# **TAXATION SYLLABUS \$4-\$5**

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# FOREWORD

Rwanda Basic Education Board (REB) is honored to avail the Taxation Syllabus for the Accounting Professional Program. This syllabus serves as an official guide to teaching and learning of Taxation in the Accounting Program. It ensures consistency and coherence in the delivery of quality education for the Accounting Technicians that the country deserves.

The Ministry of Education (MINEDUC), through Rwanda Basic Education Board (REB), has undertaken the task to introduce a professional accounting Program in the second cycle of secondary education. The underlying principle behind the introduction of this program is to ensure that the curriculum responds to the needs of the students, the society, and the labor market.

Taxation is one of the subjects of a Competence Based Curriculum that contributes to shaping students with the required knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values to produce well-trained Accounting Technicians at Secondary school level. High Quality Accounting professional program is an important component of Finance and Economic development of the Rwanda Vision 2050, "The Rwanda We Want", that aims at transforming the country's socio-economic status. It is only the qualified Accounting Technicians who can significantly play a major role in this socio-economic transformation journey. Taxation subject teaches the principle of taxation to train an Accounting Technician capable of successfully performing his/her duties.

The ambition to develop a knowledge-based society and the growth of regional and global competition in the jobs market has necessitated the shift to a competence-based syllabus. With the help of the teachers, whose role is central to the success of the syllabus, students will gain appropriate skills and will be able to apply what they have learned in real life situations. Hence, they will make a difference not only in their own lives, but also to the success of the nation.

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# **GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

# 1.1 Background on introduction of the Accounting Profession Option in secondary schools

The National Strategy for Transformation (NST1) states that for Rwanda to become a knowledge-based economy, one of the key targets is to avail a competent and skilled workforce that is not only capable of making an impact in their various organizations, but also ensure an efficient and effective utilization of citizens' resources, thereby contributing to economic development and poverty eradication.

The Education Sector Strategic Plan (2018/19–2023/24) accommodates new thinking and policy directions that will support Rwanda's aspirations for transformation from a predominantly agrarian-based, low-income economy to an industrial upper middle-income nation by 2035. This vision is premised on the ability of Rwanda's education system to produce enough and appropriately skilled workforce capable of realizing this aspiration, as well as upgrading the skills and competencies of the existing workforce.

In this regard, a competency proficiency assessment carried out indicated that majority of the current Public Financial Management (PFM) staff in public entities do not have the required skills to achieve excellent performance in the PFM system necessary to move the country to the next level of becoming a middle-income country.

An analysis of approved organizational structures of public entities and subsidiary entities show that to achieve a critical mass of PFM staff across the PFM disciplines, the government requires to train over 10,000 staff to be employed in both the public and subsidiary entities (MINECOFIN, 2018-2024, Public Financial Management Learning and Development Strategy).

From this perspective, the Ministerial Order N° 002/MINEDUC/2021 of 20/10/2021 establishing the curriculum in general, professional, technical and vocational basic education introduced the **Accounting Profession Option** under the management of Rwanda Basic Education Board (REB).

**The Accounting Profession Option** is being introduced to provide the support needed in accounting, with capacity to progress in different advanced accounting professions. This decision aims to meet the current and contextual accounting needs that are required to address the high demand of accountant technicians at different levels of the accounting system, particularly in the community.

For implementation of the above-mentioned Ministerial order, the Taxation syllabus is developed to help students in Accounting Profession option to become competent accountant technicians.

The motive of developing Taxation is to ensure that the syllabus is responsive to the needs of the student and to shift from objective and knowledge-based learning to competence-based learning. Emphasis in the development of this syllabus is put more on skills, competences

and the coherence within the existing content by benchmarking with syllabi elsewhere with best practices.

The Taxation syllabus guides the interaction between the teacher and the students in the learning processes and highlights the competences a student should acquire during and at the end of each unit of learning.

Students will have the opportunity to apply principles of taxation in different sources of taxable income that involves direct and indirect income and see its importance in development of the Rwandan economy. Teachers will help the students appreciate the relevance and benefits of studying this subject at an advanced level. This syllabus is prepared to be taught in seven periods a week in the Accounting Profession Option.

#### 1.2 Accounting Profession Option leaver's profile

Upon completion of upper secondary education in accounting, the student should have acquired the relevant knowledge, skills, and attitudes to:

- 1. Prepare, analyse and interpret financial statements.
- 2. Apply the key features of the taxation system and compute tax liabilities.
- 3. Apply auditing principles.
- 4. Apply basic principles of Management accounting.
- 5. Act in accordance with the fundamental principles of personal and ethical behaviour.
- 6. Apply digital and data technologies relevant to finance activities.
- 7. Develop and maintain effective stakeholder relationships.
- 8. Manage human and financial resources effectively and efficiently.
- 9. Express themselves fluently with confidence in official languages.
- 10. Demonstrate appropriate civic and moral norms and values of the society.
- 11. Contribute to the development of the country through acquisition of financial, vocational, and entrepreneurial skills in the business development.
- 12. Demonstrate knowledge and skills required to progress to the next career path.



# TEACHING AND LEARNING TAXATION

#### 2.1 Rationale of teaching and learning Taxation

#### 2.1.1. Taxation and society

Taxation plays a vital role in Accounting Profession Option. Since people's lives are involved, it is crucial that Accountants are familiar with tax law and system, tax computation and return and tax administration. Accountants apply principles of Taxation when they deal with purchases, sales, businesses and acquiring or holding an immovable property.

In addition, Taxation plays an important role in the daily life of business activities, regulation, and Rwandan economy in general. The Tax as a compulsory contribution helps in improving financial, social, and economic welfare of Rwandan society through tax revenue collections, whereby the government uses the collected revenues to establish infrastructures such as hospitals, schools as well as other public utility services.

Taxation is key to the Rwandan education ambition of developing a knowledge-based and technology-led economy since it provides to students all required knowledge and skills to be used in different learning areas. Therefore, Taxation is an important subject as it supports financial accounting and management accounting. This Taxation syllabus provides appropriate skills, attitudes, and values needed by Accounting Technicians.

#### 2.1.2. Taxation and students

Students need enough basic principles of taxation competences to be effective citizens of the Rwandan society including the ability to demonstrate knowledge on how direct and indirect taxes are computed and taxed for all forms of businesses including being able to independently practice as a tax advisor.

Therefore, Taxation equips students with knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to enable them to succeed in an era of rapid technological growth, finance, and socio-economic development. Mastery of principles of taxation laws make students get confident in preparation of tax returns for sole traders, partnerships, and incorporated businesses.

In this regard, learning Taxation needs to include practical case studies/scenario activities with opportunities for students to apply the knowledge and skills in order to develop their taxation competence and confidence.



As new technologies have had a dramatic impact on all aspects of life, in taxation, students should gain experience on how a tax body can streamline its tax operations to expand the tax base as well as how taxpayers may use technology to be more efficient.

#### 2.2 Competences

Competence is defined as the ability to perform a particular task successfully, resulting from having gained an appropriate combination of knowledge, skills, attitudes, and Values the Taxation syllabus gives the opportunity to students to develop different competences, including basic competences and generic competences.

Basic competences are addressed in the stated broad subject competences and in key competences highlighted year on year basis and in each learning unit.

The generic competences that must be emphasized and reflected in the learning process are briefly described below and teachers will ensure that students are exposed to tasks that help them acquire the needed skills.

#### 2.2.1. Generic Competences

**Critical and problem-solving skills:** Students use different cases/scenarios to compute fees and different tax liabilities related to individuals, partnerships, businesses, and immovable property. The acquisition of such skills will help students to think legislatively and broadly to evaluate and find solutions to problems encountered in all businesses and non-businesses activities.

**Creativity and innovation**: The acquisition of such skills will help students to take initiatives and use current taxation laws in place provided to generate new ideas and construct new concepts. Students improve these skills through different scenario works and skill lab activities in taxation.

**Research:** This will help students to find answers to questions basing on existing information and concepts and to explain phenomena basing on findings from information gathered.

**Communication skills:** Students effectively interpret their findings through explanations, construction of arguments and drawing relevant conclusions/decisions.

Teachers, irrespective of not being teachers of language, will ensure the proper use of the language of instruction by students which will help them communicate clearly and confidently and convey ideas effectively through speaking and writing and using the correct language structure and relevant vocabulary.



**Cooperation, interpersonal management and life skills**: Students are engaged in cooperative learning groups to promote higher achievement than do competitive and individual work. This will help them to cooperate with others as a team in whatever task assigned and to practice positive ethical moral values and respect for the rights, feelings and views of others.

**Lifelong learning**: The acquisition of such skills will help students to update knowledge and skills with minimum external support and to cope with evolution of knowledge for personal fulfillment in areas that need improvement and development.

#### 2.2.2. Broad Taxation Competences

During and at the end of learning process, the student can:

- 1. Describe various Rwandan tax system legislation
- 2. Apply laws related to business activities
- 3. Compute employment income tax
- 4. Apply tax depreciation to produce tax liability
- 5. Compute the taxation of investment income
- 6. Compute the taxation of individual business profits
- 7. Prepare any payroll according to organizational policy
- 8. Compute retirement, occupation hazard benefits and dismissal compensation
- 9. Compute corporate income tax
- 10. Apply withholding taxes
- 11. Compute taxes and fees collected by decentralized entities
- 12. Compute the customs and consumption taxes



13. Compute VAT payable and file return

- 14. Use electronic billing machine
- 15. Compute taxation of cross border activities
- 16. Prepare tax declarations and payments
- 17. Identify tax administration according to rules and regulations

#### 2.2.3. Taxation and Developing Competences

The national policy documents based on national aspirations identify some 'basic competences' alongside the 'Generic competences' that will develop higher order thinking skills and help students learn subject content and promote application of acquired knowledge and skills.

Through taxation laws, , applying and generalizing taxation ideas during the learning process, the student will not only develop deductive and inductive skills but also acquire cooperation and communication, critical thinking and tax computation skills. This will be realized when students make presentations leading to interpretations and conclusions at the end of each learning unit. This will be achieved through group work and cooperative learning which in turn will promote interpretations and teamwork.

The acquired knowledge in learning Taxation should develop a responsible citizen who adapts to be familiar with the principles of Rwandan tax laws, attitudes and develops confidence in computation of different taxes derived from different taxable income. The student should show concern of individual attitudes and comply with Tax legislation.

The selection of types of learning activities must focus on what the students are able to demonstrate as competence throughout and at the end of the learning process.

#### 2.3 Pedagogical approach

The change to a competence-based curriculum is about transforming learning, ensuring that learning is deep, enjoyable, and habitforming. In order for secondary school accounting students to develop 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and technical accounting skills, the pedagogical structure of skills lab is provided in the learning and teaching activities. Skills lab is an easy method to change teacher's pedagogy from theory-based to competency-based instruction. Skills lab ensures teachers are accountable to completing all the learning activities and projects as outlined in the syllabus and it enables students acquire real life experiences. Students should engage in business clubs to guarantee that they practice real accounting profession.

#### 2.3.1. Roles of the student

In the competence-based curriculum, the student is the principal actor of his/her education. He/she is not an empty bottle to fill. Considering the initial capacities and abilities of the student, the syllabus lists under each unit, suggested engaging activities for the student in the learning process.

The teaching - learning processes will be tailored towards creating a student's friendly environment basing on the capabilities, needs, experience and interests. Therefore, the following are some of the roles or the expectations from the students:

- Students construct the knowledge either individually or in groups in an active way. From the learning theory, students move in their understanding from concrete through pictorial to abstract. Therefore, the opportunities should be given to students to manipulate concrete objects and to use models.
- Students are encouraged to use hand-held calculator. This stimulates Taxation as it is really used, both on job and applied in daily business life.
- Students work on one competence at a time in form of concrete units with specific learning objectives broken down into knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values.
- Students will be encouraged to do research and present their findings through group work activities.
- A student is cooperative: students work in heterogeneous groups to increase tolerance and understanding.
- Students are responsible for their own participation and ensure the effectiveness of their work.
- Students are encouraged to participate in the creation and the running of the Students Business Club (SBC) in which they will apply all the skills and knowledge got from various Accounting subjects.
- Help is sought from within the group and the teacher is asked for help only when the whole group agrees to ask a question. The students who learn at a faster pace may help others later on.
- Participants ensure the effective contribution of each member, through clear explanation and argumentation to improve the English literacy and to develop sense of responsibility and to increase the self-confidence, the public speech ability, etc.



### 2.3.2. Roles of the teacher

In the competence-based curriculum, the teacher is a facilitator, organizer, advisor, a conflict solver, etc. He/she has to ensure that crosscutting issues are addressed appropriately in the teaching and learning process.

The specific duties of the teacher in a competence-based approach are the following:

- He/she is a facilitator, his/her role is to provide opportunities for students to discuss problems that interest and challenge them and that, with appropriate effort, they can solve. This requires an elaborated/prepared plan of activities, related learning materials and appropriate learning environment.
- He/she is an organizer: his/her role is to organize the students in the classroom or outside and engage them through participatory and interactive methods during the learning processes as individuals, in pairs or in groups. To ensure that the learning is personalized, active, participative, and co-operative, the teacher must identify the needs of the students, the nature of the learning to be done, and the means to shape learning experiences accordingly.
- He/she is an advisor: he/she provides counseling and guidance for students in need. He/she comforts and encourages students by valuing their contributions in the class activities. Since every student is expected to have a viable business idea from Senior Four, which he/she will develop its business plan and implement; teachers are encouraged to provide continuous coaching throughout the entire cycle.
- He/she is a conflict-solver: most of the competence-based activities are performed in groups. The members of a group may have problems such as attribution of tasks; they should find useful and constructive the intervention of the teacher as a unifying element.
- He/she is ethical and preaches by examples, being impartial, being a role-model, and caring for individual needs of students. Slow students and students with physical impairments are provided a special assistance through remedial activities or re enforcement activities. One should notice that this list is not exhaustive.

# 2.3.3. Special needs education and inclusive approach

All Rwandans have the right to access education regardless of their different needs. The underpinnings of this provision would naturally hold that all citizens benefit from the same menu of educational programs. The possibility of this assumption is the focus of special needs education. The critical issue is that we have students who are totally different in their ways of living and learning. The difference can either be emotional, physical, sensory, and intellectual learning challenged traditionally known as mental retardation.

These students equally have the right to benefit from the free and compulsory basic education in the nearby ordinary mainstream schools. Therefore, the schools' role is to enroll them and set strategies to provide relevant education to them. The teacher therefore is requested to consider each student's needs during teaching and learning process. Assessment strategies and conditions should also be standardized to the needs of these students. Detailed guidance for each category of students with special educational needs is provided for in the guidance for teachers.

#### 2.4. Assessment approach

Assessment is the process of evaluating the teaching and learning processes through collecting and interpreting evidence of individual student's progress in learning and to make a judgment about a student's achievements measured against defined standards. Assessment is an integral part of the teaching and learning processes. In the competence-based curriculum assessment must also be competence-based; whereby a student is given a complex situation related to his/her everyday life and asked to try to overcome the situation by applying what he/she learned.

Assessment will be organized at the following levels: Comprehensive assessment (School--based assessment, District based assessment, National based assessment) and National examinations. The syllabus is assessed by a three-hour closed book examination. The pass mark is 50%.

Types of assessment	Category of assessment	Weight
Comprehensive assessment	School based assessment	
	District based assessment	10%
	National based assessment	
National examination	Practical assessment	30%
	Theoretical assessment	60%

#### Weighting of items

#### 2.4.1. Structure and format of the examination

There will be one paper in Taxation subject. An examination of three (3) hours will be set and will consist three sections, "A", "B" and "C".

#### Section A

All questions in section "A" will be compulsory and will require clear and brief answers. This section will carry 40 marks. The questions will be set to give candidates the opportunity to read extensively and express informed, critical thinking, innovative and creative and relevant responses to issues relating to the overall student's level of knowledge, understanding and comprehension of the syllabus topics and objectives.

#### Section B

This section will be general in nature and require candidates to draw on their knowledge from across the syllabus while demonstrating an ability to explain, discuss, examine, apply, analyse, synthesize, evaluate, describe and show support for significant issues related to entrepreneurial activities. This section will carry 30 marks and students will answer a given number of questions as instructed. The ability to convey a sustained and well thought out argument will be credited.

#### Section C

This section will be specific in nature and will require candidates to draw on their knowledge from across the syllabus while demonstrating an ability to design, invent, produce, devise, develop, propose, generate, reconstruct, plan, and apply significant issues related to entrepreneurial activities. This section will carry 30 marks and students will answer a given number of questions as instructed.

#### 2.4.2. Types of Assessment

#### a) Formative Assessment

Formative assessment helps to check the efficiency of the process of learning. It is done within the teaching/learning process. Continuous assessment involves formal and informal methods used by schools to check whether learning is taking place. When a teacher is planning his/her lesson, he/she should establish criteria for performance and behavior changes at the beginning of a unit. Then at the end of every unit, the teacher should ensure that all the students have mastered the stated key unit competences basing on the criteria stated, before going to the next unit. The teacher will assess how well each student masters both the subject and the generic competences described in the syllabus and from this, the teacher will gain a picture of the all-round progress of the student. The teacher will use one or a combination of the following:

(a) Observation (b) Pen and paper (c) Oral questioning.

#### b) Summative assessment

When assessment is used to record a judgment of a competence or performance of the student, it serves a summative purpose. Summative assessment gives a picture of a student's competence or progress at any specific moment. The main purpose of summative assessment is to evaluate whether learning objectives have been achieved and to use the results for the ranking or grading of students, for deciding on progression, for selection into the next level of education and for certification. This assessment should have an integrative aspect where by a student must be able to show mastery of all competences.

Comprehensive assessment average marks by grade (Senior 4 to Senior 5) will contribute 10% of the final national examination but will be progressively increased as teachers gain more experience and confidence in assessment techniques.

# c) Accounting practical examination

The purpose of practical assessment is to access, enter, edit accounting information, provide information on actual and expected costs, produce accounting documents and summary reports to meet requirements. Practical examination will test students' practical skills and techniques usually in computer laboratory or field settings. This examination requires a student to demonstrate his/her competences in accounting field. The assessment will be mainly on Sage line 100, Quick books, Micro soft Excel where the student will perform the tasks and save final report in folder to be submitted or sent to a specified email.

# 2.4.3. Record keeping

This is gathering facts and evidence from assessment instruments and using them to judge the student's performance by assigning an indicator against the set criteria or standard. Whatever assessment procedures used shall generate data in the form of scores which will be carefully recorded and stored in a portfolio because they will contribute to remedial actions, for alternative instructional strategy and feed-back to the student and to the parents to check the learning progress and to advise accordingly or to the final assessment of the students.

This portfolio is a folder (or binder or even a digital collection) containing the student's work as well as the student's evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the work. Portfolios reflect not only work produced (such as papers and assignments), but also it is a record of the activities undertaken over time as part of student learning. Besides, it will serve as a verification tool for each student that he/she attended the whole learning before he/she undergoes the summative assessment for the subject.

#### 2.4.4. Item writing in summative assessment

With the objective of ensuring that all students undertaking the accounting qualification are able to become Certified Accounting Technicians (CATs); they shall be expected to attempt an ICPAR exam, most preferably each time a student finishes a level i.e., S.4. And progressively to other levels. ICPAR exams are conducted three times in a year i.e., April, August, and December. Any ready student shall engage the institute to ensure exam registration is completed in good time – usually a month to the exam date. Exam registration can also be done online by visiting the ICPAR website at: www.icparwanda.com

# 2.5 Reporting to Parents

The wider range of learning in the Competence- based curriculum means that it is necessary to think again about how to share students' progress with parents. A single mark is not sufficient to convey the different expectations of learning highlighted in learning objectives. The most helpful reporting is to share what students are doing well and where they need to improve.

In addition to the school report, student's portfolio containing students' results, behavior, and the report from a team of all concerned teachers about the progress of students will be shared to parents for them to provide feedback to the school administration.

# 2.6 Resources

# 2.6.1. Materials needed for implementation of this syllabus

The following list shows the main materials/equipment needed in the learning and teaching process:

- Materials needed in group work activities and presentations: Computers (Desktops & laptops) and projectors; markers, flipcharts, micro business games, etc.
- Materials needed in enhancing research skills: Textbooks and internet (the list of the text books to consult is given in the reference at the end of the syllabus and those books can be found in printed or digital formats).
- Materials needed to encourage the development of a tax system: official gazettes, ICT tools such as scientific calculators, software/ applications used in Accounting and Finance.

The technology used in teaching and learning of taxation must be regarded as tools to enhance the teaching and learning process and not to replace teachers.



#### 2.6.2. Human Resource

The effective implementation of this syllabus needs a joint collaboration of educators at all levels. Given the material requirements, teachers are expected to accomplish their noble role as stated above. On the other hand, school head teachers and directors of studies are required to make a follow-up and assess the teaching and learning of this subject due to their profiles in the schools. These combined efforts will ensure bright future careers and better student lives as well as the contemporary development of the country.

The teacher of Taxation should have the following skills, values and qualities:

- Engage students in a variety of learning activities
- Use multiple teaching and assessment methods, techniques and approaches.
- Adjust instruction to the level of the students
- Have creativity and innovation in the teaching and learning process.
- Be a good communicator and organizer.
- Be a guide/facilitator and a counselor.
- Manifest passion and impartial love for students in the teaching and learning process.
- Link Taxation with other Subjects including in real-life situations, especially provide real life application of Taxation in relation to Financial Accounting, auditing, Management Accounting, Business Mathematics, and Entrepreneurship.
- Have a good master of the Taxation laws.
- Have good class room management skills.

# SYLLABUS UNITS

#### 3.1 Presentation of the structure of the Syllabus Units

Taxation is developed to be taught and learnt at the advanced level of secondary education, i.e., in S4 and S5 respectively. It means that Taxation syllabus is developed for Professional Accounting Program. At every grade, the syllabus is structured in Topic Areas, Sub-Topic Areas and then further broken down into Units to promote the uniformity, effectiveness and efficiency of teaching and learning Taxation.

The units have the following elements:

- 1. Unit is aligned with the Number of Periods.
- 2. Each Unit has a Key Unit Competence whose achievement is pursued by all teaching and learning activities undertaken by both the teacher and the students.
- 3. Each Key Competence of the unit is broken into three types of Learning objectives as follows:
- 4. *Type I:* Learning objectives relating to knowledge and understanding (*Type I* Learning objectives are also known as Lower Order Thinking Skills or LOTS)
- 5. *Type II and Type III:* These are learning objectives which relate to acquisition of skills, attitudes, and values (*Type II* and *Type III* learning objectives are also known as Higher Order Thinking Skills or HOTS) These Learning Objectives are actually considered to be the ones targeted by the Competence Based Curriculum.
- 6. Each unit has a content which indicates the scope of coverage of what to be taught and learnt in line with stated learning objectives
- 7. Each unit suggests a non-exhaustive list of learning activities that are expected to engage, as much as possible, students in an interactive learning process (student-centered and participatory approaches).
- 8. Finally, each unit is linked to other subjects, its assessment criteria, and the materials (or Resources) that are expected to be used in teaching and learning process.

The Taxation syllabus for Professional Accounting Program has 7 main topic areas: Tax system in Rwanda, Laws related to business activities, Direct taxes on income, Payroll preparation, Decentralized taxes, Indirect taxes and taxation of cross border activities, Taxes declaration, payments and administration that are found in S4 and S5 only. These Topics areas are broken down into different units as follow: 8 units in S4, and 9 units in S5.

#### 3.2. Senior four

3.2.1. Key Competences at the end of senior Four Accounting

After completion of senior 4, the student will be able to:

- 1. Describe various Rwandan tax system legislation
- 2. Apply laws related to business activities
- 3. Compute employment income tax
- 4. Apply tax depreciation to produce tax liability
- 5. Compute the taxation of investment income
- 6. Compute the taxation of individual business profits
- 7. Preparation of payroll according to organizational policy
- 8. Compute retirement, occupation hazard benefits and dismissal compensation

Subject: TAXATION		S4			Option : Accounting
Topic Area: Tax syste	em in Rwanda	Sub Topic: Legislation	n and procedures of tax system in Rw	randa	
Unit 1: Introduction	to Rwandan tax syste	em			No. of periods: 30
Key Unit competence	e: Describe various R	wandan tax system legis	lation	1	
Learning objective	s		Content	Teaching / Lear	ning Activities
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values			
Explain the meaning of taxation , tax and duty	Use the meaning of taxation to explain tax system	Appreciate the role of tax system in the development of the country.	Meaning of taxation , tax and duty	<ul> <li>In group discussions, students reflect to the entrepreneurship in O' level, and identify the taxation, tax and duty then present their findings</li> <li>Individually, students brainstorm the current legislation relating to taxation and discuss the tax period then share findings to his/her colleagues</li> <li>In small groups brainstorm the residence and their impact for individuals and for companies then share findings</li> </ul>	
Describe current legislation and tax period relating to taxation in Rwanda	Justify the reason of using current legislation and classify tax period relating to taxation		Current legislation relating to taxation and tax periods:Current legislation relating to taxation– Direct tax,– Indirect taxTax periods:– Tax periods for individuals,– Tax periods for companies		
Define the residence and the permanent establishment (PE)	Use Rwandan tax system legislation to Describe conditions related to residence and permanent establishment		Meaning of Residence and consequencesDetermining the residence of natural personsDefinition of permanent establishmentActivities not considered as permanent establishment		

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List the right and obligations of the tax payer according to Rwandan tax system	Justify the right and obligations of the tax payer according to Rwandan tax system	The right of the taxpar- The right to be info assisted and heard- Confidentiality - AppealObligations the taxpar - Relevant legislation - Registration of a busi - Record keeping - Tax declarations	<pre>med permanent establishment and activities not considered on the permanent establishment then make presentation of the findings to the entire class</pre>
List categories of direct and indirect taxes	Describe the categories of direct and indirect taxes	Categories of direct – Personal Income ta – Corporate Income Categories of indire – VAT – Excise tax	research on the registration, record Fax keeping and tax declarations of a business, the direct taxation then
Explain the terminologies used in taxation and Characteristics of a good tax system	Describe the terminologies related to taxation and Characteristics of a good tax system	<ul> <li>Definition of terminol used in taxation:</li> <li>Tax burden, Tax incid impact,</li> <li>Tax base, Taxable cap evasion</li> <li>Tax avoidance, Tax ex Tax shifting</li> <li>Taxpayer, Budget yea</li> <li>Tax Administration</li> </ul>	ence, Tax the categories of direct and indirect taxes, terminologies used in taxation and characteristics of a tax then make presentation emption,

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c	dentify the anons/principles f taxation	Describe the canons/principles of taxation,	The canons/prince taxation The Characteristic tax system	principles of taxation then make presentation of the findings	
ir ta	dentify the mportance of ax and Taxes lassification	Describe the functions of tax, importance of tax , taxes classification	The importance oClassification of- According to its- According to wlburden of the tax- According to thedetermination o- According to pu- According to scoauthority imposit- According to gradofic table	taxes:s naturewho bears theixe method ofof amount of taxope orsing the tax	
				Skills lab:	
				<ul> <li>Students visit RRA office or on websites and find out the following information:</li> <li>Categories of direct taxes.</li> <li>Categories of indirect taxes.</li> <li>Different definitions of taxes administered by RRA.</li> <li>Filing the returns.</li> <li>Payment facilities available.</li> </ul>	ng
				– Deadlines per type of tax.	

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		Then ask them to perform the following:			
		<ul> <li>Discuss on the findings and prepare a field report in groups.</li> </ul>			
		<ul> <li>Submit the written report and make a presentation to the class.</li> </ul>			
Assessment criteria: Ability to explain the main current legislation relating to the Rwandan tax system					
Link to other subject: Financial Accounting					

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Materials: Computer - Projector - Flip chart - Marker pen- Scanner - Printer – Papers- chalk board- chalk

Subject: TAXATIO	Subject: TAXATION S4				Option : ACCOUNTING
Topic Area: Laws related to business activitiesSub Topic: Laws related			ed to business activities		
Unit 2: Laws related	d to business activities				No. of periods: 30
Key Unit competer	nce: To be able to apply	laws related to busines	ss activities		
Learning objective	s		Content	Teaching	/ Learning Activities
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values			
Explain the meaning of laws and business laws Explain important terms used in law	Interpret different business laws used in business activities Describe the important terms of business law applied to the business activities	Appreciate the business laws used to know rules and regulation related for business operations	Laws and the business Meaning of: – Laws – Business law. Important terms used in law: – Claimant/Plaintiff – Defendant – Appellant – Law suit – Remedy – Counsel – Damages	on differe in busine findings Through brainstor	Illy, students brainstorm ent business laws used ss activities then shares group discussion students m on the important terms aw then share their findings
Discuss the Importance of business laws in business operations	Describe the importance of laws in business.and services		<ul> <li>Fine</li> <li>Importance of business</li> <li>laws in business operation</li> </ul>	guided by	earning groups, students v teacher discuss on the ce of business law in activities.

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			L	Laws related to business:	
			-	Land act,	
			-	Food and drugs law,	
			-	Consumer protection law,	
			-	National environmental	
				law	
	Explain the laws	Describe the laws		egal institutions related	Through search in pair, student share
	related to business	related to business	to	o businesses in Rwanda:	the findings and present to hall class
			-	Commercial courts	about the laws related to business
			-	Rwanda Revenue	law.
				Authority (RRA)	
				Rwanda Development	
				Boards (RDB)	
				Rwanda Utilities	
				Regulatory Authority	
				(RURA).	
				Food and Drug Authority	
				(FDA)	
				Rwanda Standards	
				Boards (RSB)	
	Identify different	Describe different		enefits of registering a	Under guidance of teacher, students
	legal institutions	legal institutions	bi	usiness	discuss on the legal institutions
	related to business in Rwanda.	related to business in			related to business in Rwanda.
	in Kwanda.	Rwanda			

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Explain registration procedures of business Explain the benefits of registering a business.	Apply registration processes Describe the benefits of registering a business.			In their learning groups, students guided by teacher, discuss on the registration of business according to its forms.
List the consequences of not registering a business.	Discuss the consequences of not registering a business.		Consequences of not registering a business	Under the guidance of teacher, students discuss on the benefits of registering and consequences of not registering.
				<ul> <li>Skills Lab: Teams visit the Rwanda Development Board or on websites, and find out the following:</li> <li>Requirements for starting a business</li> <li>Where and how one can register a business</li> <li>Institutions involved with starting and developing a business</li> <li>Teams debate on which form of business is a better choice</li> </ul>
	a: Ability to explain the extract the extra content of the extra content	e business activities lav	VS	
		art - Marker pen- Scan	ner - Printer – Papers-student	book- chalkboard- internet



Subject: TAXATION		S4		Option : ACCOUNTING
Topic Area: Direct taxes on in	come	Sub Topic: The curr corporate income ta	rent taxation principles of p x	personal income tax and
Unit 3: Taxation of employme	No. of periods: 21			
Key Unit competence: To be	able to compute employment	t income tax		-
Learning objectives			Content	Teaching / Learning
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	-	Activities
Explain the meaning and components of employment income	Describe the meaning and components of employment income	Appreciate the role of employment income tax in the development of country	<ul> <li>Employment income</li> <li>Meaning of taxable employment income</li> <li>Components of employments income</li> </ul>	In small groups students discuss about meaning and components of taxable employment income then make presentation
Explain the person and payments exempted from employments income tax	Describe employment income which is not chargeable income tax on the employees		Persons and payments exempted from employments income tax	Brainstorming on the exempt employment income then make presentation of the findings
Explain the benefits in kind for employment income	Compute the calculation of employment income		The benefits in kind	In pairs, invite students to make a research on the benefits in kind then make presentation of the findings

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Demonstrate RSSB contributions and reliefs for employment income	Apply RSSB contributions and reliefs for employment income according to the Rwandan tax system	RSSB Contributions and and reliefs for employment income : RSSB contributions – Pension and	In pairs, invite students to make a research on the RSSB contributions then make presentation of the findings
		<ul> <li>rension and maternity leave scheme for employee and employer</li> <li>Medical scheme for employee and employer</li> <li>CBHI Community Based Health Insurance Employee contributions</li> </ul>	
Explain different categories of employees	Describe the different categories of employees	Permanent employee         - Definition         - Rates of income         tax for permanent         employees         - Calculation for         permanent employee         Casual laborer         - Definition         - Rates of income tax         for casual laborers         - Calculation for casual         employee	Practical exercises on calculation of employee with more than one employer after make their presentation Brainstorming on declaration and payment deadline on employment income tax then make presentation of the findings



		Employee with more than one employer – Definition – Rates of income tax for employee with more than one employer – Calculation	
Demonstrate the calculation , declarations and payment deadline of employment income	Apply declarations and identify payment deadline on employment income tax	Administration of employment taxes : – Payment deadlines – Declarations – statement to employee	<ul> <li>Brainstorming on employment income tax and ask students to identify those income tax related to the income tax at home / in club then let students present their findings</li> <li>Discuss on the findings and prepare a report in groups.</li> <li>Submit the written report and make a presentation to the class</li> </ul>

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	<b>Skills lab:</b> Invite a resource person from RRA office or on websites and find out the following information:			
	– Employment income tax (PAYE): definition and computation			
	<ul> <li>RSSB Employer and Employee contributions: definition and computation</li> </ul>			
	- Other mandatory deductions related to social security: medical insurance and maternity leave. Why?			
	– Filing the declaration: both for PAYE and RSSB			
	– Payment facilities available			
	- Deadlines for PAYE and RSSB			
	Then ask them to perform the following:			
Assessment criteria: Ability to compute employment income tax				
Link to other subject: Financial accounting, Management accounting				
Materials: Computer - Projector - Flip chart - Marker pen- Scanner - Printer – Papers				

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Subject: TAXATION		S4		Option : ACCOUNTING	
Topic Area: Direct taxes on income		<b>Sub Topic:</b> The current taxation principles of personal income tax and corporate income tax			
Unit 4: Tax depreciatio	n			No. of periods: 14	
Key Unit competence:	Key Unit competence: Apply tax depreciation to produce tax liability				
Learning objectives			Content	Teaching / Learning Activities	
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values			
Identify the meaning of tax depreciation	Explain the meaning of tax depreciation	Appreciate the meaning of tax depreciation for the role of computing tax liability	Definition of tax depreciation	Through the case study, students explain the tax depreciation then make presentation of the findings	
Define the nature of tax depreciation and its availability	Apply the nature of tax depreciation and its availability for computation of tax on investment income	Recognize the nature of tax depreciation and its availability	Nature of tax depreciation and its availability	In small groups students discuss about the nature of tax depreciation and its availability then	
Make the difference between tax depreciation and accounting depreciation	Differentiate tax depreciation and accounting depreciation for adjusting tax profit	Appreciate the difference between tax depreciation and accounting depreciation	The difference between tax depreciation and accounting depreciation	Brainstorming on the difference between tax depreciation and accounting depreciation then make presentation of the findings	



Interpret the computation of tax depreciation Demonstrate computation on tax depreciation amounts accurately on any given asset or pool of assets.	Calculate the tax depreciation according to the Rwanda taxation laws	Recognize the computing of tax depreciation according to the Rwanda taxation laws	The tax depreciation applied to individual assets – Buildings, heavy industrial equipment and fixed machinery – Intangible assets – Information and communication systems – Calculation of tax depreciation on individual assets	In small groups with research, students use a formula of calculating depreciation students perform practical exercises then make presentation of Identify tax depreciation
Identify investment allowances	Explain investment allowances		The tax depreciation applied pools of assets - Computers and accessories - Other qualifying business assets - Computing tax depreciation Investment allowances - Conditions for the investment allowance to apply - The rate of investment allowance - Condition for asset sold within three years - The implications of private use	In small groups students discuss about the investment allowances then make presentation of the findings
Assessment criteria: Ability to explain the taxation of investment income				
<i>Link to other subject:</i> Financial accounting, Entrepreneurship, Management accounting				
Materials: Computer - Projector - Flip chart - Marker pen- Scanner - Printer – Papers				

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Subject: TAXATION		S4	S4	
Topic Area: Direct taxes on income		<b>Sub Topic:</b> The current taxation principles of personal income tax and corporate income tax		
Unit 5: The taxation of investment income				No. of periods: 26
Key Unit competence: To be able to use and interpret the taxation of investment			nvestment income	
Learning objectives			Content Teaching / Lear Activities	Teaching / Learning
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values		Activities
Identify the legislative features or components of the investment income	Discuss the legislative features or components of the investment income	Appreciate the legislative features or components of the investment income for the development of country	Legislative features or components of investment income - Financial interest - Dividend income - Royalty income - Rental income - Service and management services	In small groups students discuss about legislative features or components of investment income then make presentation
List the exemptions on investment income according to the taxation laws	Describe the exemptions on investment income	Recognize the exemptions on investment income	Exemption from investment income	Brainstorming for the exemptions on investment income then make presentation of the findings
Compute investment income	Demonstrate about the computation of investment income.	Recognize the capital gain	Computation of investment income	In small group student guided by a teacher calculate tax to be paid by taxpayer on investment income.



Make the difference between housing Rental income and machinery/equipment rental income	Compute tax liability on rental income	Rental income from, machinery and equipment		Brainstorming on rental income for ,machinery and equipment then make presentation of the findings
Explain the capital gain	Discuss the capital gain		Capital gains tax on immovable property	Brainstorming on capital gains tax on shares and immovable property then make presentation of the findings
Assessment criteria: Ability to explain the Taxation of investment income				
Link to other subject: Financial accounting, Entrepreneurship, Management accounting				
Materials: Computer - Projector - Flip chart - Marker pen- Scanner - Printer - Papers				

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Subject: TAXATIONS4Topic Area: Direct taxes on incomeSub Topic: T			Option: ACCOUNTING		Option: ACCOUNTING
			ne current taxation principles of personal income tax		
Unit 6: The taxat	ion of individual	business profits (P)	(T)		No. of periods: 20
Key Unit compe	tence: To be able	to Apply and comp	oute The taxation of individual busin	ess profits (l	PIT)
Learning objecti	ves		Content	Teaching /	Learning Activities
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values			
Explain the meaning of business and exempted business income	Discuss the meaning of business and exempted business income	Appreciate the meaning of business and exempted business income	Definition of the concept – Definition of business – Exempted activities	entreprene brainstorm presentatio	to knowledge of eurship in O' Level, ning, group discussions, and oral ons then give the meaning of nd exempt business income
Discuss the tax- ation of small business	Explain the taxation of small business	Recognize the taxation of small business and adjustments	<ul> <li>The taxation of small businesses</li> <li>The taxation of small businesses</li> <li>Micro enterprises</li> <li>flat tax' regime</li> <li>Small business</li> <li>Lump sum tax 'regime</li> <li>Adjustment of profit for tax profits</li> <li>General rule for the deduction of expenses</li> <li>Non-deductible expenses from taxable income</li> </ul>	groups hav flat regime compute ta	search on RRA portal , in small re students discuss about the and turnover tax regime, ax and then make presentation of given business turnovers.

Demonstrate the adjustments of profits for tax	Apply the adjustments of profits for tax			The teacher invites the school bursar in class with sample Computation of taxable business profits to share and point out their relevance in the school records.
Identify the difference between capital expenditure and revenue expenditure	Differentiate the capital expenditure and revenue expenditure	Recognize the differentiate between capital expenditure and revenue expenditure	<b>Capital and revenue expenditure</b> – Capital expenditure – Revenue expenditure	Brainstorming on Capital expenditure and Revenue expenditure then make presentation of the findings
Identify the transactions made for foreign currencies	Explain the transactions made for foreign currencies	Recognize the transactions made for foreign currencies	Transactions in foreign currencies – Exchange differences – Tax treatment of exchange differences	Have a resource person (Forex bureau ) to share with students about transactions made for foreign currencies students to then let students present their findings
Identify long term contact and stock	Explain long term contact and stock according to Rwandan tax system	Appreciate the long term contact and stock	Long-term contracts and stock – Definition of long-term contact – The taxation of long term contacts – Losses on long –term contact – Stock	Brainstorming on the long term contact and stock then make presentation of the findings



Explain bad debts	Explain steps involved in recognizing bad debts for tax liability purposes and transfer pricing	Appreciate conditions that made the person as a bad debts	Bad debts	Brainstorming on bad debts then make presentation of the findings				
Identify the			Transfer pricing	Brainstorming on the transfer pricing				
transfer pricing			– Definition of related persons	then make presentation of the findings				
			- Impact of transfer pricing rules					
Assessment criteria: ability to explain and compute The taxation of individual business profits (PIT)								
Link to other subject: Financial accounting, Entrepreneurship, Management accounting ,Auditing								
Materials: Comp	Materials: Computer - Projector - Flip chart - Marker pen- Scanner - Printer – Papers							

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Subject: TAXATION		<b>S4</b>			Option : ACCOUNTING	
Topic Area: Payroll preparat	ion	Sub Topic: Prepa	Sub Topic: Prepare the payroll in normal circumstance			
Unit 7: Establish payroll req	uirements and Payroll	preparation			No. of periods: 27	
Key Unit competence: To be	e able to Prepare of payr	coll according to org	ganizational policy			
Learning objectives			Content	Tea	ching / Learning	
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values		Act	ivities	
Identify the scope of payroll services according to organization policies and procedures Identify valid contact requirements and general working condition	Explain the scope of payroll services according to organization policies and procedures Describe the valid contact requirements and general working condition	Appreciate the scope of payroll services according to organization policies and procedures relating to the Rwandan labor law	<ul> <li>Employment contract</li> <li>Definition of employment contract</li> <li>Types of employment contract</li> <li>The details of employment contract</li> <li>Valid contract requirements and General working conditions</li> <li>Valid contract requirements</li> <li>General working conditions</li> </ul>	of j to o and pres In s disc con Ger	instorming on the scope payroll services according organization policies procedures then make sentation of the findings small groups students cuss about the valid tract requirements and heral working conditions n make presentation	



Explain types of leave according to the current labour law Identify relevant documents required to produce payroll and importance of payroll	Describe types of leave according to the current labour law Explain the relevant documents required to produce payroll, payment methods and importance of payroll	Appreciate the types of leave relating to the Rwandan labour law Appreciate the payroll system according to organization policies and procedures relating to the Rwandan labour law	Leaves - Meaning of leave - Types of leave 1° annual leave; 2° incidental leave; 3° maternity leave; 4° sick leave; 5° public holiday; 6° authorized absence. Payroll process - Definition - Relevant documents required to produce payroll: - Clock cards - Piece tickets - Employee's personal cards Importance of preparing payroll on time	Brainstorming on the leave then make presentation of the findings Brainstorming on the relevant documents required to produce payroll, payment methods and importance of payroll then make presentation of the findings
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Identify the payroll system and the elements of payroll Explain the payroll requirement data to calculate, the payment	Describe the payroll system and the elements of payroll Prepare the payroll requirement data to calculate, the	Payroll system and elements of payrollPayroll system- Manual- Advantages and	In small groups students discuss about the payroll system and the elements of payroll after make presentation
methods of payroll according to legislative requirements	payment methods of payroll according to legislative requirements	disadvantages of manual payroll system – Computerized – Advantages and disadvantages of computerized payroll system	
		Elements of payroll: – Serial number – Name of employee – Account number – Basic salary – Allowances – Gross salary – Deductions – Net salary	



		Salary computation and the payment methods of payroll- Salary computation- Calculation of gross salary- Calculation of deductions- Calculation of net salaryThe payment methods of payroll:- Cash payment- Mobile money- Cheque- Electronic transfer	
Assessment criteria: Ability to P	repare of payroll according to orga	nizational policy	
<i>Link to other subject:</i> Financial a	accounting, Entrepreneurship, Manag	ement accounting ,Auditing	
Materials: Computer - Projector	- Flip chart - Marker pen- Scanner -	Printer – Papers	



Subject: TAXATION		S4		Option : ACCOUNTING
Topic Area: Payroll preparation		Sub Topic: Retirem	ent, occupation hazard bene	fit and dismissal compensation
Unit 8: Retirement, occup	oation hazard benefit and o	dismissal compensation		No. of periods: 23
Key Unit competence: A	bility to compute retirement	nt, occupation hazard	benefits and dismissal comp	ensation
Learning objectives			Content	Teaching / Learning
Knowledge and under- standing	Skills	Attitudes and values		Activities
Identify the introduction to Rwanda Social Security Board (RSSB) Identify benefits and conditions of pension scheme Demonstrate the computation and Survivors' benefit of retirement benefit	Explain the introduction to Rwanda Social Security Board (RSSB) Explain the benefits and conditions of pension scheme Make the calculation and Survivors' benefit of retirement	Appreciate the importance of Rwanda Social Security Board (RSSB), and dismissal compensation of person for the development of country	Introduction to Rwanda Social Security Board (RSSB) Pension scheme - Meaning of pension scheme Benefits offered in pension scheme: - Eligible conditions & requirements Retirement benefit calculations and survivor benefit - Calculation of retirement benefit - Survivors' benefit	In small groups students discuss about the Introduction to Rwanda Social Security Board (RSSB) after make presentation Brainstorming benefits offered in pension scheme their eligibility and condition then make presentation of the findings Have a resource person ( RSSB) to share with students about retirement and ask students to identify those benefit related to the Rwanda social security at home / in club then let students present their findings

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Identify the meaning	Explain the meaning		Meaning of occupation	Brainstorming on the		
of occupation hazard	of occupation hazard		hazard benefit	meaning of occupation		
benefit According to the	benefit		- Benefits of occupation	hazard benefit then make		
rules and regulation of			hazard	presentation of the findings		
RSSB State the contribution	According to the rules and regulation of RSSB		<ul> <li>Occupation hazard computations</li> <li>Temporary incapacity</li> </ul>	<b>Skills Lab</b> : Have a resource person from RSSB, or visit		
and benefits of	Identify the contribution and benefits of		benefits	websites, and students find		
occupation hazard Demonstrate the	occupation hazard		<ul> <li>Total permanent incapacity benefits</li> </ul>	out: – About retirement,		
computation of occupation hazard	Interpret the computation of		<ul> <li>Partial permanent incapacity benefits</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Occupation hazard benefits,</li> </ul>		
benefit	occupation hazard benefit		• If the degree of the incapacity is at least	– Dismissal compensation (terminal benefits).		
Explain the meaning of dismissal compensation(terminal benefits)	Explain the meaning of dismissal compensation (terminal benefits)		<ul><li>15%</li><li>If the degree of the incapacity is less than 15%</li></ul>	Then ask students to identify those benefits related to Rwanda labor law at home		
Demonstrate the dismissal compensation(terminal	Compute the dismissal compensation(terminal benefits)		Dismissal compensation (terminal benefits)	/ in club then let students present their findings to the general group.		
benefits)			– Terms used			
,			- Calculation of			
			terminal benefits			
Assessment criteria: Abil	ity to compute retirement, o	occupation hazard ben	efits and dismissal compens	ation		
Link to other subject: Fin	ancial accounting, Entrepre	eneurship, Managemen	t accounting ,Auditing			
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F	Materials: Computer - Projector - Flip chart - Marker pen- Scanner - Printer – Papers					

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#### 3.3. Senior Five

3.3.1. Key Competences at the end of Senior Five Accounting

After completion of senior 5, the student will be able to:

- 1. Compute corporate income tax
- 2. Apply withholding taxes
- 3. Compute taxes and fees collected by decentralized entities
- 4. Compute the customs and consumption taxes
- 5. Compute VAT payable and file return
- 6. Use electronic billing machine
- 7. Compute taxation of cross border activities
- 8. Prepare taxes declaration and related payments
- 9. Explain tax administration

income e business profit pute corporate ir	(CIT)	tion principles of personal inc	come tax and corporate income tax
pute corporate in	ncome tax		No. of periods: 20
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		Content	<b>Teaching / Learning Activities</b>
3	Attitudes and values		
nize the ant legislation uidance used mputing orate income ncome tax law ssify chargeable xempt entities vze the taxable ng profits for vanies and draw usion	Appreciate the use of relevant legislation and guidance in computing corporate income tax Show concern about chargeable and exempt corporate income tax for different entities. Appraise the computation of taxable trading profits for companies in	Relevant legislation and guidance         Chargeable and exempt entities:         - The chargeable entities         - The chargeable entities         - The chargeable entities         Income tax:         - The income tax regimes,         - Taxable income,         - Taxable trading profits         Other income for companies:         - Investment income         - Rental income.         Total taxable income for	Individually, students brainstorm the different relevant legislation and guidance in computing corporate income tax then share findings In groups, students are given a sample of chargeable and exempt entities and asked to discuss the chargeable and exempt entities then make presentation to entire class. Through group discussions, students brainstorm on the income tax regimes, taxable income, taxable trading profits, investment income and rental income then present their findings
ng ar	profits for nies and draw	e the taxable profits for nies and draw ion Appraise the computation of taxable trading	<ul> <li>a the taxable profits for hies and draw ion</li> <li>Appraise the computation of taxable trading profits for companies in</li> <li>Appraise the rading profits for companies in</li> </ul>

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List other income of companies from different activities Show method used in calculation of taxable income for companies Define restructuring and liquidation Explain events that a corporate restructuring occurs and causes of a business loss	Relate other income of companies from different activities with legislation. Calculate taxable income for companies by using appropriate method then take conclusion Analyze implications of restructuring, liquidation and impact on losses to take appropriate	Appreciate the implications of restructuring, liquidation for appropriate Conclusion from impact on losses.	Restructuring and tax on liquidation: – Definition, – Implications of restructuring and liquidation – Impact on losses Business loss reliefs: – Arise of a business loss, – Exceptions to the normal loss carried forward rule	Skills Lab: In group discussions, invite students to make research in library or on internet about the calculation of taxable income for companies and compute corporate income tax related to the income tax at home / in club then present their findings		
	conclusion	orate income tax				
Assessment criteria: Ability to compute corporate income tax Link to other subject: Financial accounting, Entrepreneurship, Management accounting						
<i>v</i>			<u> </u>			
Materials: Computer, Projector, Flip chart, Marker pen, Scanner, Printer, Papers						

Subject: TAXATION		\$5		Option : ACCOUNTING
Topic Area: Direct taxes on	income	Sub Topic: Taxation principles on withholding tax		
<b>Unit 2:</b> Withholding taxes				No. of periods: 14
Key Unit competence: Use of	different percentages to con	mpute related withholding	g taxes	
Learning objectives			Content	Teaching / Learning
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values		Activities
Explain the different features of withholding tax Identify different withholding taxes on imports and public tenders	Analyze different features of withholding tax Apply appropriate withholding taxes on imports and public tenders	Appreciate the features of withholding tax Recognize the withholding tax on imports, public tenders, gaming activities.	The features of withholding tax Imports and public tenders: Imports, Public tenders	Individually, students brainstorm on the features of withholding tax then shares findings
List different persons exempted from withholding taxes Describe other payments subject to withholding tax	Justify the reasons for persons exempted from withholding taxes Relate other payments subject to withholding tax of distinguishing an obligation	Show the concerned persons exempted from withholding taxes Appreciate the withholding tax on	Conditions required for withholding tax Types of payments subject to withholding tax	Skills Lab: In group discussion, invite a resource person from RRA to share with students on the calculation of withholding tax for imports and public tenders and ask students to apply using an illustration to compute withholding taxes then share findings

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Demonstrate withholding tax on gaming activities Discuss the Double Taxation Agreement (DTA)	Compute withholding tax on gaming activities Justify reasons underlying DTA	Appreciate the benefits of DTAs	Withholding tax on gaming activities – Residence concept – Source concept – Definition of DT – Elimination of DA • Foreign tax credit • Deduction • Exemption	In group discussion, practical exercises on calculation of withholding tax on gaming activities then students share their findings. Invite a resource person from RRA to share with students on the double taxation elimination			
Assessment criteria: Ability to compute withholding taxes							
Link to other subject: Finar	<i>Link to other subject:</i> Financial accounting, Entrepreneurship, Management accounting						
Materials: Computer, Proje	ector, Flip chart, Marker pe	n, Internet, Scanner, Print	er, Papers.				

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Subject: TAXATION		<b>\$</b> 5	5 Option : ACCOUNTING		
Topic Area: Decentral	lized taxes	Sub Topic: Taxes and fees of decentralized entities			
	of decentralized entities To compute taxes and fe	es collected by decentra	lized entities	No. of periods: 40	
Learning objectives	1		Content	Teaching / Learning Activities	
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values			
Explain decentralized taxes, fees, and related keys terms List different sources of revenue and property of decentralized entities	Relate taxes rates with key terms compared to decentralized taxes and fees Describe sources of revenue and property of decentralized entities Calculate immovable property tax, Trading license tax; and Rental income tax	Appreciate the use of taxes rate in calculation of decentralized taxes, fees and their payments for the development of local administration	Definition of key terms used in decentralized taxes and fees Sources of revenue and property of decentralized entities: - Local taxes, - Immovable property tax, - Trading license tax; - Rental income tax, - Tax assessment and payment for fixed asset taxes	Through group discussions, students brainstorm on the different types of decentralized taxes and fees and its computation then students share their findings. <b>Skills Lab</b> : In group discussion, invite a resource person from RRA sector or RRA district level to share his/ her experience with students on the information related to the local government fees, taxes and rates administration then let students make presentation on the given seminar.	



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	Explain different	Compute the local		Local government fees:	In group discussion, learners		
	local government	government fees		- Definition of local	practice exercises on calculation		
	fees	D		government fees			
		Prepare tax assessment		– Third parties collect local			
	Define tax	and payment for fixed		government fees			
	assessment	asset taxes then enforce		e			
	procedures for fixed			- Deadlines to declare and			
	asset taxes			pay different types of			
				local government fees			
				<ul> <li>Fixed asset taxes</li> </ul>			
				computation			
				Enforcement procedures			
	A	A1.11.	1				
	Assessment criteria: Ability to compute taxes and fees of decentralized entities						
	Link to other subject: Financial accounting, Management accounting						
	Materials: Computer,	Projector, Flip chart, Mar	ker pen, Internet, Scann	er, Printer, Papers			

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Subject: TAXATION	J	<b>S5</b>		Option : ACCOUNTING		
<b>Topic Area:</b> Indirect cross border activitie	taxes and taxation of s	Sub Topic: Cu	Sub Topic: Customs and consumption tax			
Unit 4: Customs and	consumption tax			No. of periods: 20		
Key Unit competend	ce: Compute the Cust	oms and consum	ption taxes			
Learning objectives			Content	Teaching / Learning		
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values		Activities		
Discuss general overview of East Africa Community Customs Management Act (EACCMA) Define the customs Identify the documents required when importing or exporting	Apply valuation rules Use a formula to determine the customs duties Explain required documents for imports and exports operations	Appreciate the importance of regional integration. Appreciate the customs and Required documents when importing or exporting	<ul> <li>EAC origin and objectives</li> <li>Customs valuation methods</li> <li>Description of customs <ul> <li>Definition of customs</li> <li>The person who can import or export</li> <li>Customs duties</li> <li>Valuation of imported and exported goods</li> </ul> </li> <li>The documents required when importing or exporting</li> <li>The taxes that are specifically paid on imports <ul> <li>Import Duty</li> <li>Withholding Tax of 5% (WHT 5%)</li> <li>Infrastructure Development Levy (IDL)</li> <li>Strategic</li> <li>Reserves Levy (SRL)</li> <li>African Union Levy (AUL)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Group discussions on EAC features Brainstorming on the customs documents required when importing or exporting then make presentation of the findings Group discussions on import and export documentation then make present of the findings		

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Identify different duties paid on imports Explain the excise duty (consumption tax)	Apply imports procedures Apply excise duty legislation on imports	Appreciate the importance of excise duty in revenue collection	<ul> <li>The excise duty (consumption tax)</li> <li>Definition of excise duty</li> <li>The person required to register for excise duty</li> <li>The obligations of excise registered taxpayers</li> <li>The taxable products and rates of excise duty</li> <li>The exemptions for excise duty</li> <li>Excise computation</li> <li>The deadline to declare and pay excise duty</li> <li>Tax point, tax base and tax period</li> <li>Excise duty penalties and fines</li> </ul>	In groups, students are given an illustration of imported goods then asked to demonstrate required documents by customs to be filled by the taxpayer then each group share its findings. <b>Skills Lab</b> : School visit for RRA sector, RRA district, RRA person share with students about the information related on the local government fees and rates then let students present their findings			
Assessment criteria:	Assessment criteria: Ability to compute the customs duties and excise						
Link to other subject:	Link to other subject: Financial accounting, Management accounting						
Materials: Computer	, Projector, Flip chart	, Marker pen, Int	ternet, Scanner, Printer, Papers				

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Subject: TAXATION		\$5	\$5 Option : ACCOUNTING			
<b>Topic Area:</b> Indirect tax border activities	xes and taxation of cross	Sub Topic: Principles of VAT and VAT returns				
Unit 5: Value added tax	(VAT)	1		No. of periods: 35		
Key Unit competence:	Compute VAT and file re	turns in a timely manner				
Learning objectives			Content	Teaching / Learning		
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values		Activities		
Identify definition and characteristic of VAT Identify the Nature of supplies Maintain VAT records keeping	Apply VAT mechanism Explain supplies of goods and services Safeguard accurate supporting documentation	Appreciate the importance of VAT in revenue collection Appreciate VAT importance Understanding of proof base accountability	<ul> <li>Description of the value added tax</li> <li>Definition of the value added tax</li> <li>Key terminology for VAT: VAT Inclusive, VAT exclusive,</li> <li>Tax point, tax base and tax period for purpose of VAT</li> <li>Input and output tax</li> <li>Taxable supplies</li> <li>Self supplies</li> <li>Compensation</li> <li>Exempt supplies</li> <li>Stock</li> <li>Purchases</li> <li>Sales</li> </ul>	Individually, students brainstorm on the responsibilities and obligations of the taxpayer and on VAT zero-rated, exempted goods and services then share findings Group discussions on VAT records keeping then share findings		



Apportion input in Partial exemption regime Implement VAT registration and de- registration Administer VAT penalties and fines	Apply different method of computation Justify any type of VAT registration and decide on de- registration Use VAT law to apply penalties and fines	Appreciate the accuracy in reporting Commit to VAT maximization Evaluate different ways to evade VAT	<ul> <li>General principle</li> <li>General apportionment method</li> <li>Direct attribution method</li> <li>Special method</li> <li>VAT registration compliance</li> <li>Purpose of registration</li> <li>Legal basis</li> <li>Supplies of good and services</li> <li>Zero and standard suppliers</li> <li>VAT computation</li> </ul>	Through group discussions, students brainstorm on the determination of accurate deductible tax Group discussions on different types of VAT registration and use of case study to compute VAT payable Group discussion on VAT offences and related penalties/fine		
Assessment criteria: Ab	pility to compute VAT re	turns accurately and in a ti	<ul> <li>VAT evasion</li> <li>VAT avoidance</li> <li>VAT offences</li> </ul>			
Link to other subject: Financial accounting, Management accounting						
Materials: Computer, Projector, Flip chart, Marker pen, Internet, Scanner, Printer, Papers						

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Subject: TAXATION		S5		Option : ACCOUNTING		
<b>Topic Area:</b> Indirect tax cross border activities	xes and taxation of	Sub Topic: Principles of VAT and VAT returns				
Unit 6: Electronic billin Key Unit competence:	0	machine		No. of periods: 14		
Learning objectives			Content	Teaching / Learning		
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values		Activities		
Explain meaning of the electronic invoicing system (electronic billing machine) Explain the way used to programmer EBM V 1 and produce EBM invoices	Describe the electronic invoicing system (electronic billing machine) Describe the way used to programmer EBM V 1 and produce EBM invoices	Appreciate the use of electronic invoicing system (electronic billing machine) in the effective of tax payment	<ul> <li>The electronic invoicing system (electronic billing machine)</li> <li>Meaning of the electronic invoicing system (electronic billing machine)</li> <li>Requirement to obtain EBM Version 2.0</li> <li>The benefits of EIS/EBMs: RRA, Taxpayer</li> <li>The way taxpayers use to obtain Version EBM 2.0</li> <li>Where can you buy EBM 1</li> <li>The way used to buy airtime loaded into EBM V 1 SIM cards</li> <li>The components of EBM</li> <li>Receipt data requirements</li> </ul>	Individually, students brainstorm on the electronic invoicing system (electronic billing machine)s then share findings <b>Skills Lab</b> : Have a resource person (sole trader) or the school accountant to share with students the way used to programmer EBM V 1 and produce EBM invoices also ask students to describe them then share their find- ings.		

		The way used to set EBM V 1					
		EBM invoices					
		– The way used to produce EBM invoices					
		<ul> <li>The action done when the taxpayer enters an EBM invoice incorrectly</li> </ul>					
		<ul> <li>The action taxpayers do if the EBM is not working</li> </ul>					
Identify EIS/EBMs penalties and fines	Identify EIS/EBMs penalties and fines	EIS/EBMs penalties and fines	Through group discussion, students brainstorm on compliances and enforcement techniques for use of EBM				
Assessment criteria: A	Assessment criteria: Ability to use electronic billing machine						
Link to other subject: F	Link to other subject: Financial accounting, Management accounting, auditing						
Materials: Computer, 1	Projector, Flip chart, Ma	Internet, Scanner, Printer, Papers					

Subject: TAXAT	Subject: TAXATION\$5			Option : ACCOUNTING		
Topic Area: India taxation of cross		Sub Topic: Taxatio	on of cross border activities			
Unit 7: Taxation	of cross border ac	tivities		No. of periods: 20		
Key Unit compet	tence: Compute ta	axation of cross bord	ler activities			
Learning objecti	ves		Content	Teaching / Learning Activities		
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values				
Describe the meaning of taxation of cross border activities	Classify different taxation of cross border activities	Appreciate the benefits of carrying the trade out of the country or/and within the country	<ul> <li>Taxation of cross border activities</li> <li>Meaning of the taxation of cross border activities</li> <li>Foreign tax credit</li> </ul>	Through group discussions, students brainstorm on the meaning of taxation of cross border activities then share findings		
Explain East African Customs Union Demonstrate the tax of cross border activities	Compute the tax of cross border activities		<ul> <li>East African Customs Union <ul> <li>Meaning of East African</li> <li>Customs Union</li> <li>Features of a Customs Union</li> <li>Objectives of the Customs Union</li> <li>Scope of Co-operation in the Customs Union</li> </ul> </li> <li>Compute the tax of cross border activities</li> </ul>	Individually, students brainstorm on the East African Customs Union and present findings <b>Skills Lab:</b> In group discussion, invite a resource person from RRA to share with students on the calculation of taxation of cross border activities then ask students to apply using an illustration to compute tax of cross border activities.		
Assessment criteria: Ability to compute taxation of cross border activities						
Link to other subject: Financial accounting, Management accounting						
Materials: Comp	outer, Projector, Fl	ip chart, Marker per	n, Internet, Scanner, Printer, Papers			

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Subject: TAXATION	1	<b>S5</b>		Option : ACCOUNTING	
<b>Topic Area:</b> Taxes de administration	eclaration, payments and	Sub Topic: De	ic: Declaration, payments of taxes and administration		
Unit 8: Taxes declara	ation and payments			No. of periods: 30	
Key Unit competence	e: Prepare tax declaration	n and payment			
Learning objectives			Content	Teaching / Learning	
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values		Activities	
Explain requirements of tax declaration Identify methods used for tax and RSSB contributions declarations Interpret the process of tax declaration for direct tax and RSSB contributions	Describe requirements of the tax declaration Describe the methods of tax and RSSB contributions declaration Apply the process of tax declaration for direct tax and RSSB contributions	Show the curiosity of, tax declaration accuracy RSSB contributions and filing system are being done.	<ul> <li>Tax declaration <ul> <li>Definition of tax declaration</li> <li>Requirements for tax declaration</li> <li>Mandatory information on declaration</li> <li>TIN number</li> <li>Business name</li> <li>Type of tax</li> <li>Tax period</li> </ul> </li> <li>Methods of tax and RSSB contributions declaration</li> <li>M- declaration</li> <li>E- declaration</li> </ul>	Individually, students brainstorm on the tax declaration, requirements for the tax declaration then share findings	
			<ul> <li>Process of tax and RSSB contributions</li> <li>Process of tax declaration for PAYE</li> <li>Process of tax declaration for business profits</li> <li>Process of tax declaration for investment income</li> <li>Process of declaration for RSSB contributions</li> </ul>		

Produce print out a tax declaration Identify the method of tax payment	Interpret print out a declaration Describe the method of tax payment	Process of print out a declaration formThe method of tax payment:- E-payment- Bank transfer- Irembo- Mobile money- Etc	Skills Lab: In group discussion, invite a resource person from RSSB to share with students on the tax declaration and filing system then ask students to share the findings Group discussions and presentation by students		
Identify importance of filing system	Describe importance of filing system	Filing system         – Definition of filing         – Purposes of filing         – Methods of filing         – Advantages and disadvantages of methods of filing         – Essentials (or) characteristics of good filing system	presentation by students		
Assessment criteria: Ability to prepare tax declaration and payments of direct and indirect taxes         Link to other subject: Financial accounting, Auditing         Materials: Computer, Projector, Flip chart, Marker pen, Internet, Scanner, Printer, Papers					

Subject: TAXATION		S5		Option : ACCOUNTING
<b>Topic Area:</b> Taxes declaration, payments and administration		<b>Sub Topic:</b> Declaration, payments of fees, direct taxes, indirect taxes and administrations		
Unit 9: Tax administration				No. of periods: 14
Key Unit competence: Identify tax administration according to rules and regulations				
Learning objectives			Content	Teaching / Learning
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values		Activities
Explain the meaning of tax administration Conduct Recruitment, registration and de- registration Monitor Self-assessment and Payment	Identify the meaning of tax administration Follow the processes and procedures of registration and de- registration for an active registry Check the accuracy of all tax returns	Appreciate the effectiveness of tax administration Appreciate benefits of active registry Appreciate benefits of self- assessment tax system	Tax administration- Official mandate- Vision- Mission- Core values- Strategic objectivesDefinitions: recruitment, registration and de- registration- Registration procedures- De-registration procedures- Exit tax net auditFeatures of each type of tax returnModes of payment	Individually, students brainstorm on the tax administration then share findings Group discussions and presentation by students Students to discuss the benefits of self-assessment tax system in groups and presentation



Prepare Audit plan Enforce all taxes due	Track all audit cases in time Identify all pending arrears per age	Commit to revenue maximization Minimize arrears for good performance	Importance of audit function Types of audits Features of an effective audit plan Definition of tax arrears Debt classification Enforcement plan	Students to discuss different types of audits and presentation Students group discussions on enforcement procedures and presentation.
Assessment criteria: Ability to compute taxation of cross border activities				
Link to other subject: Financial accounting, Management accounting				
Materials: Computer, Projector, Flip chart, Marker pen, Internet, Scanner, Printer, Papers				

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### ANNEXES

### ANNEX 1. SUBJECTS AND WEEKLY TIME ALLOCATION FOR ACCOUNTING

Subject	Number of periods			
I Comerciality of the second	(Period= 40 minutes)			
I. Core subjects/compulsory: Examinable in National exams	S4	S5	<u>\$6</u>	
1. Financial Accounting	7	7	7	
2. Management Accounting	7	7	7	
3. Taxation	7	7		
4. Auditing			7	
5. General Studies and Communication Skills	3	3	3	
6. Subsidiary Mathematics	3	3	3	
7. Entrepreneurship	3	3	3	
8. English	3	3	3	
Sub-Total 1	33	33	33	
II. Core Subject examinable at School level				
9. ICT in Accounting	3	3	3	
10. Ikinyarwanda	3	3	3	
11. Physical Education and Sports	2	2	2	
12. French	3	3	3	
Sub-total 2	11	11	11	
III. Co-curricular activities (compulsory)	6	6	6	
Total number of contact periods per week	50	50	50	
Total number of contact hours/week	33.3	33.3	33.3	
Total number of contact hours per year (39 weeks)	1,300	1,300	1,300	

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# ANNEX 2.: TAXATION SUBJECT OVERVIEW

# Key unit competence /in terms of learning outcomes

Topics area	Sub topic Area	Key unit competence/in terms of learning outcomes		
		S4	S5	
Tax system in Rwanda	Legislation and procedures of tax system in Rwanda	Describe various Rwandan tax system legislation		
Laws related to business activities	Laws related to business activities	Apply laws related to business activities		
Direct taxes on income	The current taxation principles of personal income tax and corporate income tax	Compute employment income tax		
		Apply tax depreciation to produce tax liability		
		Compute the taxation of investment income		
		Compute the taxation of individual business profits	Compute corporate income tax	
	Taxation principles on withholding tax		Apply withholding taxes	
Payroll preparation	Prepare the payroll in normal circumstance	Prepare of payroll according to organizational policy		
	Retirement, occupation hazard benefit and dismissal compensation	Compute retirement, occupation hazard benefits and dismissal compensation		



Decentralized Taxes	Taxes and fees of decentralized entities	Compute taxes and fees collected by decentralized entities
Indirect taxes and Taxation of cross border activities	Customs and consumption tax	Compute the customs and consumption taxes
	Principles of VAT and VAT returns	Compute VAT payable and file return
		Use electronic billing machine
	Taxation of cross border activities	Compute taxation of cross border activities
Taxes Declaration ,payments and administration	Declaration ,payments of taxes and administration	Prepare taxes declaration and payment
		Identify tax administration according to rules and regulations

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