- VAT/GST audit triggers and procedures
- Record-keeping and transaction traceability
- Handling tax disputes and appeals
- Risk assessment and compliance monitoring tools
- Technology and automation in indirect tax compliance
- **Case Study:** Managing a multi-jurisdictional VAT audit in a multinational group

Module 8: Global VAT/GST Policy Reforms & Future Trends

- OECD and IMF initiatives for indirect tax harmonization
- Impact of BEPS and digitalization on VAT/GST policy
- Emerging technologies and e-invoicing frameworks
- Regional integration and VAT harmonization (EU, GCC, ASEAN, etc.)
- Preparing for the future of global VAT/GST compliance
- **Case Study:** Global VAT policy shift toward digital compliance models

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led interactive sessions
- Real-world case studies and scenario analysis
- Group discussions and peer collaboration
- Hands-on workshops on VAT documentation and reporting
- Policy review sessions on OECD and regional VAT guidelines
- Q&A sessions and continuous feedback assessments

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
07 Sep 2026	11 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500

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14 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
05 Oct 2026	09 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
12 Oct 2026	16 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
19 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
26 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500

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