

Taxation (F6) Republic of Ireland (IRL)

June & December 2015

This syllabus and study guide is designed to help with planning study and to provide detailed information on what could be assessed in any examination session.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE SYLLABUS AND STUDY GUIDE

Relational diagram of paper with other papers

This diagram shows direct and indirect links between this paper and other papers preceding or following it. Some papers are directly underpinned by other papers such as Advanced Performance Management by Performance Management. These links are shown as solid line arrows. Other papers only have indirect relationships with each other such as links existing between the accounting and auditing papers. The links between these are shown as dotted line arrows. This diagram indicates where you are expected to have underpinning knowledge and where it would be useful to review previous learning before undertaking study.

Overall aim of the syllabus

This explains briefly the overall objective of the paper and indicates in the broadest sense the capabilities to be developed within the paper.

Main capabilities

This paper's aim is broken down into several main capabilities which divide the syllabus and study guide into discrete sections.

Relational diagram of the main capabilities

This diagram illustrates the flows and links between the main capabilities (sections) of the syllabus and should be used as an aid to planning teaching and learning in a structured way.

Syllabus rationale

This is a narrative explaining how the syllabus is structured and how the main capabilities are linked. The rationale also explains in further detail what the examination intends to assess and why.

Detailed syllabus

This shows the breakdown of the main capabilities (sections) of the syllabus into subject areas. This is the blueprint for the detailed study guide.

Approach to examining the syllabus

This section briefly explains the structure of the examination and how it is assessed.

Study Guide

This is the main document that students, tuition providers and publishers should use as the basis of their studies, instruction and materials. Examinations will be based on the detail of the study guide which comprehensively identifies what could be assessed in any examination session. The study guide is a precise reflection and breakdown of the syllabus. It is divided into sections based on the main capabilities identified in the syllabus. These sections are divided into subject areas which relate to the sub-capabilities included in the detailed syllabus. Subject areas are broken down into sub-headings which describe the detailed outcomes that could be assessed in examinations. These outcomes are described using verbs indicating what exams may require students to demonstrate, and the broad intellectual level at which these may need to be demonstrated (*see intellectual levels below).

INTELLECTUAL LEVELS

The syllabus is designed to progressively broaden and deepen the knowledge, skills and professional values demonstrated by the student on their way through the qualification.

The specific capabilities within the detailed syllabuses and study guides are assessed at one of

three intellectual or cognitive levels:

Level 1: Knowledge and comprehension

Level 2: Application and analysis

Level 3: Synthesis and evaluation

Very broadly, these intellectual levels relate to the three cognitive levels at which the Knowledge module, the Skills module and the Professional level are assessed.

Each subject area in the detailed study guide included in this document is given a 1, 2, or 3 superscript, denoting intellectual level, marked at the end of each relevant line. This gives an indication of the intellectual depth at which an area could be assessed within the examination. However, while level 1 broadly equates with the Knowledge module, level 2 equates to the Skills module and level 3 to the Professional level, some lower level skills can continue to be assessed as the student progresses through each module and level. This reflects that at each stage of study there will be a requirement to broaden, as well as deepen capabilities. It is also possible that occasionally some higher level capabilities may be assessed at lower levels.

LEARNING HOURS AND EDUCATION RECOGNITION

The ACCA qualification does not prescribe or recommend any particular number of learning hours for examinations because study and learning patterns and styles vary greatly between people and organisations. This also recognises the wide diversity of personal, professional and educational circumstances in which ACCA students find themselves.

As a member of the International Federation of Accountants, ACCA seeks to enhance the education recognition of its qualification on both national and international education frameworks, and with educational authorities and partners globally. In doing so, ACCA aims to ensure that its qualifications are recognized and valued by governments, regulatory authorities and employers across all sectors. To this end, ACCA qualifications are currently recognized on the education frameworks in several countries. Please refer to your national education framework regulator for further information.

Each syllabus contains between 23 and 35 main subject area headings depending on the nature of the subject and how these areas have been broken down.

GUIDE TO EXAM STRUCTURE

The structure of examinations varies within and between modules and levels.

The Fundamentals level examinations contain 100% compulsory questions to encourage candidates to study across the breadth of each syllabus.

The Knowledge module is assessed by equivalent two-hour paper based and computer based examinations.

The Skills module examinations F5-F9 are all paper based three-hour papers containing a mix of objective and longer type questions. The *Corporate and Business Law* (F4) paper is a two-hour computer based objective test examination which is also available as a paper based version from the December 2014 examination sitting.

The Professional level papers are all three-hour paper based examinations, all containing two sections. Section A is compulsory, but there will be some choice offered in Section B.

For all three hour examination papers, ACCA has introduced 15 minutes reading and planning time.

This additional time is allowed at the beginning of each three-hour examination to allow candidates to read the questions and to begin planning their answers before they start writing in their answer books. This time should be used to ensure that all the information and exam requirements are properly read and understood.

During reading and planning time candidates may only annotate their question paper. They may not write anything in their answer booklets until told to do so by the invigilator.

The Essentials module papers all have a Section A containing a major case study question with all requirements totalling 50 marks relating to this case. Section B gives students a choice of two from

three 25 mark questions.

Section A of both the P4 and P5 Options papers contain one 50 mark compulsory question, and Section B will offer a choice of two from three questions each worth 25 marks each.

Section A of each of the P6 and P7 Options papers contains 60 compulsory marks from two questions; question 1 attracting 35 marks, and question 2 attracting 25 marks. Section B of both these Options papers will offer a choice of two from three questions, with each question attracting 20 marks.

All Professional level exams contain four professional marks.

The pass mark for all ACCA Qualification examination papers is 50%.

GUIDE TO EXAMINATION ASSESSMENT

ACCA reserves the right to examine anything contained within the study guide at any examination session. This includes knowledge, techniques, principles, theories, and concepts as specified.

For the tax papers, ACCA will publish *examinable documents*, or tax rates and allowances tables, once a year to indicate exactly what legislation could potentially be assessed within identified examination sessions. These should be read in conjunction with the information below.

For **UK** tax papers, examinations falling within the financial year 1 April to 31 March will examine the Finance Act which was passed in the previous July. I.e. Exams falling in the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 will examine the Finance Act 2014.

For **SGP** tax papers, examinations falling within the year 1 April to 31 March will be based on legislation passed before the previous 30 September. I.e. examinations falling in the year 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 will be based on legislation passed by 30 September 2014.

For **MYS** tax papers, examinations falling within the year 1 October to 30 September will be based on legislation passed before the previous 31 March. I.e. examinations falling in the year 1 October 2014

to 30 September 2015 will be based on legislation passed before the previous 31 March 2014.

For **CYP** tax papers, June and December examinations will be based on regulation or legislation published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus ("the Gazette") on or before 30 September. I.e. June and December 2015 papers will be based on regulation or legislation published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus ("the Gazette") on or before 30 September 2014.

For **CZE** tax papers, December and June examinations will be based on legislation passed before the previous 31 May. I.e. December 2014 and June 15 papers will be based on legislation in force at 31 May 2014.

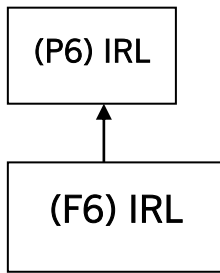
For **VNM** tax papers, June and December examinations will be based on legislation passed before the previous 31 December. I.e. June and December 2015 papers will be based on legislation passed by 31 December 2014.

Tax papers for the following variants:

BWA, CHN, HUN, HKG, IRL, LSO, MWI, MLA, POL, PKN, ROM, RUS, ZAF, ZWE.

The June and December examinations will be based on legislation passed before the previous 30 September. I.e. June and December 2015 papers will be based on legislation passed by 30 September 2014.

Syllabus



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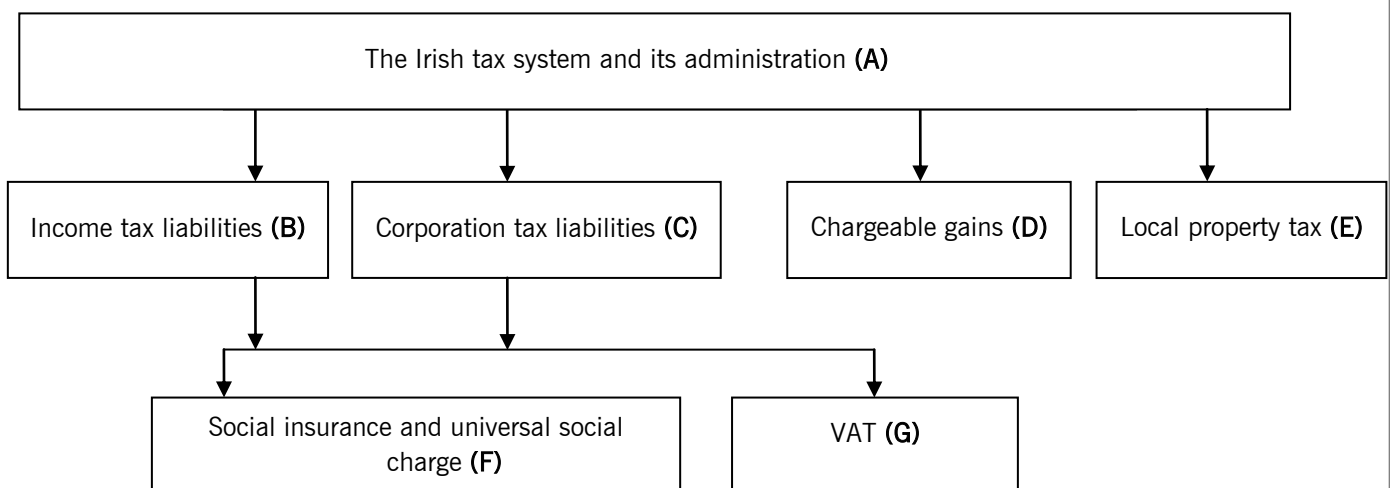
To develop knowledge and skills relating to the Irish tax system as applicable to individuals, single companies and groups of companies.

After completing this examination paper students should be able to:

- A** Explain the operation and scope of the Irish tax system and the obligations of tax payers and/or their agents and the implications of non-compliance.
- B** Explain and compute the income tax liabilities of individuals
- C** Explain and compute the corporation tax liabilities of individual companies and groups of companies
- D** Explain and compute the chargeable gains arising on companies and individuals
- E** Explain and compute the taxation of residential property
- F** Explain and compute the effect of social insurance and universal social charge on employees, employers and the self employed
- G** Explain and compute the effects of value added tax on incorporated and unincorporated businesses

MAIN CAPABILITIES

RELATIONAL DIAGRAM OF MAIN CAPABILITIES



RATIONALE

This syllabus introduces candidates to the subject of taxation and provides the core knowledge of the underlying principles and major technical areas of taxation, as they affect the activities of individuals and businesses.

In this syllabus, candidates are introduced to the rationale behind and the functions of the tax system. The syllabus then considers the separate taxes that an accountant would need to have a detailed knowledge of, such as income tax from self employment, employment and investments; the corporation tax liability of individual companies and groups of companies; the social insurance and universal social charges of both employed and self employed persons; the value added tax liability of businesses; and the chargeable gains arising on disposals of investments by both individuals and companies.

Having covered the core areas of the basic taxes, the candidate should be able to compute tax liabilities, explain the basis of their calculations, apply tax planning techniques for individuals and companies and identify the compliance issues for each major tax through a variety of business and personal scenarios and situations.

DETAILED SYLLABUS

A The Irish tax system and its administration

1. The overall function and purpose of taxation in a modern economy
2. Principal sources of revenue law and practice
3. The systems for self-assessment and the making of returns
4. The time limits for the submission of information, claims and payment of tax, including preliminary tax
5. The procedures relating to Revenue audit/enquiries, appeals and disputes
6. Penalties for non-compliance

B Income tax liabilities

1. The scope of income tax
2. Income from employment
3. Income from self-employment
4. Property and investment income
5. The comprehensive computation of taxable income and income tax liability
6. The use of exemptions and reliefs in deferring and minimising income tax liabilities

C Corporation tax liabilities

1. The scope of corporation tax
2. Profits chargeable to corporation tax
3. The comprehensive computation of corporation tax liability
4. The effect of a group corporate structure for corporation tax purposes
5. The use of exemptions and reliefs in deferring and minimising corporation tax liabilities

D Chargeable gains

1. The scope of the taxation of capital gains
2. The basic principles of computing gains and losses (including gains and losses on development land)
3. Gains and losses on the disposal of movable and immovable property
4. Gains and losses on the disposal of shares and securities
5. The computation of the capital gains tax payable
6. The use of exemptions and reliefs in deferring and minimising tax liabilities arising on the disposal of capital assets

E Local property tax (LPT)

1. The scope of the taxation of residential property
2. Determining who is liable to pay LPT
3. The computation of LPT payable
4. Alternative payment options available

F Social insurance and health contributions

1. The scope of social insurance
2. Social insurance contributions for self-employed persons and employees
3. Universal social charge

G Value added tax

1. The scope of value added tax (VAT)
2. The VAT registration requirements
3. The computation of VAT liabilities
4. The effect of special schemes

APPROACH TO EXAMINING THE SYLLABUS

The syllabus is assessed by a three-hour paper based examination.

The paper will be predominantly computational and all questions are compulsory.

Section A of the exam comprises 15 multiple choice questions of 2 marks each.

Section B of the exam comprises four 10 mark questions and two 15 mark questions.

The two 15 mark questions will focus on income tax (syllabus area B) and corporation tax (syllabus area C).

The section A questions and the other questions in section B can cover any area of the syllabus.

Examinable legislation

ACCA applies an annual cut-off date of 30 September, which is explained in detail on page 3.

For clarity, the June 2015 and December 2015 examinations will be based on Finance (No. 2) Act 2013.

Study Guide

A THE IRISH TAX SYSTEM AND ITS ADMINISTRATION

1. The overall function and purpose of taxation in a modern economy

- a) Describe the purpose (economic, social etc) of taxation in a modern economy. ^[1]
- b) Identify the different types of capital and revenue taxes. ^[1]
- c) Explain the difference between direct and indirect taxation. ^[2]

2. Principal sources of revenue law and practice

- a) Describe the overall structure of the Irish tax system. ^[1]
- b) State the different sources of revenue law. ^[1]
- c) Appreciate the interaction of the Irish tax system with that of other tax jurisdictions. ^[2]
- d) Explain the difference between tax avoidance and tax evasion. ^[1]
- e) Explain the need for an ethical and professional approach. ^[2]

Excluded topics

- *Anti-avoidance legislation.*

3. The systems for self-assessment and the making of returns

- a) Explain and apply the features of the self-assessment system as it applies to individuals. ^[2]
- b) Explain and apply the features of the self-assessment system as it applies to companies. ^[2]

4. The time limits for the submission of information, claims and payment of tax, including preliminary tax

- a) Recognise the time limits that apply to the filing of returns and the making of claims. ^[2]
- b) Recognise the due dates for the payment of tax under the self-assessment system. ^[2]
- c) Understand the main features of Revenue online service (ROS) ^[2]
- d) List the information and records that taxpayers need to retain for tax purposes. ^[1]

5. The procedures relating to Revenue audits/enquiries, appeals and disputes

- a) Explain how the Revenue can audit a self assessment return. ^[2]
- b) Explain the procedures for dealing with appeals and disputes. ^[1]

6. Penalties for non-compliance

- a) Calculate interest on overdue/overpaid tax. ^[2]
- b) State the penalties that can be charged. ^[2]

B INCOME TAX LIABILITIES

1. The scope of income tax

- a) Explain how the residence, ordinary residence and domicile of an individual is determined. ^[2]
- b) Understand the taxation of an Irish resident in relation to the following sources of income arising in the UK – trading income, interest, dividends, rent, royalties, salary and pensions. ^[2]
- c) Understand the income liable to Irish taxation of a non-Irish resident individual. ^[2]

Excluded topics

- *Specific knowledge of the foreign income of residents and double tax relief, other than as specified above re UK sources*
- *Tax credits arising from the underlying tax on foreign dividends*
- *Taxation of split year residence.*

- *Special Assignee Relief Program (SARP)*
- *Domicile levy*
- *Foreign Earning Deduction (FED)*
- *Income from trusts and settlements.*

2. Income from employment

- Recognise the factors that determine whether an engagement is treated as employment or self-employment.^[2]
- Recognise the basis of assessment for employment income.^[2]
- Compute the income assessable.^[2]
- Recognise the allowable deductions, including travelling expenses, relocation expenses and inducement payments.^[2]
- Discuss the use of the Revenue approved mileage and subsistence allowances scheme.^[2]
- Explain the PAYE system.^[2]
- Compute the amount of benefits assessable.^[2]
- Understand the treatment of profits arising from the granting and exercise of rights under share option schemes, both long and short options.^[2]
- Termination and other lump sum payments
 - Understand the treatment of termination payments and other lump sum payments received by employees.^[2]
 - Calculate relevant taxable and tax free amounts.^[2]

Excluded topics

- *Detailed knowledge of share and share option incentive schemes for employee, except as specified above.*
- *Termination payments relating to foreign service.*

3 Income from self-employment

- Recognise the basis of assessment for self-employment income.^[2]
- Describe and apply the badges of trade.^[2]
- Recognise the expenditure that is allowable in calculating the tax-adjusted trading profit for persons carrying on a trade/profession/vocation..^[2]
- Recognise the relief that can be obtained for pre-trading expenditure.^[2]
- Recognise the relief available through the use of artists exemption.^[2]
- Compute the assessable profits on commencement and on cessation (including a death situation).^[2]
- Compute farming income on the income averaging basis.^[2]
- Capital allowances
 - Define plant and machinery for capital allowances purposes^[1]
 - Compute wear and tear allowances (including on motor cars)^[2]
 - Compute balancing allowances and balancing charges^[2]
 - Define an industrial building for industrial buildings allowance purposes^[1]
 - Compute industrial buildings allowance for new and second-hand buildings^[2]
 - Compute the balancing adjustment on the disposal of an industrial building.^[2]
 - Compute farm buildings allowance^[2]
- Relief for trading losses (including farming losses)
 - Understand how trading losses can be carried forward^[2]
 - Understand how trading losses can be claimed against total income^[2]
 - Explain the relief for trading losses in the early years of a trade^[1]
 - Explain terminal loss relief^[1]
- Partnerships

- i) Explain the partnership tax regime ^[2]
- ii) Compute the assessable profits for each partner following a change in the profit sharing ratio ^[2]
- iii) Compute the assessable profits for each partner following a change in the membership of the partnership ^[2]
- k) Describe and apply professional fees withholding tax (PWT), withholding tax on payments received for professional services by Government and State bodies. ^[2]

l) Describe and apply the RCT rules. ^[2]

Excluded topics

- *Interest on capital and salaries paid to partners*
- *Change of accounting date*

4. Property and investment income

- a) Compute rental income. ^[2]
- b) Compute the capital allowances available for set off against rental income. ^[2]
- c) Describe rent-a-room relief. ^[2]
- d) Compute the amount assessable when a premium is received for the grant of a short lease. ^[2]
- e) Understand how relief for a rental deficiency and excess capital allowances is given. ^[2]
- f) Distinguish between tax exempt and taxable savings income. ^[2]
- g) Compute the withholding tax and final tax payable on savings income and property income. ^[2]
- h) Compute the tax payable on dividend income. ^[2]

5 The comprehensive computation of taxable income and income tax liability

- a) Prepare a basic income tax computation involving different types of income. ^[2]
- b) Calculate the reliefs that can be deducted from gross income including Employment Investment Income (EII) and Film investment. ^[2]
- c) Calculate the amount of allowances deductible at the marginal rate. ^[2]
- d) Explain the treatment of charges on income. ^[2]
- e) Compute the amount of income tax payable. ^[2]
- f) Calculate the amount of personal tax credits available. ^[2]
- g) Distinguish between the joint and single assessment of married couples, including couples in civil partnerships, as recognised under the CPCROC Act 2010. ^[2]
- h) Year of marriage relief and year of registration as civil partners' relief. ^[2]
- i) Understand the treatment of divorced and separated couples, including civil partners. ^[2]

Excluded topics

- *The income of minor children.*
- *Taxation of a married couple in the year of death, separation or divorce.*
- *High income earners restriction.*

6. The use of exemptions and reliefs in deferring and minimising income tax liabilities

- a) Explain and compute the relief given for contributions to personal pension schemes for self-employed individuals and employed individuals who are not in an occupational pension scheme. ^[2]
- b) Describe the relief given to employees for contributions to occupational pension schemes. ^[2]
- c) Explain how a married couple might seek to minimise their tax liabilities. ^[2]

Excluded topics

- *The conditions that must be met in order for a pension scheme to obtain approval from the Revenue Commissioners.*

C CORPORATION TAX LIABILITIES

1. The scope of corporation tax

- Define the term 'accounting period'.^[1]
- Recognise when an accounting period starts and when an accounting period finishes.^[1]
- Explain how the residence of a company is determined.^[2]
- Explain the meaning of a permanent establishment under the Irish-UK double tax treaty.^[2]

Excluded topics

- *Investment companies.*
- *Close companies.*
- *Companies in receivership or liquidation.*
- *Reorganisations (other than paper-for-paper relief).*
- *The purchase by a company of its own shares.*
- *Foreign companies (other than UK companies).*

2. Profits chargeable to corporation tax

- Recognise the expenditure that is allowable in calculating the tax-adjusted trading profit.^[2]
- Explain how relief can be obtained for pre-trading expenditure.^[1]
- Compute capital allowances (as for income tax).^[2]
- Compute rental income.^[2]

- Compute the capital allowances available for set off against rental income.^[2]
- Understand how trading losses can be carried forward.^[2]
- Understand how trading losses can be claimed against income of the current or previous accounting periods (including terminal loss relief).^[2]
- Understand the restriction of loss relief when a corporation tax return is filed late.^[2]
- Recognise the factors that will influence the choice of loss relief claim.^[2]
- Explain how relief for a rental deficiency and excess capital allowances is given.^[1]
- Explain the treatment of charges on income.^[2]
- Compute profits chargeable to corporation tax.^[2]

Excluded topics

- *Specific rules with regard to reliefs available on expenditure on research and development, know how and the acquisition of patents*

3. The comprehensive computation of corporation tax liability

- Compute the corporation tax liability.^[2]
- Explain the corporation tax exemption for new start-up companies.^[2]
- Understand how the relief for new start-up companies applies, including marginal relief.^[2]
- Explain the implications of receiving franked investment income.^[2]
- Explain and calculate dividend withholding tax (DWT).^[2]
- Describe and apply the withholding tax provisions with regards to payments to sub-contractors (RCT), annual payments (including interest) and royalties.^[2]

- g) Explain how exemptions and reliefs can defer or minimise corporation tax liabilities.^[2]

4. The effect of a group corporate structure for corporation tax purposes

- a) Define a 75% group for trading loss purposes, and recognise the reliefs that are available to members of such a group.^[2]
- b) Define a 75% capital gains group, and recognise the reliefs that are available to members of such a group.^[2]
- c) Define a 51% group for interest and royalty payment purposes.^[2]
- d) Calculate double taxation relief for withholding tax and underlying tax.^[2]

Excluded topics

- *The tax charge that applies where a company leaves a group within ten years of receiving an asset by way of a no gain/no loss transfer*
- *Consortia*
- *The anti-avoidance provisions where arrangements exist for a company to leave a group*
- *The method of calculating the credit or tax suffered on non-Irish dividends.*

5. The use of exemptions and reliefs in deferring and minimising corporation tax liabilities (The use of such exemptions and reliefs is implicit within all of the above sections 1 to 4 of part C of the syllabus, concerning corporation tax)

D CHARGEABLE GAINS

1. The scope of the taxation of capital gains for individuals and companies

- a) Describe the scope of capital gains tax.^[2]
- b) Explain how the residence, ordinary residence and domicile of an individual is determined.^[2]

- c) List those assets which are exempt.^[1]

Excluded topics

- *Partnership capital gains*

2. The basic principles of computing gains and losses (including gains and losses on development land)

- a) Compute capital gains for both individuals and companies.^[2]
- b) Explain the treatment of capital losses for both individuals and companies.^[1]
- c) Explain the treatment of transfers between a husband and wife.^[2]
- d) Compute the amount of allowable expenditure for a part disposal.^[2]

Excluded topics

- *Asset which are damaged, lost or destroyed, and the implications of receiving insurance proceeds*

3. Gains and losses on the disposal of movable and immovable property

- a) Identify when chattels and wasting assets are exempt.^[2]
- b) Compute the chargeable gains/allowable losses when chattels are disposed of.^[2]
- c) Apply the relief available when negligible value claims are made.^[2]
- d) Compute the exemption when a principal private residence is disposed of.^[2]
- e) Calculate the chargeable gain when a principal private residence has been used for business purposes.^[2]
- f) Identify the amount of principal private residence relief available when a principal private residence has been let out.^[2]

- g) Calculate the capital gain when the sale price of a principal private residence reflects development potential.^[2]

Excluded topics

- *The disposal of leases and the creation of sub-leases.*

4. Gains and losses on the disposal of shares and securities

- a) Calculate the value of quoted shares where they are disposed of by way of a gift.^[2]
- b) Explain and apply the share identification rules.^[2]
- c) Explain the treatment of bonus issues, rights issues, takeovers and reorganisations.^[2]
- d) Explain how anti avoidance rules apply to ensure that losses claimed on share disposal are realised.^[2]

5. The computation of the capital gains tax payable

- a) Compute the amount of capital gains tax payable by individuals.^[2]
- b) Explain and apply capital gains withholding tax.^[2]
- c) Compute the liability to tax on the capital gains of companies.^[2]

6. The use of exemptions and reliefs in deferring and minimising tax liabilities arising on the disposal of capital assets

- a) Explain and apply the relief on disposal of a site to a child.^[2]

Excluded topics

- *Retirement relief*
- *Favourable holding company relief*
- *Incorporation relief*

E LOCAL PROPERTY TAX

1. The scope of local property tax (LPT)

- a) Describe the scope of LPT.^[2]

2. Determining who is liable to pay LPT

- a) Identify who is the liable person.^[2]
- b) Identify property ownership dates that are applicable.^[2]
- c) Explain when properties may be exempt from LPT.^[2]

3. The computation of LPT payable

- a) Explain how property is valued.^[2]
- b) Calculate the amount of LPT payable.^[2]

4. Alternative payment options available

- a) Explain when LPT can be deferred.^[2]
- b) Explain alternative payment plans.^[2]

F SOCIAL INSURANCE AND UNIVERSAL SOCIAL CHARGE

1. The scope of social insurance

- a) Describe the scope of social insurance.^[1]

2. Social insurance contributions for self-employed persons and employees

- a) Compute the contributions payable by self-employed persons (Class S).^[2]
- b) Compute the contributions payable by and on behalf of employees (Class A1).^[2]

3. Universal social charge

- a) Describe the scope of universal social charge.^[2]
- b) Compute the universal social charge payable.^[2]

G VALUE ADDED TAX

1. The scope of value added tax (VAT)

a) Describe the scope of VAT.^[2]

b) List the principal zero-rated and exempt supplies.^[1]

2. The VAT registration requirements

a) Recognise the circumstances in which a person must register for VAT.^[2]

b) Explain the advantages of voluntary VAT registration.^[2]

c) Explain the circumstance in which pre-registration input VAT can be recovered.^[2]

d) Explain how and when a person can deregister for VAT.^[1]

Excluded topics

- *Group registration.*

3. The computation of VAT liabilities

a) Explain how VAT is accounted for and administered.^[2]

b) Recognise the tax point when goods or services are supplied.^[2]

c) Understand and explain the composite and multiple supply rules.^[2]

d) Explain and apply the two-thirds services rule.

e) List the information that must be given on a VAT invoice.^[2]

f) Explain and apply the principles regarding the valuation of supplies.^[2]

g) Recognise the circumstances in which input VAT is non-deductible.^[2]

h) Compute the relief that is available for losses on trade debts.^[2]

i) Understand the treatment of imports, exports and trading within the European Union (EU).^[2]

j) Compute the VAT payable or repayable in a given VAT period.^[2]

k) State the circumstances in which interest and penalties apply.^[2]

Excluded topics

- *Partial exemption rules in connection with a transfer of undertaking*
- *VAT on property is also excluded other than:*
 - *the treatment of VAT on the purchase of a new property*
 - *the treatment of VAT incurred on repairs and maintenance of a property*
 - *the option to tax rents from a specific letting*
- *The capital goods scheme*

4. The effect of special schemes

a) Explain the circumstances in which a taxable person can account for VAT on a cash basis, and identify the advantage(s) of this.^[2]

b) Describe the annual accounting scheme, and recognise when it will be advantageous to use the scheme.^[2]

Excluded topics

- *Flat rate scheme for farmers*
- *Second-hand goods scheme*
- *Special schemes for retailers*

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO F6 (IRL)

ACCA periodically reviews its qualification syllabuses so that they fully meet the needs of stakeholders such as employers, students, regulatory and advisory bodies and learning providers.

Some of the syllabus areas have been reordered as shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1 – Reordering within F6 (IRL)

Section and subject area	Syllabus content
Enlarged syllabus area A	Syllabus area H (the obligations of the taxpayer and/or their agents) has been combined with syllabus area A to create an enlarged syllabus area A (the Irish tax system and its administration).

The main areas that have been deleted from the syllabus are shown in Table 2 below:

Table 2 – Deletions from F6 (IRL)

Section and subject area	Syllabus content
B2 – Income from employment	B2i) (iii) on top slicing relief for termination and other lump sum payment deleted
B3 – Income from self-employment	B3h) (viii) on the minimum tax payable for individuals regime deleted

The main areas that have been added to the syllabus are shown in Table 3 below:

Table 3 – Additions to F6 (IRL)

Section and subject area	Syllabus content
A6 – Penalties for non-compliance	The calculation of interest on overpaid tax has been added to A6 (a)
G3 – The computation of VAT liabilities	New part d) on the two-thirds rule for services has been added for clarification