

### **Overview** This unit is about an organisation's accounting processes. It involves:

- 1 checking and verifying bank transactions
- 2 preparing ledger balances and control accounts
- 3 drafting a trial balance

It also involves identifying and correcting or referring any errors or discrepancies as well as maintaining security and confidentiality of information at all times.

The figures you produce here may form the basis for the organisation's accounts and financial statements.

# Performance criteria

#### You must be able to:

- P1 record details from the relevant primary records in the cashbook and ledgers
- P2 correctly calculate totals and balances of receipts and payments
- P3 compare individual items on the bank statement and in the cashbook for accuracy and identify discrepancies
- P4 prepare a bank reconciliation statement that illustrates any discrepancies
- P5 make and record authorised adjustments
- P6 balance relevant accounts in the main ledger
- P7 reconcile control accounts with the totals of the balance in the subsidiary ledger accounts
- P8 reconcile the petty cash book with cash in hand and subsidiary records
- P9 identify discrepancies arising from the reconciliation of control accounts and either resolve them or refer to the appropriate person
- P10 draft a trial balance and open a suspense account to record any imbalance where necessary
- P11 identify reasons for imbalance, rectify them and make accurate corrections in the journal
- P12 securely store documentation in line with the organisation's confidentiality requirements

Knowledge and understanding		The business environment
You need to know and understand:	K1 K2 K3 K4	types of business transactions and the documents involved the general principles of vat relevant bank services and the operation of the bank clearing system the function and form of banking documentation <b>Accounting techniques, principles and theory</b>
You need to know and understand:	K11 K12 K13 K14 K15	capital and revenue expenditure how to identify different types of errors how to make adjustments to correct errors and write off bad debts methods of posting from books of prime entry to ledger accounts double entry bookkeeping and balancing accounts the inter-relationship of accounts and the double entry system the use of journals how to identify discrepancies through control account reconciliation the function and form of a trial balance how to rectify imbalances and adjust errors not requiring a suspense account the purpose and function of a suspense account how to rectify imbalances by creating and then subsequently clearing a suspense account
You need to know and understand:	K17 K18	The organisation The organisation's accounting, administrative and filing systems and procedures The nature of the organisation's business transactions

Links to other	1.	CAS Computerised Accounting Software Link
NOS	2.	SS Spreadsheet Software Link
	3.	BS Bespoke or Specialist Software Link
	4.	PM Project Management Software Link
	5.	WP word processing software Link
	6.	ITS IT security for users Link
	7.	E1 Manage a budget Link
	8.	F1 Manage a project <u>Link</u>
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	10.	D16 Manage Redundancies In Your Area Of Responsibility
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	11.	MN3 Keep Financial Records For Your Business <u>Link</u>
	12.	MN4 Manage Cash Flow In Your Business <u>Link</u>
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	15.	MN9 Carry Out The Banking For Your Business Link
	16.	MN10 Prepare Wages <u>Link</u>
	17.	MN11 VAT Registration And Returns Link
	18.	E11 Communicate Information And Knowledge Link
	19.	ICF IT Communication Fundamentals Link
	20.	ISF IT Software Fundamentals Link
	21.	B8 Ensure Compliance With Legal, Regulatory, Ethical And
		Social Requirements <u>Link</u>
	22.	E9 Manage The Environmental Impact Of Your Work Link
	23.	HSS7 Make Sure Your Own Actions Within The Workplace
		Aim To Protect The Environment Link
	24.	HSS1 Make Sure Your Own Actions Reduce Risks To Health
		And Safety Link
	25.	HSS2 Develop Procedures To Safely Control Work Operations
		<u>Link</u>
	26.	HSS6 Conduct A Health And Safety Assessment Of A
		Workplace Link
	27.	IUF IT User Fundamentals Link
	28.	EE5 Build Relationships to Build Your Business Link
	29.	F5 Resolve Customer Service Problems Link
	30.	F6 Monitor And Solve Customer Service Problems Link
	31.	F7 Support Customer Service Improvements Link
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