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Course Information

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Course Description

This course clarifies for the auditor every action needed to audit receivables. It describes the characteristics of receivables from an auditing perspective, and then goes on to describe the steps required to audit receivables. Background information concerning receivables is also included, such as the allowance for doubtful accounts, accounting for notes receivable, receivable fraud, and receivable controls.

Course Content

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Final exam (online): Ten Questions (multiple-choice).

Program Delivery Method: NASBA QAS Self-Study (interactive)

Subject Codes/Field of Study

NASBA (CPA): Auditing

Course Level, Prerequisites, and Advance Preparation Requirements

Program level: Overview

Prerequisites: None.

Advance Preparation: None

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Learning Objectives

- Recognize the characteristics of notes receivable.
- Specify the different types of related parties.
- Cite the types of fraud related to receivables.
- Describe the process of risk assessment used by an auditor.
- Recognize when alternative audit procedures should be used.
- Recognize the substantive procedures used in relation to receivables.
- Describe the contents of a confirmation letter.
- Specify the circumstances under which a negative confirmation could be used.
- Recognize the contents of the allowance for doubtful accounts.
- Specify the proper accounting for a note receivable.

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