K

AAT

Internal Accounting Systems and Controls

Pocket Notes

These Pocket Notes support study for the following AAT qualifications: AAT Diploma in Professional Accounting – Level 4 AAT Diploma in Business Skills – Level 4 AAT Diploma in Professional Accounting at SCQF Level 8



Internal Accounting Systems and Controls

British library cataloguing-in-publication data

A catalogue record for this book is available from the British Library.

Published by: Kaplan Publishing UK Unit 2 The Business Centre Molly Millars Lane Wokingham Berkshire RG41 2QZ

ISBN 978-1-83996-082-6

© Kaplan Financial Limited, 2021

Printed and bound in Great Britain.

This Product includes content from the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA), published by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) in 2015 and is used with permission of IFAC. The text in this material and any others made available by any Kaplan Group company does not amount to advice on a particular matter and should not be taken as such. No reliance should be placed on the content as the basis for any investment or other decision or in connection with any advice given to third parties. Please consult vour appropriate professional adviser as necessary. Kaplan Publishing Limited and all other Kaplan group companies expressly disclaim all liability to any person in respect of any losses or other claims, whether direct, indirect, incidental, consequential or otherwise arising in relation to the use of such materials

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise, without the prior written permission of Kaplan Publishing.

Internal Accounting Systems and Controls

Contents		Study	Page
		Text chapter	Number
Chapter 1	The accounting function	1	3
Chapter 2	Financial information and stakeholders	2	11
Chapter 3	Internal control systems		15
Chapter 4	Internal controls in a computerised environment		27
Chapter 5	Information and technology		
Chapter 6	Preventing and detecting fraud	6.	47
Chapter 7	Performance indicators	7	
Chapter 8	Changes to the accounting system		61
Chapter 9	Ethics and sustainability	A1	67
Index			

KAPLAN PUBLISHING

Internal Accounting Systems and Controls

Preface

These Pocket Notes contain the key things that you need to know for the exam, presented in a unique visual way that makes revision easy and effective.

Written by experienced lecturers and authors, these Pocket Notes break down content into manageable chunks to maximise your concentration. Quality and accuracy are of the utmost importance to us so if you spot an error in any of our products, please send an email to mykaplanreporting@kaplan.com with full details, or follow the link to the feedback form in MyKaplan.

Our Quality Co-ordinator will work with our technical team to verify the error and take action to ensure it is corrected in future editions.

A guide to the assessment

A guide to the assessment

The assessment

The Internal Accounting Systems and Controls (INAC) Assessment is assessed by means of a computer based assessment. The CBA will last for 2½ hours.

In any one assessment, students may not be assessed on all content, or on the full depth or breadth of a piece of content. The content assessed may change over time to ensure validity of assessment, but all assessment criteria will be tested over time.

Learning outcomes & weighting

Assessment objective	Weighting		
1 Understand the role and respons of the accounting function within a	n		
organisation	10%		
2 Evaluate internal control systems	s 25%		
3 Evaluate an organisation's accounting			
system and underpinning procedur	res 25%		
4 Understand the impact of techno	logy on		
accounting systems	15%		
5 Recommend improvements to an	า		
organisation's accounting system	25%		
Total	100%		

Pass mark

To pass the assessment, students need to achieve a mark of 70% or more.

This unit contributes 20% of the total amount required for the Diploma in Professional Accounting qualification.