



Graduate Diploma in Accounting



Domestic fee: \$5,909

International fee: \$20,350

Compulsory student levy >
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*Fees are approximate, subject to change and exchange rates

Location	Dunedin
Duration	One year, full-time; part-time options
Delivery	On campus with an industry project

Credits	120
Level	7
Start	February
Apply	Until start date

Got a head for numbers? Use your strengths - get an accounting qualification.

The Graduate Diploma in Accounting is useful for people who may be seeking a promotion within their current job or who want to broaden their skill base. The qualification allows you to extend your knowledge in a complementary discipline without having to undertake a full degree. With a skillset in accounting you will be in constant demand for your ability to plan and record the financial performance of every kind of commercial venture. You could work in a diverse range of organisations, including public sector entities, national and multi-national corporations, NGO's and self-employment options.

During this programme, you will learn how to record and process financial transactions and prepare financial statements and cash budgets for entities in accordance with current accounting practices in New Zealand, undertake a series of compulsory accounting courses and a practical industry project. Benefit from the guidance and support of highly experienced staff whose main focus is on providing you with industry-relevant skills that you can apply directly to the real-world of finance and accounting.

Entry requirements

- > An undergraduate degree, OR
- > Appropriate degree-equivalent practical, professional or scholarly experience
- > Has completed BX660001 Research Methodologies OR equivalent.
- > You may NOT enrol in this major if you have already studied it at undergraduate level.
- > If English is not your first language, you must provide:
 - > New Zealand University Entrance OR
 - > Overall Academic IELTS 6.0 with no individual band score lower than 5.5 (achieved in one test completed in the last two years), OR
 - > Acceptable alternative evidence of the required IELTS (see here for NZQA proficiency table and here for list of recognised proficiency tests).

If you need to improve your English Language skills, we offer a wide range of English programmes.

Additional documentation

You must supply certified copies of proof of identify, academic records and proof of residency (where appropriate).

Selection procedure

Eligible applicants will be accepted as received.

Additional costs

You will be required to purchase some textbooks during this programme and also cover any costs associated with field trips and the industry project.

You will study

You will complete 120 credits of learning, of which 75 must be at Level 7.

LEVEL 6

Intermediate Financial Accounting: Learn how to prepare general purpose financial reports for companies and partnerships, following New Zealand International Reporting Standards.

Intermediate Management Accounting: This course looks at topics including production cost estimations, operational budgeting, and other pricing and reporting processes within management accounting.

Taxation in New Zealand: An introduction to taxation legislation in New Zealand and tax accounting including GST and Fringe Benefit Tax for sole traders, partnerships, companies and trusts.

LEVEL 7

Advanced Financial Accounting: Develop an understanding of advanced concepts within financial accounting and reporting, particularly financial instruments and foreign exchange.

Advanced Management Accounting: Extend your understanding of management and cost accounting approaches including value chain analysis, strategic pricing, lean manufacturing, risk analysis, financing and performance analysis through case studies.

Industry Project: This provides an opportunity to balance theory with applied learning in your workplace or host organisation and tailor your studies accordingly to your interest. The project involves a workload of 200 hours, completing a written research project investigating an issue/problem that adds value to the organisation. This industry project will be useful in developing team work, communication, and other soft skills/capabilities and in helping establish industry connections post-graduation.

Compulsory Courses	Level	Credits
Intermediate Financial Accounting	6	15
Intermediate Management Accounting	6	15
Taxation in New Zealand	6	15
Advanced Financial Accounting	7	15
Advanced Management Accounting	7	15
Organisational Research Design	7	15
Industry Project for Professional Accounting	7	30
Total		120

Your workload

Your programme of study will generally include lectures and seminars/tutorials. You will be expected to contribute at least 20 hours per week of your own time in self-directed study to allow for successful completion of the qualification.

You will also complete a 200-hour industry project, gaining hands-on experience and developing important industry and business connections.

Further study options

Progress into higher levels of learning and enhance your employment potential with postgraduate study in Accounting. Further graduate diploma studies in Business Information Systems or Innovation and Entrepreneurship could also be of interest.

Student loans and allowances

Student loans and allowances are for domestic students only. For information about student loans and allowances please visit the Studylink website. It is important to apply for your student loan/allowance at the same time as you apply for this programme, due to the length of time Studylink take to process applications. Loan/allowance applications can be cancelled at any time if you decide to withdraw your programme application or if it is unsuccessful.

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