



Contemporary Taxation

Professional Diploma

Why this Programme is for You

The KBS Professional Diploma in Contemporary Taxation is designed to give professionals currently working in taxation an edge when it comes to understanding tax legislation and how to apply it to international tax structures.

Understanding domestic tax changes and evolving international tax legislation is essential with the increasing globalisation of business models; and this ever-changing landscape requires advanced skillsets to negotiate a growing level of complex legislation in this field.

In addition, modern tax professionals increasingly need the practical skills to apply data analytics and to understand artificial intelligence (AI) technologies to support their organisations within the competitive international arena. Data analytics and AI are now embedded across all business activities, and this programme focuses on how to use these technologies in the taxation, risk, ethics, and governance disciplines.



Professional and Personal Gain

You will gain an in-depth understanding of how to interpret tax legislation; learn how arbitration works in the event of a dispute over the application of the law; and you will be equipped with negotiation skills to settle disputes effectively. You will gain an understanding of the principles underpinning and the risks inherent in the application of domestic and international tax law to corporate entities, including the application of double taxation relief and other contemporary themes in international tax. You will then learn to apply these principles; understand their economic and social impact; and be empowered to engage in detailed tax analysis to address relevant scenarios.

The data analysis techniques will equip you to solve complex business problems in the tax domain, including forecasting the impact of business decisions on tax liability. You will engage in contextual edge cases and formulate a context-specific application of the concepts of risk and governance concerning AI technologies. You will be able to frame emerging AI innovation as different examples of technologies that are socially embedded, autonomous and which present numerous identifiable risks and governance challenges.

You will also learn the skills to identify the social contexts in which taxes are imposed and their impact on stakeholders. You will be able to analyse the ethical and moral issues underpinning your work and the business environment.

Candidate Profile and Requirements

You must hold a minimum 2.2 level 8 degree (NFQ or other internationally recognized equivalents).

Recognition of prior learning may be considered in accordance with the university regulations.

In assessing applications, the Course Team will consider relevant accredited tax qualifications, work experience etc. as being suitable prior learning.

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NFQ Level 9
Minor Award
1 Year
Part-Time
Online

Our Learning Approach

The KBS Professional Diploma in Contemporary Taxation programme is designed to offer busy professionals a flexible, stress-free learning environment for maximum engagement. As a fully online programme, learning is enabled through extensive interaction with fellow professionals, leading academics and industry practitioners. Interactive workshops and self-directed study sessions help you develop your individual strengths and expand your practical skills.

Modules run in sequence, giving you the opportunity to engage with other industry professional learners, share learning experiences, and reflect on new knowledge gained and its impact. Our experiential approach enhances your potential for success and achieving long-term career goals.

Course Content

Module 1: Revenue Law and Negotiations

You will gain an in-depth understanding of how to interpret tax legislation and its relationship with the Irish Constitution and EU law. The module will explain how arbitration works in a dispute over the application of the law and will equip you with the necessary negotiation skills to settle disputes.

Module 2: Data Analytics for Tax

You will gain the knowledge and practical skills to apply data analytics and data visualisation techniques to problems situated in the discipline of tax. Through a mixture of theory and practice, it will develop your understanding of the importance of data to the modern tax professional.

Module 3: Applied International Tax law

You will gain an understanding of the principles underpinning and the risks inherent in the application of domestic and international tax law to corporate entities. This includes the application of double taxation relief and other contemporary themes in international tax, such as BEPS 1.0 and 2.0 and transfer pricing.

Module 4: Risk, Ethics, Governance and Artificial Intelligence

You will gain the knowledge and practical skills to empower you as an industry professional to understand better (a) the complex aspects of the logic of AI Commercialisation and business models and (b) the broader social and ethical relations of AI business models. The goal is to transform theoretical research into applied contexts where professionals can make more informed decisions regarding the 'Risk, Ethics and Governance' of AI.

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