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### Advance your tax knowledge with H&R Block tax courses from February 2016

The [H&R Block tax courses](#) commence in February 2016, offering possible employment with the tax firm and a comprehensive overview of how to prepare an Australian tax return, 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

The 17 week 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 participants and no prior knowledge of the Australian tax system is required. Indeed, the majority of course participants have no background in the tax and accounting professions, with participants coming from all walks of life including:

- Mothers returning to work after raising young children
- Semi-retirees who aren't ready to completely put their feet up
- Career changers looking for a new direction in their working life
- School and university leavers seeking a career in tax.

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. What I believe all course graduates find is that their new skills open doors to opportunities which simply wouldn't have been available before they did the course".

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