

Public finance

(MR-PUBFIN)

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Objective

This course highlights a broad spectrum of aspects relating to public finance, such as the nature and role of government, and government finance statistics and their role in the overall macroeconomic environment and public policy (including monetary policy).

Content

The following topics will be covered:

- Understanding the nature and role of government in the economy
 - Institutional characteristics of the public sector
 - Composition of public finance and budgeting
 - Revenue
 - Expenditure
 - Deficit
 - Financing and debt
- International standards for the public sector
 - Government finance statistics
 - Public-sector accounting reforms

- Government debt management
- Inter-governmental finances.

Target group

This modular course is intended for

- individuals who have attended the “Introduction to central banking” course or a similar programme;
- individuals with at least a few years’ experience in one of the line functions of a central bank;
- employees working in the public finance environment; and/or
- candidates who have enrolled for the Programme in Advanced International and Central Banking, a qualification offered by the University of South Africa (Unisa) in collaboration with the SARB College.

Format

This course involves formal lectures, group discussions, assignments and case studies as part of the intensive and rigorous training methodology.

