

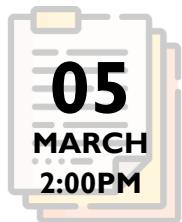


Training Program

Accounting and Finance Profession

2026 | January - June

Registrations are not required



SECTION 51 WITHHOLDINGS SCENARIOS INCLUDING ESTIMATES ADJUSTMENTS

1 HOUR | VIRTUAL EVENT

[Register here to add to calendar](#) or [Join the meeting at event time](#)

Section 51 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* provides the Finance Minister (or delegate) with the power to withhold available annual appropriations to Commonwealth entities. This presentation will provide participants with a practical overview of scenarios when withholdings may be required and how to record them in budget estimates.

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SECTION 74 TRAINING – INCLUDING TREATMENT OF GST AND APPROPRIATION NOTES

1 HOUR | VIRTUAL EVENT

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This session will provide an overview of section 74 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*, including reporting requirements in CBMS and disclosure of appropriations.

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DEVELOPING A NEW POLICY PROPOSAL (NPP) WITH CHARGING, INCLUDING DEVELOPING A HIGH-LEVEL CHARGING MODEL

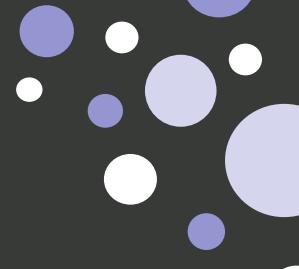
1 HOUR | VIRTUAL EVENT

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This session will provide practical guidance on creating an NPP that incorporates charging mechanisms. Participants will learn how to structure proposals effectively and develop a high-level charging model to support cost recovery and sustainability. Ideal for those involved in policy development, budgeting, or financial planning.

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Discussions & Forums

2026 | January - June

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February
9:30AM

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May
9:30AM

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FORUM

2.5 HOURS | VIRTUAL EVENT

[Register here to add to calendar](#) or [Click here to join at the meeting time - 26 February](#)

[Register here to add to calendar](#) or [Click here to join at the meeting time - 28 May](#)

The Financial Stewardship Forum is a regular meeting of CFOs and other key finance officers of commonwealth entities. The forum provides information on current accounting and financial reporting issues, presented by the Department of Finance.

Information on other topical issues is regularly included, presented by relevant commonwealth entities.

More information: [Financial Stewardship Forum](#)

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April
10:00AM

CFO CAREER PATHWAYS PANEL DISCUSSION

1.5 HOURS | VIRTUAL EVENT

[Register here to add to calendar](#) or [Click here to join at the meeting event time](#)

In this panel discussion, we will hear from some of the most experienced CFOs in the public sector. They will share their personal experiences and the pathways that brought them to where they are now. They will also share the importance of financial integrity of public servants and those that lead, and what financial management looks like now and into the future.

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Additional Resources

Please use the below links and contacts for further learning & development channels:

1. [APS Accounting and Finance Profession Resources](#)
2. [Department of Finance - Learning and Support](#)
3. [APS Accounting and Finance Professional Network GovTEAMS Community](#)
4. APSAFTraining@finance.gov.au
5. FinancialStewardshipForum@finance.gov.au





Accounting & Finance Month

February 2026

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During February 2026, the Department of Finance (Finance) in partnership with the APS Academy (the Academy) will host Accounting and Finance Month.

This will include a number of courses and events focusing on the accounting and finance profession. The Academy will also have a resources toolkit on its website in early February 2026 with useful links for accounting and finance professionals in the APS.



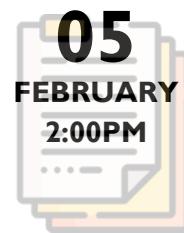
FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

1 HOUR | VIRTUAL EVENT

[Register here to add to calendar](#) or [Join the meeting at event time](#)

This presentation introduces the Australian Government's financial framework, highlighting the legislative and policy structures that govern financial reporting, budgeting, and accountability for Commonwealth entities.

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ACCOUNTING 101

1 HOUR | VIRTUAL EVENT

[Register here to add to calendar](#) or [Join the meeting at event time](#)

Accounting standards provide a common framework for preparing financial statements, ensuring consistency, transparency, and comparability across organisations. This session provides an overview of accounting standards, why they apply, what they cover, and who sets them.

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Articles

CPA Australia [Cyber risks from AI \(and how you can stay protected\) | INTHEBLACK](#)

CA ANZ [Six skills CAs need to succeed in 2026 and beyond | Acuity](#)

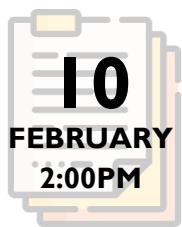




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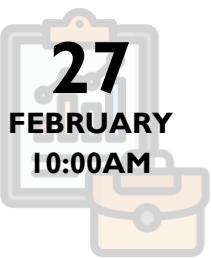
BUDGET 101

1 HOUR | VIRTUAL EVENT

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This session will provide a conceptual overview of the Budget process and how key budget processes and products work together to culminate in a budget update. It includes an explanation of new policy proposals and decision making, estimate variations, the Central Budget Management System, the role of Agency Advice Units and other key roles within the Budget process.

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HOW YOU CAN IMPROVE HOW YOU PRESENT

1 HOUR | VIRTUAL EVENT

[Register here to add to calendar or Join the meeting at event time](#)

This session will help you to deliver concise, high-impact insights to executives – communicating with clarity and confidence under time pressure.

Turn numbers into stories that drive decisions. Learn how to turn complex financial data into clear, strategic stories that drive decisions.

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OPTIMISING SUSTAINMENT EXPENSES IN ICT: THE FINANCE BUSINESS PARTNER CHALLENGE

1 HOUR | VIRTUAL EVENT

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This session will be presented by Leanne Tunningley, Assistant Commissioner, Australian Taxation Office. As finance business partners, managing ongoing ICT costs means balancing operational needs with fiscal discipline, while supporting IT colleagues as they respond to evolving technology demands and commercial pressures. This session will share practical approaches for partnering with business leaders to optimise IT spend, strengthen cost transparency, and ensure technology investments align with strategic financial objectives.

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DELIVERING ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING, THE AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE EXPERIENCE

1 HOUR | VIRTUAL EVENT

[Register here to add to calendar or Join the meeting at event time](#)

This session will be presented by Kylie Stephan, Assistant Commissioner, Australian Taxation Office (ATO). This presentation will share the ATO's journey in the modernisation of our Enterprise Resource Planning system—from shaping strategy to preparing for delivery. The session will explore how we planned a modernisation that prepares for the future whilst supporting our people transition from legacy systems.

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2026-27 PORTFOLIO BUDGET STATEMENTS PREPARATION

1 HOUR | VIRTUAL EVENT

[Register here to add to calendar or Join the meeting at event time](#)

This session will provide useful hints and tips to consider with planning for and compiling your Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS). It will also address some of the common issues encountered when constructing the PBS.

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PRELIMINARY UNDERLYING CASH BALANCE REPORTING

1 HOUR | VIRTUAL EVENT

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This session will provide material entities with an overview of the preliminary underlying cash balance process.

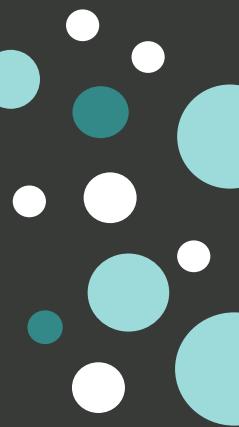
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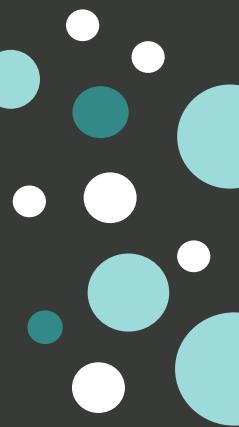
FREE ONLINE COURSES

 View course here	ATO Villain Academy - A choose your own adventure integrity video game	 View course here	AI In Government – Fundamentals (Video)
 View course here	Digital preservation skills for Australian Government	 View course here	Introduction to Commonwealth Climate Disclosure
 View course here	APS Foundations – Money and Resources	 View course here	Commonwealth Procurement and Contract Management Training Suite
View course here	Introduction to data in government	View course here	Building speak up culture in the APS
 View course here	Turning Data into Information	 View course here	Coaching and developing others – eLearning Module
 View course here	An Introduction to Evaluation in the Commonwealth Government		
 View course here	Achieving value for money (Face to Face)		



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APS ACADEMY - PAID COURSES

 11 February 2026	6R Relational Leadership Capabilities Skills Lab (EL2s) Register Online
 16-17 February 2026	Strategic Thinking Register online
 17-25 February 2026	Strategic Leadership Register online
 18 February 2026	Building and Leading High Performing Teams Register online
 23-26 February 2026	Effective Communication Register online
 24-25 February 2026	Crafting Quality New Policy Proposals Register Online





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MASTERCRAFT SERIES

APPROPRIATIONS AND RESOURCING – USE AND MANAGEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, INCLUDING CASH MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

Presented by the APS Academy

1 HOUR | VIRTUAL EVENT ONLY

[Register here through APS Learn: <https://www.apsacademy.gov.au/events>](https://www.apsacademy.gov.au/events)

This Mastercraft session will provide an overview of the different types of appropriations. It will also include practical examples of Central Budget Management System (CBMS) estimates adjustments to ensure appropriations are correctly reflected in annual Appropriation Bills.



Participant benefits:

- learn how to determine correct type of appropriations for various expenditure
- understand how appropriations are reflected in the Annual Estimates and Cash Management modules of the CBMS
- explore potential cash management options in case of an urgent and unforeseen expenditure



Chi Tran (Presenter)

Assistant Secretary, Financial Management, Department of Finance

Chi Tran is the Assistant Secretary of the Financial Management Branch in the Department of Finance (Finance). Prior to this, Chi has also worked as the Assistant Secretary for the Estimates and Reporting Branch at Finance where she was responsible for the delivery of Australian Government financial reporting and budget estimates, including monthly financial statements, budget updates, Final Budget Outcome and Consolidated Financial Statements.

With over 20 years of experience in the public sector, working in both local government and Commonwealth roles, and in central and line agencies. Chi has gained a deep understanding of the Commonwealth budgeting and financial management framework and experience in legislation and public policy.

Chi is a Fellow of Certified Practicing Accountants Australia. She holds a double degree in Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Commerce in Business.

