



# **Advanced Business Finance Level 3**



## Module 1: Advanced Financial Statement Analysis

- **Topics Covered:**

- Financial statement analysis (income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement)
- Ratio analysis (profitability, efficiency, liquidity, and solvency ratios)
- Forecasting and trend analysis
- Adjustments for inflation and currency fluctuations

- **Learning outcome:** Equip participants with skills to interpret complex financial statements for strategic insights.

## Module 2: Strategic Financial Planning and Budgeting

- **Topics Covered:**

- Long-term financial planning and scenario analysis
- Developing strategic budgets aligned with business goals
- Forecasting techniques for financial planning
- Variance analysis for performance management

- **Learning outcome:** Enable participants to create robust financial plans that support strategic objectives.

## Module 3: Corporate Finance and Capital Structure in the UK

- **Topics Covered:**

- Overview of capital structure theories



- Debt versus equity financing: pros, cons, and tax implications in the UK
- Optimal capital structure strategies
- Impact of interest rates and credit market conditions
- **Learning Outcome:** Provide understanding of how to structure a business's capital to balance risk and maximise returns.

#### Module 4: Investment and Valuation Techniques

- **Topics Covered:**
  - Advanced methods of valuation (DCF, CAPM, EVA)
  - Cost of capital and WACC
  - Risk-adjusted return and risk management
  - Investment appraisal techniques (IRR, NPV, payback period)
- **Learning Outcome:** Develop skills for evaluating investment opportunities and maximising return on investment.

#### Module 5: Risk Management and Compliance in the UK

- **Topics Covered:**
  - Identifying financial risks (credit, market, operational, legal)
  - Strategies for risk mitigation and management
  - UK regulatory landscape for business finance
  - Understanding UK-specific compliance requirements



- **Learning outcome:** Provide the tools to manage financial risks and ensure compliance with UK regulations.

## **Module 6: Taxation and Regulatory Environment in the UK**

- **Topics Covered:**
  - Overview of UK corporate taxes and reliefs
  - Tax-efficient financing options
  - Regulatory bodies and compliance standards (e.g., FCA, HMRC)
  - Corporate governance in financial management
- **Learning Outcome:** Enable participants to navigate the tax and regulatory landscape to optimise business finances legally and ethically.

## **Module 7: Cash Flow Management and Working Capital Optimisation**

- **Topics Covered:**
  - Cash flow forecasting and cash flow statement analysis
  - Managing working capital (inventory, receivables, and payables)
  - Strategies for maintaining liquidity and profitability
  - Short-term financing options for working capital
- **Learning outcome:** Equip participants with techniques to manage cash flows effectively and ensure business liquidity.