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# Understanding Financial Statements

## Course No 208

Directors have primary responsibility for the provision of useful and meaningful information for investors and other users of the financial statements. This course aims to help directors understand their responsibilities in relation to financial reporting and provides practical ideas on how these responsibilities can be fulfilled. Directors and executives of companies operating in the financial services sector need to have a clear understanding of the financial statements that their companies prepare and which they would be signing off. This course is intended for directors and executives who are not accountants or have a strong financial background. With the many responsibilities and level of accountability that these executive positions hold, it is suggested that persons in these important positions are well versed in the understanding of financial statements.

## Sample Topics Covered:

Directors' responsibilities for financial reporting

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Who is responsible for financial reporting?

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Understanding financial statements

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Understanding and interpreting the information provided

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Body of evidence: The anatomy of financial statements and how to read them

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What really matters: balance sheet, income statement or cash-flow statement?

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What is all the detailed information being disclosed within the financial statements telling me?

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Which are the numbers that really matter?

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## General Information

**Time:** 09:00 - 12.00hrs

**Venue:** Online

**Level:** Introductory

## Schedule

**Duration:** 6 hours

**Dates:** 4, 6 June

## Target Audience

Professionals who do not have an accounting background and sit as directors or other board members in financial services entities, namely company services providers and individuals in a top-level position who are not completely comfortable with reading financial statements and other financial information.

Registration fee: **€120 per participant**

- Full time student (50% discount)
- Senior citizen (50% discount)
- Group booking of 4 or more applicants from the same Organisation (10% discount)

Applications are to be made by clicking the **'apply now'** button and completing the online application process.

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## Lecturer

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Ms Tedesco is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA), and a member of the Malta Institute of Accountants (MIA). She started her career in 2001 as a Fund Accountant with HSBC Fund Management Malta Ltd, a then subsidiary of HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. In 2005, she was appointed as Senior Financial Accountant at HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c., where she was primarily responsible for the financial reporting structure of the bank, reporting both to HSBC Malta and to HSBC plc. Marica was also responsible for the preparation of statutory interim and annual reports of the bank and was appointed Secretary of HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. Assets and Liabilities Committee (ALCO) in 2008. Marica moved on and is currently the co-owner and Finance Director of ST Corporate and Advisory Services Ltd, a Malta-based company, acting as consultants and advisors to companies that are mainly active in the financial services sector. Marica is primarily responsible for the management and decision making relating to all financial risks of the company and also for all financial planning and reporting requirements of the company. M in Corporate and Commercial Law from University College London.

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