The double-entry system and the Accounting process

Study Unit 4

Study Unit 4: The double-entry system and the Accounting Process

The Double-entry system

Double-entry System

 We added an infographic on the double-entry system in Study Unit 2 (Lecture 7)

Go revise that... and the reasons we introduced it... before we carry on!

Study Unit 2: The Financial Position

Class Example: Tim's Garden Services (Double-entry system)

Class Example

Download the handouts for Tim's Garden Services I'm going to use this as a basis to explain how we
work with the double-entry system practically

Watch the video to see how you should think about the entries. I'll do the first few... you try the rest!

Class Example: Solution

 Follow with me as I talk you through the rest of the transactions for Tim's Garden Services. This practice will help consolidate your understanding

Watch out for learning these off-by-heart... you need to be able to think about these!

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The General Ledger

The General Ledger entries

- 'Posting'
- Groups of Accounts:
 - Asset accounts
 - Liability accounts
 - Equity accounts
 - Income accounts
 - Expense accounts

The General Ledger

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The General Ledger

2 March: Tim paid R500 to StationeryRUS for office stationery. He paid the amount from the business account

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2 Mar	Bank		500				

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				2 Mar	Stationery		500

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Debits and Credits

Debits and Credits

- What knowledge do we need to complete the General Ledger?
 - The elements of the AFS
 - Basic Accounting Equation
 - The debits and credits for each element

Debits & Credits

 The infographic shows you the rules of the debits and credits for each element of the AFS

Use this infographic to help you learn these rules

THEY ARE VITAL!

PRINT THEM... LEARN THEM... LOVE THEM!

Debits and Credits

- Debits and Credits are the terms we use to indicate the side of the General Ledger Account the transaction is to be recorded in
- Each element of the AFS have their own debit and credit rules
- You have to learn these well!

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General Ledger:

Multiple transactions in accounts

Multiple transactions

Additional note for discussion covered in the video

- With all the transactions that happen during the month, there will definitely be more than one transaction in some accounts
- Instead of opening new accounts for these transactions, we use the same account to capture them

Example

Additional example not covered in the video

- Tim's Garden Services:
 - 2 March: Tim paid R500 to StationeryRUS for office
 stationery. He paid the amount from the business account
 - 25 March: He paid R350 for paper and stationery from
 OfficeSupply from the business account

Example - Solution

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				2 Mar	Stationery		500
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General Ledger:

Closing off the Accounts

Closing-off: Income and Expenses

- Think of the debits and credits for Income and Expenses:
 - Revenue transactions are credited
 - Expense transactions are debited
- If there are only credits / debits in an account, then you just need a total

Closing-off: Income and Expenses

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2 Mar	Bank		500				
25 Mar	Bank		350				
			850				

Closing-off: Assets & Liabilities

- Think of the debits and credits for Assets & Liabilities:
 - Asset transactions are debited
 - Liability transactions are credited
- If there are only credits OR debits in an account, then you just need a total

BUT

Closing-off: Assets & Liabilities

- The Bank Account:
 - When cash from sales or capital is deposited, the bank account it debited
 - When expenses or liabilities are paid, the bank account is credited
- We need to close these accounts off slightly differently

Example

- Tim's Garden Services:
 - 2 March: Tim paid R500 to StationeryRUS for office
 stationery. He paid the amount from the business account
 - 7 March: Tim was paid R1 200 for services rendered
 - 25 March: He paid R350 for paper and stationery from
 OfficeSupply from the business account

Closing-off: Income and Expenses

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2 Mar	Bank		500				
25 Mar	Bank		350				
			850				

Dr Services Rendered Cr

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				7 Mar	Bank		1 200

Closing-off: Assets & Liabilities

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Fol</u>	Amount	<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Fol</u>	Amount
7 Mar	Services Rendered		1 200	2 Mar	Stationery		500
				25 Mar	Stationery		350
					Balance	c/d	350
			1 200				1 200
	Balance	b/d	350				

Study Unit 2: The Financial Position

Class Example: Tim's Garden Services (General Ledger)

Class Example

Download the handouts for Tim's Garden Services –
 we'll use this to practice our General Ledger postings

I'll do the first few... you try the rest using the blank GL format I've included!

Class Example: Solution

- Follow with me as I talk you through the rest of the transactions for Tim's Garden Services. This practice will help consolidate your understanding
- Also, consider what the information actually tells us about his business

Watch out for learning these off-by-heart... you need to be able to think about these!

Study Unit 4: The double-entry system and the Accounting Process

Trial Balance

What is a Trial Balance?

- Think of all the entries you've made in the General Ledger.
 - Every transaction should have a debit and a credit
 - Every account should affect the Basic Accounting Equation in the correct way
 - All the numbers should be entered properly and accurately
 - All the accounts should be closed off correctly, and have an accurate balance

What is a Trial Balance?

- Every debit has a credit...
 - If you've accounted for all these properly, and created all the accounts necessary...
 - If you add up the balances for all the accounts with debit balances,
 and all the accounts with credit balances... they should be the same!

This is what we use a Trial Balance for!

Remember our example...

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Closing-off: Income and Expenses

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Closing-off: Income and Expenses

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				2 Mar	Bank		1 200
					Balance		1 200

Closing-off: Assets & Liabilities

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Trial Balance for our example...

Account	Debit	Credit
Bank	350	
Services Rendered		1 200
Stationery	850	
	1 200	1 200

What if it doesn't balance?

- Check whether you have a debit and credit for every transaction
- Check your calculations and closing off calculations

If it balances... everything is perfect?

NO!

- What if you did create a credit for every debit, but you used the wrong account? (eg: you credited Salaries instead of Sales)
 - The TB can't tell you whether it's in the correct account
- What if you got the amount wrong, in both the debit AND credit? (ie: you posted R15 instead of R51 in both accounts)
 - The TB will still balance, but would still be wrong!

Trial Balance

- Checks whether you have applied the debit & credit rules properly
- Checks your calculations and accuracy
- Summarises all your account balances to help you prepare the Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income and the Statement of Financial Position

Study Unit 2: The Financial Position

Class Example: Tim's Garden Services (Trial Balance)

Class Example

 Download the handouts for Tim's Garden Services – let's use the GL we created for the transactions to create the Trial Balance

I'll do the Trial Balance without any 'sorting', as this is how we'd do it in exams

Class Example: Solution

 Also, consider what the information actually tells us about his business

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The Annual Financial Statements

Study Unit 2: The Financial Position

Class Example: Tim's Garden Services (Financial Statements)

Class Example

- Download the handouts for Tim's Garden Services –
 We've created the Trial Balance, now we can compile the Annual Financial Statements
- Use the blank AFS formats I've provided to attempt these yourself
 - I'll do the Statement of Profit or Loss and the Statement of Changes in Equity with you

Class Example: Solution

- Use the blank Statement of Financial Position format to complete the AFS, once we've got the Equity figure
- Learn the Notes to the AFS

Again, pay attention to headings and account names