

Business Combinations and Consolidated Financial Reporting

Course Description

This course reviews the two standards reflected in the Codification as ASC 805, Business Combinations, and ASC 810, Consolidation. These statements, which require prospective treatment for business combinations having fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, mandate what is referred to as the acquisition method. This course highlights recent FASB guidance in the definition of a business, simplifying the test for goodwill impairment, and private company goodwill alternative.

This course emphasizes both the theory and practice relating to the acquisition method standards. A comparison of old (e.g., poolings of interest and purchase methods) and acquisition method rules will prepare practitioners for dealing with the variety of practices they will encounter at their clients or employers. This course also addresses the preparation of consolidated financial statements, the appropriate treatment of the costs affecting a combination, and other related issues.

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: 4 (CPA)

Category: Accounting

Prerequisite: Basic Accounting

Advanced Preparation: None

Course Learning Objectives

Chapter 1 Business Combinations

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

1. Recognize the accounting and reporting requirements for a business combination using the acquisition method

Chapter 2 Consolidated Financial Reporting

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

1. Recognize when financial statement consolidation is appropriate
2. Identify how consolidation is reported and disclosed
3. Calculate different valuations recorded in a combined financial statement