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Course Information

Course Title: Expense Report Best Practices

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CPA: 1 (All states)

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Course Description

The processing of expense reports is the bane of many accounts payable departments. They are difficult to review, may contain multiple errors, and are subject to fraud. In the Expense Report Best Practices course, we present many ways to improve everything about the expense report, including how to deal with missing receipts, late submissions, mileage overstatements, card misuse, and much more. After implementing these suggestions, you should achieve a more efficient and reliable process for dealing with expense reports.

Course Content

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

Subject Codes/Field of Study: Accounting

Level: Overview Prerequisites: Basic familiarity with accounting practices. Advance Preparation: None

Learning Objectives

- Recognize the different types of non-reimbursable expenses.
- Specify the best practices associated with the expense report approval process.
- Specify why it is necessary to review detailed hotel billings as part of the expense report reviewing process.
- Identify the different ways in which employees can be reimbursed for meals.

Instructions for Taking This Course

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- You must complete this course within one year of purchase (If the course is "Expired," contact us and we will add the latest edition of the course to your account (no charge).
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- **Complete the course by** following the learning objectives listed for the course, studying the text, and, if included, studying the review questions at the end of each major section (or at the end of the course).
- Once you have completed studying the course and you are confident that the learning objectives have been met, answer the final exam questions (online).

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- A passing grade of at least 70% is required on the exam for this course.
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- For a printed copy of the exam questions, open the exam and press "Print Exam."
- Once you pass the exam, the results (correct/incorrect answers) and certificate of completion appear in "My Account." A confirmation email is also sent.
- CFP Board and IRS credit hours, if applicable, are reported on Tuesdays and at the end of the month.

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