

TWO DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS IN THE INSTITUTE OF BANKING EDUCATION OF THE NBS STARTING FROM JANUARY 2004

Responding to the current needs of the banking practice ensuing from Slovakia's entry into the EU and its adjustment to international requirements and standards, the Institute of Banking Education is coming with a new offer of distance learning programs, namely the Accounting for Banking Professionals and Modern Banking.

Accounting for Banking Professionals is a new distance learning program to be opened by the IBE for the first time. It is intended not only for the staff of banks, but also the staff of other financial institutions, who, although not actively holding the position of an accountant, need to be knowledgeable about banking accounting in order to be able to analyse and evaluate accounting reports, which in turn will form the basis for decisions to be taken by the bank's management.

The second course, an innovated and updated program on

Modern Banking, is designed for all banking staff required to be versatile and to innovate their professional profiles, as well as to exhibit a higher degree of flexibility when it comes to their knowledge of banking products and services.

The programs are based on individual study of textbooks developed specially for these purposes, which, in terms of their content and format, take these factors into account. For students taking the course there are available tutors giving technical assistance to the subjects at consultations and sessions, as well as assistance of the study advisor. The distance learning programs are regulated by projects comprising study plans and curricula approved by the Ministry of Education of the SR at the time of their accreditation. On successful completion of the study, including the final exam, the students will obtain a certificate of statewide validity.

The fundamental information about the programs is introduced in the following table.

Accounting for Banking Professionals - a distance learning program accredited by the MoE SR	
Students:	Employees of banks and other financial institutions who do not work as accountants in their banks' accounting departments, but, in order to improve their work, need to acquire knowledge on banking accounting to an appropriate extent and in adequate format
Objective:	To improve professional performance of students by gaining, extending and deepening their knowledge and practical skills with regard to banking accounting
Content:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • general bookkeeping procedures • principles and rules of banking accounting • accounting procedures for banks by respective account classes • end-of-period processing and statutory financial statements of banks
Study activities:	four one-day group consultations, a final exam
Duration:	four months (January to May 2004)
Deadline for submitting applications:	12 January 2004
Course opening:	14 January 2004
Contact persons:	Ing. Magdaléna Bobáková, course manager, phone number 02/4855 3367 Ing. Oľga Hromníková, study advisor, phone number 02/4855 3382
Modern Banking- a distance learning program accredited by the MoE SR	
Students:	All employees of banks who are in their practice narrowly focusing on their particular line of business and need to gain knowledge on different areas of the banking business in order to improve their work
Objective:	To provide the students with an easy-to-survey and systemically arranged complex of knowledge with focus on important banking operations and links established to the concrete banking practice, to broaden their horizons beyond their highly specialised lines of business, thus improving and streamlining their work performance
Content:	It is formed of five subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personality of banking professionals • Banking operations • Basics of law for banking professionals • Basics of banking accounting • Payments
Duration:	the study itself will take 6 months (from January till the beginning of July 2004), the final exam will be held in September 2004
Study activities:	one 3-day session, four 2-day group consultations, exams from individual subjects, a final exam
Deadline for submitting applications:	12 January 2004
Course opening:	21 January 2004
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