

PAPER 3 – VAT COMPLIANCE

Learning outcomes

Having passed this examination, students will be able to:

- » Describe the basic operation of VAT in Ireland
- » Describe the administration of VAT in Ireland
- » Complete VAT returns for an Irish business
- » Complete VAT forms

Examination

- » Five questions, answer three

The following matters will be examinable:

- 1 **Overview of the Irish VAT system**
 - » Transactions tax
 - » Meaning of “supply”
 - The “place of supply” rules
 - Application of VAT to supply of goods
 - Application of VAT to supply of services
 - Exempt activities
 - Self-supplies

- 2 **Rates of VAT**
 - » Deductible/non-deductible expenses
 - » Partial exemption

- 3 **Concepts of business**
 - » Meaning of business
 - » VAT registration
 - » Group registration
 - » VAT returns

- 4 **VAT administration**
 - » Completion of VAT returns, i.e. Form VAT 3
 - » Invoices
 - » Completion of VAT invoices, credit notes, debit notes
 - » Record-keeping, including Purchases Book, Sales Book, Cheque Payments Book, Cash Receipts Book
 - » VIES/Intrastat
 - » Tax due and payable
 - » Interest and penalties

- 5 **Special schemes**
- » Transfer of a business
 - » Section 13A
 - » VAT 6oA
 - » Margin schemes
 - » Retailers' schemes
- 6 **International transactions**
- » Intra-Community supplies
 - » Retail export schemes
 - » Foreign VAT recovery
- 7 **VAT on property transactions – overview**
- » Introduction to VATable property
 - » Examples of VATable property transactions
- 8 **VAT and specific business**
- » Farmers
 - » Haulage
 - » Car sales