

Frequently Asked Questions

Course Title: Purpose, Time, and Amount Mini Course

Course #: 5212

Duration: 2.5 hours

Delivery Method: Instructor-led live classroom

Alternative Delivery Methods: Instructor-led online (synchronous)

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

This 2.5-hour mini-course introduces the fundamental principles of appropriations law, providing a foundational understanding of the key responsibilities of fiscal stewardship. Participants explore the legal availability of appropriated funds based on purpose, time, and amount, equipping them with essential knowledge to uphold compliance and avoid violations of the Antideficiency Act.

2. Who should attend?

This course is ideal for federal employees responsible for budget management or financial oversight, and those who need a foundational understanding of fiscal stewardship and appropriations law compliance.

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

- Identify and apply the basic concepts and principles of appropriations law
- 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)

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

Lecture, discussion

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.

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7. Is this course applicable toward a professional certification?

No, this course is not applicable toward a professional certification. However, many Management Concepts courses do prepare you for professional certification programs. Click [here](#) to see a full list of professional certification programs that are supported by Management Concepts training courses.

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

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

The following credits are available for this course:

NASBA CPEs: 2.5

NASBA Field of Study: Business Law

NASBA Level: Basic

CEUs: 0.2

CLPs: 2.5

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

- [Appropriations Law Seminar](#)
- [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](#) (2–3 years after taking *Appropriations Law Seminar*)
- [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](#).