

**HKICPA Qualification Programme  
Module D Learning Pack**

**Summary of changes in fifth edition**

Examples and self-test questions have been added or replaced throughout the chapters.

Chapter in 4th edition		Main changes in 5th edition
Chapter	Chapter Name	
	All Chapters	
1	The tax system in Hong Kong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated DIPN and SOIPN tables</li> <li>• Updated on the tax measures proposed in 2015/16 Budget</li> <li>• Updated new CDTAs signed by Hong Kong</li> <li>• Updated amendments to IRO</li> <li>• Updated changes in stamp duty</li> <li>• Added updates on 'Islamic bonds' (alternative bond schemes), tax concession for captive insurers, Tax Information Exchange Agreement and exchange of information, and asset management</li> </ul>
2	Administrative procedures under the Inland Revenue Ordinance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No significant changes</li> </ul>
3	Hong Kong profits tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repositioned the section on 'taxation of financial instruments and foreign exchange differences: DIPN 42'</li> <li>• Added the 'taxation of specified alternative bond schemes and DIPN 50'</li> <li>• Added the 'unabsorbed loss from normal and concessionary trading receipts'</li> <li>• Added the 'qualifying business of insurance of offshore risks as an authorised captive insurer'</li> <li>• Further elaboration on 'loans claimed to be funded by offshore associates' and 'guarantee/underwriting fees' in the case of FI</li> <li>• Updated new CDTAs signed by Hong Kong</li> <li>• Updates status of tax cases</li> <li>• Added new Appendix 11 relating to alternative bond schemes</li> </ul>
4	Non-resident persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No significant changes</li> <li>• Updated new CDTAs signed by Hong Kong</li> </ul>
5	Hong Kong salaries tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated the maximum annual tax deduction for MPF contributions for 2014/15 and 2015/16</li> <li>• Updated the personal allowance and tax relief for 2014/15 and 2015/16</li> </ul>
6	Hong Kong property tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No significant changes</li> </ul>
7	Personal assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No significant changes</li> </ul>

8	Hong Kong stamp duty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further elaboration on 'ad valorem duty on immovable properties'</li> <li>• Further elaboration on 'special stamp duty on immovable properties'</li> <li>• Added 'buyer's stamp duty on immovable properties'</li> <li>• Added 'relief for alternative bond schemes'</li> <li>• Further elaboration on 'time limit and person liable for stamping'</li> <li>• Updated SOIPNs</li> </ul>
9	Introduction to tax planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added 'residence provided by an employer or associated corporation'</li> <li>• Added a court case on ss. 15(1)(m) and 15A</li> <li>• Further elaboration on 'purchase and sale of immovable property'</li> <li>• Further elaboration on 'purchase and sale of shares or assets of a business'</li> </ul>
10	Tax investigation and field audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No significant changes</li> </ul>
11	Tax compliance and tax advisory services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No significant changes</li> </ul>
12	Double taxation arrangements and agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added the 4<sup>th</sup> protocol to China-HK DTA</li> <li>• Added Tax Information Exchange Agreement</li> <li>• Added a new table summarizing CDTAs that have recently been gazetted / put into force</li> </ul>
13	Overview of China tax system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added non-creditable input VAT</li> <li>• Added the latest evolution of the VAT reform programme</li> <li>• Added VAT exemption for cross-border services</li> <li>• Added IIT tax rate table</li> <li>• Added the details of anti-avoidance measures</li> </ul>