FASB SSARS and SAS: An Update and Review for 2019

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to inform the reader of the various changes affecting accounting, compilation and review, and auditing engagements as well as a review and recall of existing standards. Topics include a summary of newly issued FASB statements, new statements issued by the Auditing Standards Board, changes in compilation and review, current and pending developments, practice issues, and more.

Completion Deadline & Exam: This course, including the examination, must be completed within one year of the date of purchase. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, no correct or incorrect feedback for any exam question will be provided.

Course Level: Overview. This program is appropriate for professionals at all organizational levels.

CPE Credits: 24 (CPA) (16 hours accounting, 8 hours auditing)

Category: Accounting and Auditing

Prerequisite: Basic understanding of US GAAP.

Advanced Preparation: None

Course Learning Objectives

Chapter 1: ASU 2018-17: Consolidation (Topic 810): Targeted Improvements to Related Party Guidance for Variable Interest Entities

- 1. Recognize a private company under ASU 2018-17
- 2. Identify the definition of a variable interest
- 3. Recall some of the requirements that must be met to consolidate under the VIE rules
- 4. Identify an element that must be met to elect the private company accounting alternative under ASU 2018-17
- 5. Identify the types of arrangements to which the accounting alternative election applies
- 6. Recognize relationships that might be considered under common control
- 7. Recognize the way in which an entity should adopt the accounting alternative in ASU 2018-17
- 8. Recall how an accountant or auditor reports on an accounting change per ASU 2018-17

Chapter 2: Implementing the New Revenue Standard- ASC 606 - 2019 Guidance for Private Companies

- 1. Recognize the types of agreements that qualify as contracts under the revenue standard
- 2. Recall a condition that must be met to identify a separate performance obligation
- 3. Identify at least one method authorized to estimate variable consideration in a contract
- 4. Recognize information that can be used to allocate the transaction price to performance obligations
- 5. Identify at least one method that are used to record revenue in Step 5 of the revenue standard
- 6. Recognize when a good is considered transferred to a customer under ASC 606
- 7. Recognize how to account for the transfer of a product with a right to return
- 8. Recall the general rule that determines whether an entity should record revenue gross or net
- 9. Identify some of the general rules to account for license revenue
- 10. Recall how certain contract costs are accounted for under the revenue standard, and
- 11. Recognize certain disclosures required by the revenue standard for nonpublic entities.

Chapter 3: The Impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on GAAP and Financial Reporting- 2019

- 1. Recognize how an entity should account for deferred tax accounts under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act
- 2. Identify how the ASU 2018-02 election is made to reclassify the tax effect on accumulated other comprehensive income
- 3. Recall the adjustment that is made when an entity converts from S to C corporation status
- 4. Recognize the type of like-kind exchange that qualifies for nonrecognition of gain or loss under GAAP
- 5. Identify a way in which an entity can account for bonus depreciation under GAAP
- 6. Recognize an example of an applicable financial statement (AFS)

Chapter 4: New Lease Standard-2019: ASU 2016-02 and Other Amendments

- 1. Recognize a key change made to GAAP by the new lease standard
- 2. Identify a type of lease that exists for a lessee under ASU 2016-02
- 3. Recall a type of lease for which the ASU 2016-02 rules do not apply
- 4. Recognize some of the criteria that determine whether a contract is or is not a lease
- 5. Identify a threshold for a lease term to be considered a major part of an asset's remaining economic life
- 6. Identify how a lessee should account for initial direct costs

- 7. Recall how a lessor should initially account for initial direct costs for a lease in certain instances
- 8. Identify how a lessor should account for lease payments received on the income statement for an operating lease
- 9. Recognize how certain existing leases are accounted for on the implementation date of ASU 2016-02
- 10. Recall the potential impact that the new lease standard might have on a lessee's EBITDA and debt-equity ratios.

Chapter 5: Financial Instruments 2019: Implementing ASU 2016-01

- 1. Identify the category of securities for which ASU 2016-01 retains the three categories under existing GAAP
- 2. Recall one of the changes made by ASU 2016-01 to existing GAAP for financial instruments.
- 3. Recall how available-for-sale debt securities are measured on an entity's balance sheet
- 4. Identify how held to maturity securities are measured on the balance sheet
- 5. Recognize how an entity should account for a temporary impairment
- 6. Recall how an entity should present an unrealized gain or loss on an equity security under ASU 2016-01
- 7. Identify how a mutual fund that invests in debt and equity securities should classify the investment

Chapter 6: SSARS No. 24:Omnibus Statement on Standards for Accounting and Review Services- 2018

- 1. Identify a requirement an accountant must satisfy when he or she is performing a review engagement on an international accounting framework
- 2. Recognize one of the elements required for a fair presentation framework
- 3. Recall a term used in considering going concern in a review engagement
- 4. Identify the definition of a reasonable period of time as used in the going-concern rules for review engagements
- 5. Identify additional inquiries required and not required on going concern for a review engagement
- 6. Recognize an action an accountant should take when referencing the work of another accountant in a review engagement

Chapter 7: Compilation and Review Update and Review-2019

- 1. Recognize engagement types that are and are not part of SSARS No. 21
- 2. Recognize the accountant's responsibility for reporting fraud in compilation and review engagements
- 3. Recall financial statement titles that are and are not appropriate for tax-basis financial statements.
- 4. Identify the options available and not available to report on supplementary information in a compilation or review engagement

- 5. Recognize evidence an accountant would obtain to demonstrate that the financial statements reconcile with accounting records
- 6. Identify the disclosure requirements when an accountant reports on a tax return
- 7. Recognize actions that would and would not impair an accountant's independence

Chapter 8: Auditing Developments 2019

- 1. Identify the difference between fraud and an error
- 2. Recognize the three conditions of the fraud triangle
- 3. Recall the threshold at which an audit of an employee benefit plan is required

Chapter 9: Recently Issued Auditing Statements: SAS Nos. 132-133 and SSAE No. 18

- 1. Recognize the definition of "reasonable period of time" as used in SAS No. 132
- 2. Identify the key term that SAS No. 132 uses in the auditor's evaluation of going concern
- 3. Identify when a company is required to use the liquidation basis of accounting
- 4. Recognize an example of a negative external matter that may raise substantial doubt of going concern
- 5. Identify an example of a mitigating plan
- 6. Recognize the meaning of the term "probable" as used in GAAP's ASU 2014-15
- 7. Identify audit evidence demonstrating a commitment to providing financial support
- 8. Recall how a CPA should report when there is substantial doubt of going concern
- 9. Identify a term used in going concern that third-party users that is not clearly understood
- 10. Recognize an example of a type of exempt offering covered by SAS No. 133
- 11. Recognize some of the prerequisites to perform an attestation engagement under SSAE No. 18
- 12. Identify types of engagements that are covered and not covered by SSAE No. 18