

H6BLAF: Business Law for Accounting and Finance

Module Code:	H6BLAF
Long Title	Business Law for Accounting and Finance APPROVED
Title	Business Law for Accounting and Finance
Module Level:	LEVEL 6
EQF Level:	5
EHEA Level:	Short Cycle
Credits:	5
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Specifications of the qualifications and experience required of staff	
Learning Outcomes	
<i>On successful completion of this module the learner will be able to:</i>	
#	Learning Outcome Description
LO1	Identify the essential elements of the legal system.
LO2	Explain the key elements of a valid contract.
LO3	Identify the appropriate tort principles which pertain to the provision of accounting and financial advice.
LO4	Demonstrate the ability to identify and apply commercial law principles to legal problems.
Dependencies	
Module Recommendations	
No recommendations listed	
Co-requisite Modules	
No Co-requisite modules listed	
Entry requirements	Programme entry requirements

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Module Content & Assessment			
Indicative Content			
Irish Legal Framework • Distinction between civil and criminal law. • Sources of Irish law - Constitution, primary and secondary legislation, common law and precedent, European Union law, International law. • Resolving legal disputes – alternative methods, courts system. • Introduction to the law of equity and trusts.			
Contract and Commercial Law • Essential elements of a contract- offer, acceptance, consideration, intention to create legal relations. • Formal requirements. • Capacity to contract. • Express and Implied terms • Electronic transaction regulation • Exemption clauses. • Legislation regulating the content and formalities of contracts. • Misrepresentation • Mistake • Duress, undue influence and unconscionable bargain. • Illegal contracts • Discharge • Remedies for breach of contract • Commercial Law - Aspects of Landlord and tenant law, planning law, money laundering legislation. Insurance.			
Equality and Statutory Protection of Health and Safety. • Equality in provision of services and Health and Safety Legislation in the workplace.			
GDPR and Data Protection obligations. • GDPR and Enforcement in Ireland. Staff obligations and training.			
Aspects of Tort Law Nature of Tort actions and principles. • Tort of Negligence including professional negligence and liability. • Breach of confidence. • Defamation. • Social Media Liability • Remedies and defences.			
Assessment Breakdown			%
Coursework			30.00%
End of Module Assessment			70.00%
Assessments			
Full Time			
Coursework			
Assessment Type:	Continuous Assessment	% of total:	30
Assessment Date:	n/a	Outcome addressed:	1,2
Non-Marked:	No		
Assessment Description: The assessment may comprise of a problem scenario in which students may be required to apply legal theory to a practical situation; or a requirement to examine and discuss a piece of legislation and/or a relevant case; or a requirement to discuss a topical legal issue. Candidates are required to complete the assessment in class or at home.			
End of Module Assessment			
Assessment Type:	Terminal Exam	% of total:	70
Assessment Date:	End-of-Semester	Outcome addressed:	1,2,3,4
Non-Marked:	No		
Assessment Description: Final Examination			
No Workplace Assessment			
Reassessment Requirement			
Repeat examination <i>Reassessment of this module will consist of a repeat examination. It is possible that there will also be a requirement to be reassessed in a coursework element.</i>			
Reassessment Description Candidates will attempt the repeat assessment for the module, if they do not successfully pass the module. Learners are required to attempt all assessments attaching to a module. For those modules where all learning outcomes are assessable with a final examination, the student does not have to re-sit failed individual CA components.			

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Module Workload				
Module Target Workload Hours 0 Hours				
Workload: Full Time				
Workload Type	Workload Description	Hours	Frequency	Average Weekly Learner Workload
Lecture	Classroom and demonstrations	2	Every Week	2.00
Directed Learning	Directed e-learning	3	Every Week	3.00
Independent Learning	Independent learning	8	Every Week	8.00
Lecturer Supervised Learning	Mentoring and small-group tutoring	1	Every Week	1.00
Total Weekly Contact Hours				6.00

Module Resources	
<i>Recommended Book Resources</i>	
<p>Thuillier, Anthony and MacDaid, Catherine. (2015), Business Law in Ireland, Clarus Press, Dublin.</p> <p>Keenan, Aine. (2012), Essentials of Irish Business Law, 6th Ed. Gill & MacMillan, Dublin.</p>	
<i>Supplementary Book Resources</i>	
<p>MacDonnell V. (2010), An Introduction to Business Law, Chartered Accountants of Ireland, Dublin.</p> <p>Byrne, McCutcheon, Bruton & Coffey, JP. (2014), The Irish Legal System, 6th Ed. Bloomsbury Professional, Dublin.</p> <p>Enright M.. (2007), Principles of Irish Contract Law, Clarus Press, Dublin.</p> <p>McMahon B. & Binchy W. (2013), Law of Torts, 4th Ed. Bloomsbury Professional, Dublin.</p> <p>White F. (2012), Commercial Law, 2nd Ed. Roundhall, Dublin.</p>	
<i>This module does not have any article/paper resources</i>	
<i>Other Resources</i>	
[Websites:], As advised during class and provided by a link on Moodle under each relevant topic.	
Discussion Note:	