

Frequently Asked Questions for the Business Management Programme

Will this replace the Business Administration stream?

Yes. Business Management is a revised and updated version of the Business Administration programme.

When will the last exam session of the Business Administration stream be?

The last exam session for Business Administration will be June 2007. We will not accept entries for the Business Administration programme after the June 2007 exam.

When will the first exam session of the Business Management stream be?

The first exam session for all levels of the Business Management stream will be December 2007.

What is the difference between the two programmes?

The Business Management programme incorporates the latest developments in the subject area. Although all of the units have been revised, many retain a similar title. It is also accredited by the UK regulatory authorities for qualifications (QCA, DELLS and CCEA).

What does QCA accreditation mean?

It means that a programme has been scrutinised for its standards, assessment procedures, administrative support, relevance to industrial requirements and market demand and is considered to have met all the criteria.

I see that Quantitative Methods has moved from Diploma 2 to Diploma 1. Why is this?

This unit has moved to accommodate a new unit – Management in Action. The Management in Action unit has to appear in Diploma 2, since it is a synoptic unit (a unit that allows students to apply what they have learned in other Diploma units).

Has Managerial Accounting been made optional?

Yes. Managerial Accounting will be an optional unit from December 2007. This means that you will not have to pass the unit to complete the Diploma in Business Management. However, students wishing to progress to a degree programme should note that some universities may insist on students passing this unit. For full details please view the After ABE section of the website.

Has Business Communication and Presentation been removed?

Yes. This unit will not be examined in the Business Management stream.

In order to accommodate the synoptic Management in Action unit, there is no direct replacement for the Business Communication and Presentation unit. Until December 2008, students who have passed the Business Communication and Presentation unit in the Business Administration programme may use this pass (in place of Management in Action) to complete the Business Management Diploma. After December 2008, all students must pass Management in Action to complete the Business Management Diploma.

I have started the Business Administration stream. Do I have to start the Business Management stream from the beginning?

No. All Business Administration passes are valid and can simply be added to the new Business Management units to achieve a Business Management award. However, only those who have completed exclusively Business Management units can receive a QCA-accredited award.

I already have a Certificate/Diploma in the Business Administration stream. What exemptions will I receive?

Students with a Certificate in Business Administration will gain direct entry to the QCA-accredited Business Management Diploma. Similarly, students with a Diploma in Business Administration will gain direct entry to the QCA-accredited Business Management Advanced Diploma.

I have studied other streams of ABE programmes and want to transfer – what exemptions will I receive?

Successful completion of other streams or units will be considered for free exemption on to any other programme. This will remain the case for Business Management.

I have studied for other business qualifications from other awarding bodies – what exemptions will I receive?

Other qualifications are considered on their merits. For more information email registration@abeuk.com

How much does it cost?

The fees for Business Management are the same as the Business Administration fees. Please visit our website for details.

What support materials are there?

The study manuals used for the Business Administration programme will be reviewed during 2007. In the meantime, those manuals will still be employable, for the most part, for use with the Business Management programme in conjunction with the subject syllabuses and recommended reading lists. College lecture guides will also be reviewed during 2007.

When I complete the Advanced Diploma, which universities will give me advanced standing?

The ABE Advanced Diploma is recognised by many universities. The addition of accreditation from QCA will help make the qualification even more acceptable. For more information visit the After ABE section of our website.

Will universities still recognise my Business Administration qualifications?

Yes. Where a university previously recognised the Business Administration programme, that recognition will continue.

I have worked in the management sector for a number of years – what level is right for me?

This will depend on the length and nature of that work experience. To find out more about exemptions please email registration@abeuk.com

Do employers recognise this new qualification?

Yes. Additionally, the Business Management qualification has been endorsed by the Management Standards Centre, a government-recognised body that sets standards in the management sector. For more information visit www.management-standards.org.uk

Where can I study for this qualification?

This will be available at accredited ABE colleges. Check the Colleges area of the ABE website.

How can I offer this new qualification in my college?

Colleges not yet accredited to offer ABE programmes should download the application form and handbook from the Colleges section of www.abeuk.com, **indicate that you wish to offer the Business Management stream (not included in the existing form) and send to:**

**5th Floor, CI Tower
St Georges Square
High Street
New Malden
Surrey KT3 4TT
UK**

SCENARIOS

Student 1 has not yet started her ABE programme

She will take Business Management units from December 2007 and will be eligible to receive a QCA-accredited qualification.

Student 2 started her Business Administration programme but hasn't passed any units before December 2007

She can take Business Management exams from December 2007 and get a QCA-accredited qualification.

Student 3 started his Business Administration programme before December 2007 and has passed some units

This student will also transfer on to the Business Management programme, with unit exemptions, and will receive an unaccredited Business Management qualification.

Student 4 has completed her Diploma 1 in Business Administration, and now needs to start Diploma 2 Business Management. The student has passed the Business Communication and Presentation unit in the Business Administration stream. What happens?

All students who hold a Diploma 1 in Business Administration will have passed Business Communication and Presentation. Until December 2008, those students can use this pass in place of Management in Action to complete their (unaccredited) Business Management Diploma.

Student 5 has completed Diploma 1 of the Business Administration stream. She wants to move on to Diploma 2 but sees that Quantitative Methods has moved from Diploma 2 to Diploma 1 of the new Business Management stream

This student will have to take the Quantitative Methods unit in order to complete the Diploma in Business Management.