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Fundamentals of Budgeting Certificate

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Course Introduction

Budgeting is one of the most essential management and financial skills in any organization, regardless of size or sector. Effective budgeting supports planning, cost control, accountability, and informed decision-making, while poor budgeting practices often lead to resource waste, financial pressure, and misalignment between strategic goals and day-to-day operations.

The Fundamentals of Budgeting course provides participants with a clear and practical introduction to budgeting concepts, processes, and tools. Offered as part of the professional development portfolio of **BOOST**, this program is designed for individuals who are involved in budget preparation, monitoring, or support roles and require a solid foundation without advanced financial complexity.

The course focuses on helping participants understand how budgets are developed, how they support organizational objectives, and how they are used as management tools rather than static financial documents. Participants will explore different types of budgets, the budgeting cycle, cost classification, and basic forecasting concepts, while also learning how to interpret budget information and identify variances.

Through structured explanations, practical examples, and guided exercises, participants will build confidence in working with budgets, communicating financial information, and contributing effectively to budgeting and planning activities within their organizations.

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Target Audience

✓ Non-finance managers and supervisors
✓ Administrative and operations staff involved in budgeting
✓ Project coordinators and team leaders
✓ Finance and accounting support staff (junior level)
✓ Procurement and supply chain personnel
✓ Public sector employees involved in budget planning
✓ Professionals new to budgeting responsibilities

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Learning Objectives

- ✓ Understand the purpose and importance of budgeting in organizations
- ✓ Explain key budgeting concepts, terminology, and principles
- ✓ Identify different types of budgets and their uses
- ✓ Understand the budgeting cycle and roles involved
- ✓ Classify costs and revenues for budgeting purposes
- ✓ Support budget preparation using structured approaches
- ✓ Monitor budget performance and identify basic variances
- ✓ Use budgeting as a tool for planning, control, and accountability

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Course Outline

✓ DAY 01

Introduction to Budgeting and Financial Awareness

- ✓ What is budgeting and why it matters
- ✓ Budgeting versus accounting and financial reporting
- ✓ The role of budgets in planning and decision-making
- ✓ Basic financial concepts for non-finance professionals
- ✓ Understanding income, costs, and expenses
- ✓ Linking budgets to organizational objectives

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✓ Day 02

Budgeting Types and Structures

- ✓ Overview of different types of budgets
- ✓ Operating budgets and capital budgets
- ✓ Fixed, flexible, and rolling budgets
- ✓ Departmental and project-based budgeting
- ✓ Understanding budget assumptions and constraints
- ✓ Aligning budgets with operational plans

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✓ Day 03

Budget Preparation and Cost Classification

- ✓ The budgeting process and budgeting cycle
- ✓ Roles and responsibilities in budget preparation
- ✓ Identifying and classifying costs
- ✓ Direct versus indirect costs
- ✓ Fixed versus variable costs
- ✓ Estimating revenues and expenses at a basic level
- ✓ Practical exercises in simple budget preparation

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Course Outline

✓ Day 04

Budget Monitoring and Variance Analysis

- ✓ Purpose of budget monitoring and control
- ✓ Understanding budget performance reports
- ✓ Planned versus actual results
- ✓ Introduction to variance analysis
- ✓ Identifying causes of budget variances
- ✓ Taking corrective actions at a basic level
- ✓ Communicating budget results effectively

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✓ Day 05

Budgeting Best Practices and Practical Application

- ✓ Common budgeting challenges and pitfalls
- ✓ Improving accuracy and realism in budgets
- ✓ Budgeting ethics and accountability
- ✓ Using budgets to support performance management
- ✓ Integrating budgeting with forecasting and planning
- ✓ Developing a basic budgeting action plan
- ✓ Course review, reflection, and wrap-up

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March 15, 2027	March 19, 2027	5 days	4950.00 $	England , London
June 14, 2027	June 18, 2027	5 days	4250.00 $	UAE , Abu Dhabi
Sept. 13, 2027	Sept. 17, 2027	5 days	4250.00 $	UAE , Dubai
Dec. 7, 2026	Dec. 11, 2026	5 days	4250.00 $	UAE , Abu Dhabi

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