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# Introduction

## How to use the Materials

These Kaplan Publishing learning materials have been carefully designed to make your learning experience as easy as possible and to give you the best chance of success in your examinations.

The product range contains a number of features to help you in the study process. They include:

- (1) Detailed study guide and syllabus objectives
- (2) Description of the examination
- (3) Study skills and revision guidance
- (4) Study text
- (5) Question practice

The sections on the study guide, the syllabus objectives, the examination and study skills should all be read before you commence your studies. They are designed to familiarise you with the nature and content of the examination and give you tips on how to best approach your learning.

The **Study Text** comprises the main learning materials and gives guidance as to the importance of topics and where other related resources can be found. Each chapter includes:

- The **learning objectives**, which have been carefully mapped to the examining body's own syllabus learning objectives or outcomes. You should use these to check you have a clear understanding of all the topics on which you might be assessed in the examination.
- The **chapter diagram** provides a visual reference for the content in the chapter, giving an overview of the topics and how they link together.
- The **content** for each topic area commences with a brief explanation or definition to put the topic into context before covering the topic in detail. You should follow your studying of the content with a review of the illustration/s. These are worked examples which will help you to understand better how to apply the content for the topic.
- **Test your understanding** sections provide an opportunity to assess your understanding of the key topics by applying what you have learned to short questions. Answers can be found at the back of each chapter.
- **Summary diagrams** complete each chapter to show the important links between topics and the overall content of the examination. These diagrams should be used to check that you have covered and understood the core topics before moving on.
- **Questions to practice** are provided at the back of the Study Text.

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**Definition** – Key definitions that you will need to learn from the core content.



**Key point** – Identifies topics that are key to success and are often examined.



**Supplementary reading** – These sections will help to provide a deeper understanding of core areas. The supplementary reading is **NOT** optional reading. It is vital to provide you with the breadth of knowledge you will need to address the wide range of topics within your syllabus that could feature in an examination question. **Reference to this text is vital when self-studying.**



**Helpful tutor tips** – These sections give tips on the examinability of topics and whether information is provided in the tax rates and allowances in the examination.



**Test your understanding** – Following key points and definitions are exercises which give the opportunity to assess the understanding of these core areas. Within the Study Text the answers to these exercises are at the end of the chapter; within the online version the answers can be hidden or shown on screen to enable repetition of exercises.



**Illustration** – To help develop an understanding of topics the illustrative examples and the Test Your Understanding (TYU) exercises can be used.



**Progression** – This symbol links the topics in the chapter to other relevant papers in the ACCA syllabus.



**Tricky topic** – When reviewing these areas care should be taken and all illustrations and test your understanding exercises should be completed to ensure that the topic is understood.



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## ACCA Performance Objectives

In order to become a member of the ACCA, as a trainee accountant you will need to demonstrate that you have achieved nine performance objectives. Performance objectives are indicators of effective performance and set the minimum standard of work that trainees are expected to achieve and demonstrate in the workplace. They are divided into key areas of knowledge which are closely linked to the exam syllabus.

There are five Essential performance objectives and a choice of seventeen Technical performance objectives which are divided into seven areas.

The performance objectives which link to this exam are:

- 1 Ethics and professionalism (Essential)
- 2 Tax computations and assessments (Technical)
- 3 Tax compliance and verification (Technical)
- 4 Tax planning and advice (Technical)

The following link provides an in depth insight into all of the performance objectives:

[https://www.accaglobal.com/content/dam/ACCA\\_Global/Students/per/PER-Performance-objectives-achieve.pdf](https://www.accaglobal.com/content/dam/ACCA_Global/Students/per/PER-Performance-objectives-achieve.pdf)

# The UK tax system

## Chapter learning objectives

Upon completion of this chapter you will be able to:

- describe the purpose (economic, social, etc.) of taxation in a modern economy
- explain the difference between direct and indirect taxation
- identify the different types of capital and revenue tax
- describe the overall structure of the UK tax system
- state the different sources of revenue law
- describe the organisation HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) and its terms of reference
- explain the difference between tax avoidance and tax evasion, and the purposes of the General Anti-Abuse Rule (GAAR)
- appreciate the interaction of the UK tax system with that of other tax jurisdictions and the need for double taxation agreements
- explain the need for an ethical and professional approach.



**PER**

One of the PER performance objectives (PO1) is to always act in the wider public interest. You need to take into account all relevant information and use professional judgement, your personal values and scepticism to evaluate data and make decisions. You should identify right from wrong and escalate anything of concern. You also need to make sure that your skills, knowledge and behaviour are up-to-date and allow you to be effective in your role. Working through this chapter should help you understand how to demonstrate that objective.