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April's courses include our Budget Update, Hot Topics in Charities, Accounting for Groups and What Makes a Good Audit Junior. Details of all our public courses can be found [here](#). We also have several of our CPD Bites courses available for [on demand viewing](#).

Latest vlog

In this month's vlog, Peter Herbert discusses furlough fraud – from AML issues to audit and financial reporting considerations.



Latest blog

This month's blog looks at new ways of working post pandemic. Click [here](#) to let us know what you'd like to see on future courses.



Upcoming courses

Our upcoming live public CPD courses are detailed below. Bookings can be made directly on our [website](#).

Date - Course - Presenter

22 Apr - 9.30-12.30 - [Hot Topics in Charities](#) - Richard Hemmings - **only 4 places left**

26 Apr - 9.30-12.30 - [Tax Planning for 2021 & Budget Update](#) - Ros Martin

27 Apr - 9.30-12.30 - [Accounting for Groups](#) - James Charlton

28 Apr - 9.30-11.30 - [What Makes a Good Audit Junior](#) - Clare Jones

28 Apr - 12.30-1.30 - [Auditing Accounting Estimates](#) - Clare Jones

4 May - 9.30 - 12.30 - [AML Update & Refresher](#) - Peter Herbert & Edward Rands

6 May - 12.30-1.30 - [GDPR Hot Topics](#) - Peter Herbert

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For details of all courses in our Spring-Summer series, please [click here](#)

“Engaging and interesting. Works really well I thought. Excellent presentation and relevant content as always” [Delegate, Autumn series](#)

FAQs from recent courses

Charities

We treat furlough income as government grant income. Is this ‘restricted’ as it is specifically used to pay wages?

This question has been asked lots over the last year. We feel that it is unrestricted. A restricted fund arises when a donor gives money to a charity and asks for it to be used for a specific purpose. With CJRS grant, the employee has already done what they need to do (i.e. not been at work) in order for the employer to qualify before the money has been received. On that basis it must be unrestricted. Were the wages costs of the employees concerned to be sitting in the restricted funds column though, a transfer on the face of the SOAF might better match up the income with the related expenses.

Audit

Our audit software has removed maximum sample sizes, which is now throwing out huge samples for 31 December 2020 year end audits, especially where we just perform tests of detail. Is this right – and what should we do about it?

The Financial Reporting Council seems to be leading a drive to remove caps for sampling so for users of one of the two main methodologies this is something we are indeed observing. The removal of the cap will require auditors to think carefully about risk assessments and about where they can use tests of control and analytical review to reduce sample sizes for tests of detail.

Another auditing methodology used by many firms still seems to be starting from a maximum of sample size of 60 – though the days of this cap may also be numbered!

Pensions

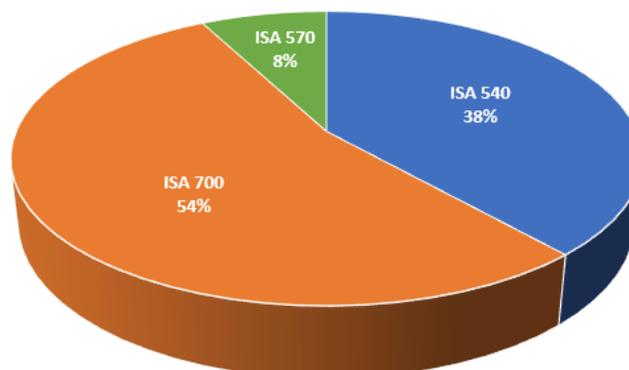
Does a material uncertainty that casts significant doubt on going concern disclosed in the sponsoring employer's accounts automatically mean the same in the accounts for the related defined benefit (DB) scheme?

Not necessarily – though financial distress in the sponsoring employer organisation will be at the forefront of the scheme auditor's mind when looking at going concern. Some DB schemes are well funded and could survive even if the sponsoring employer did go into administration or liquidation. Check the scheme trust deed though. This will sometimes stipulate that were an employer 'insolvency event' to occur, the scheme would immediately be wound up.

In a recent poll – Audit

Which of the ISA changes concerns you most - ISA (UK) 540 Accounting Estimates, ISA (UK) 570 Going Concern or ISA (UK) 700 Audit Reports?

This reflects the views of many participants in recent months. Going concern has been a huge area of focus because of COVID since March 2020 so firms are already there! The changes in ISAs 540 and 700 are more impactful. Lack of examples and the need to avoid 'boilerplate' language in the irregularities paragraph means that ISA 700 pips ISA 540 every time!



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