

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Course Title:** Appropriations Law Seminar

**Course #:** 5111

**Duration:** 4 Days

**Delivery Method:** Instructor-led live classroom

**Alternative Delivery Methods:** Instructor-led online (synchronous)

## 1. What business or organizational need does this course address?

Discover how to steward federally appointed funds correctly in order to remain compliant with appropriations law requirements and avoid serious repercussions. By exploring the Government Accountability Office (GAO) *Principles of Federal Appropriations Law* (the *Red Book*), Volume I and part of Volume II, you will learn about the availability of federally appropriated funds. You'll delve into the three pillars—purpose, time, and amount—and will learn to apply the principles to avoid Antideficiency Act violations.

## 2. Who should attend?

This course is designed for everyone who deals with money in the federal government, including budget analysts, accountants, auditors, contracting officers, program managers, government purchase card holders and approving managers, and attorneys.

## 3. What will I learn how to do in this course?

- Identify and apply the basic concepts and principles of appropriations law
- Determine the correct course of action when funds need to be reprogrammed or transferred or when laws are in conflict or unclear
- Determine the legal availability of appropriations based on purpose, applying the Purpose Law and Necessary Expense Doctrine
- Determine the legal availability of appropriations based on time, applying the Bona Fide Needs Rule
- Determine the legal availability of appropriations based on amount, avoiding violations of the Antideficiency Act (ADA)
- Identify what constitutes a legal obligation and its impact on appropriations law principles
- Describe the unique considerations for a continuing resolution
- Identify the terms under which accountable officials may be granted relief from financial responsibility

## 4. What kinds of activities are included in this course?

Lecture, group discussion, case studies, and exam.

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## 5. Are there prerequisites for this course?

There are no prerequisites for this course.

## 6. Do I have to complete any prework for the course?

There is no prework required for this course.

## 7. Is this course applicable toward a professional certification?

This course applies towards the DoD FM Certification Program.

This course is a CP-11 Mandatory Course.

## 8. Does this course count for credit toward a Management Concepts Certificate Program?

This is a core course in the following program(s):

- [FFMCP Accounting Associate Track](#)
- [FFMCP Budgeting Associate Track](#)
- [FFMCP Financial Management Associate Track](#)
- [FFMCP Accounting Master Track](#)
- [FFMCP Budgeting Master Track](#)
- [FFMCP Financial Management Master Track](#)

This is an elective course in the following program(s):

- [FFMCP Auditing Master Track](#)

## 9. What credits do I earn by completing this course?

The following credits are available for this course:

NASBA CPEs: 32

NASBA Field of Study: Business Law

NASBA Level: Basic

CEUs: 2.5

PDUs: 28

CLPs: 32

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## 10. What course(s) do you recommend after I complete this course?

- [Federal Financial Management Overview](#)
- [The Legislative Process: Working with Congress](#)
- [Budgeting and Accounting: Making the Connection](#)
- [The Antideficiency Act](#)
- [Appropriations Law for Revolving Funds and Reimbursables](#)
- [Appropriations Law Refresher and Update](#)
- [Fiscal Law in DoD](#)

## 11. What are Additional Features?

Most courses and training solutions have **Additional Features** designed to help every learner master and retain the concepts explored in the course. You can see which Additional Features are added to this course on the course page under the **Learning Objectives & Additional Features** tab – and for a more detailed exploration of our Additional Features, you can visit [this web page](#).