H&R Block To Hold Tax Courses in February 2016: Enrolments Open Now!

Looking to re-enter the workforce after a period away? Or maybe, you’re looking for a mid-life career change or a way to stay in the workforce part-time once you’ve retired?

If so, H&R Block, Australia’s largest group of tax accountants, may have the right opportunity for you.

Every year, H&R Block runs its Income Tax Course, offering a comprehensive overview of how to prepare an Australian tax return and also providing opportunities for future employment across Block’s network of 450 offices nationwide. H&R Block hires all its new tax consultants - around 600 last year - through this Income Tax Course.

The good news is that enrolments have now opened for the 2016 tax course and H&R Block is encouraging all those with an interest in starting a new, flexible and interesting career in tax to apply.

The 17 week course, beginning in mid-February, covers areas including:

- Tax theory
- Current tax laws relevant to individuals and small business
- Step-by-step skills to prepare tax returns
- Client communication skills and techniques

Classes are held across Australia at convenient neighbourhood locations, with instructors drawn from H&R Block’s experienced team of tax professionals. Depending on location, classes run during the day, in the evening and on Saturdays. Learning is delivered through a mixture of classroom instruction and web-based learning and activities.

The cost of the course itself is tax deductible to students, as a cost of managing their own tax affairs.

Edda Damilatis, Skills Development Manager at H&R Block and administrator of the Income Tax Course, has seen thousands of students pass through the course over the years and knows that for many, the course is a stepping stone to a future role within H&R Block.

She said “Many of those who complete the H&R Block Income Tax Course take up a role as a tax consultant in one of H&R Block’s 450 offices nationwide once they’ve graduated from the course. Others use the course as a stepping stone to other roles in the tax, accounting and finance professions.”

“For me, the best thing about this course is that we give so many people every year the chance to make a new start in their career, often in a line of work that might not previously have occurred to them. It isn’t necessary to have any specific prior knowledge or experience in Australian tax and it certainly isn’t necessary to come from a tax or accounting background. We teach our students from
the ground up, starting with the basics and leading to a comprehensive understanding of how to prepare a tax return.”

“Each year about 3,500 people take the course and the best of them will typically go on to work as a tax consultant in one of our offices. Over the years, many have moved into more senior roles in the organisation, often managing offices or whole districts. In short, if you’re motivated to succeed, our tax course can open the door to a bright career path!”

Registration for the H&R Block Income Tax Course opens on 1 December 2015. Applicants who register by 31 December 2015 will receive a special “early bird” $100 discount off the cost of the course fee.


Case Study: Just Do It!

Vannak Walton is a tax consultant/office manager at H&R Block’s Carrum Downs office. She took the Income Tax Course as a mum returning to work after bringing up three children.

“I was a stay at home mum with three young children” she says. “I was looking to get back into the workforce for work that was flexible and allowed me to be a mum and work at the same time.”

Having enrolled on the course, Vannak was impressed with the quality of the tuition. “The instructor was very supportive and the materials were very easy to follow”, she says. And best of all, “I loved getting out of the house and meeting my classmates and instructor every week”.

A high mark in the income tax course lead to a job interview for the tax consultant role. Vannak was successful and now enjoys her role at the Carrum Downs office. “I find it really good to work in the office”, she commented. “I love meeting new people and just chatting away, the work experience and I’m available for my children as well”.

So what advice would Vannak give to potential students? “If you’re thinking of taking the course, there’s no need to have a taxation or accounting background. If you like talking and meeting people, this is the course for you!”

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