

Business Tax

Skills and Knowledge Test

REPORT

Scott Harris

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BUSINESS TAX TEST REPORT

Introduction

The Business Tax Test is designed for those who are being employed for positions preparing and reviewing Federal tax returns for business, and working as tax accountants, tax preparers, tax associates and up to tax managers. In general terms the test should be appropriate for positions where an employer is looking for at least 1 tax season of experience. Different competency levels assessed within the test allow for the wide range of abilities and responsibilities of Tax Advisors.

Context

This report is generated from the candidate's responses to 40 questions covering Entities and Basis, Deductions and Credits, Income (Gains and Losses), Returns and Calculations the level expected of competent Tax Advisors. Questions are divided into 3 Levels of Competency based on levels set by a Tax Specialist expert group. Questions are limited to Federal Tax.

Waiver and Limitations

Accountests reports are an indicator of Tax Advisors knowledge and skills only. These tools work at their best in conjunction with competency based interview questions to both the candidate and their referees, personality profiles, and ability tests to reach a strong decision on whether to appoint the candidate into a role. Because successful candidate selection is based on personality and ability as well as skills and knowledge, Accountests Ltd accepts no responsibility for selection or other decisions made using this tool and cannot be held liable for the consequences of doing so.

Test Proctoring Reports

All tests are proctored and will produce a report, available at the completion of the test. You can access these proctoring reports by logging in to the testing platform and selecting the 'Manage Remote Proctoring' tile. For more information on proctoring see our [website](#).

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TEST RESULT – COMPETENCY COMPARISON

LEVEL 1 12 Questions



Scott Harris scored 83% in Level 1 competency

If your candidate scored above 75% at Level 1, as an employer you should expect the candidate can prepare a simple return without help. Their work would still need to be reviewed carefully. This level of competency might be expected of someone with one or two tax seasons experience. Unless this candidate is also competent at Level 2 you should ensure any tax returns are fully reviewed before you rely on them.

LEVEL 2 18 Questions



Scott Harris scored 72% in Level 2 competency

If your candidate scored above 75% at Level 2, they should be able to prepare returns with some complexity without help. This level of competency might be expected of someone with 3 or 4 tax seasons of experience.

LEVEL 3 10 Questions



Scott Harris scored 50% in Level 3 competency

If your candidate scored above 75% at Level 3, they can prepare complex returns without assistance. Other than for good risk management practices their work should not need to be reviewed. This level of competency might be expected of someone with 5+ years of experience.

Important Note: Questions in the assessment were reviewed by an expert group of experienced bookkeepers. The competency levels were set by the expert group using Delphi Qualitative Analysis, a recognised and statistically valid methodology. However there is an inherent variability in candidate performance in different bookkeeping skills areas, and therefore some judgement is required.

Accountests is available to assist in test interpretation. -

ANALYSIS BY TOPIC

Entities & Basis

TOTAL SCORE SUMMARY



LEVEL 1 2 Questions (100%)



2 Correct (100%)

0 Incorrect (0%)

A high proportion of correct answers at Level 1 indicates a candidate should be able to prepare a simple return without help. Their work would still need to be reviewed carefully.

LEVEL 2 4 Questions (100%)



3 Correct (75%)

1 Incorrect (25%)

A high proportion of correct answers at Level 2 indicates a candidate should be able to prepare returns with some complexity without help. Their work would still require review.

LEVEL 3 2 Questions (100%)



2 Correct (100%)

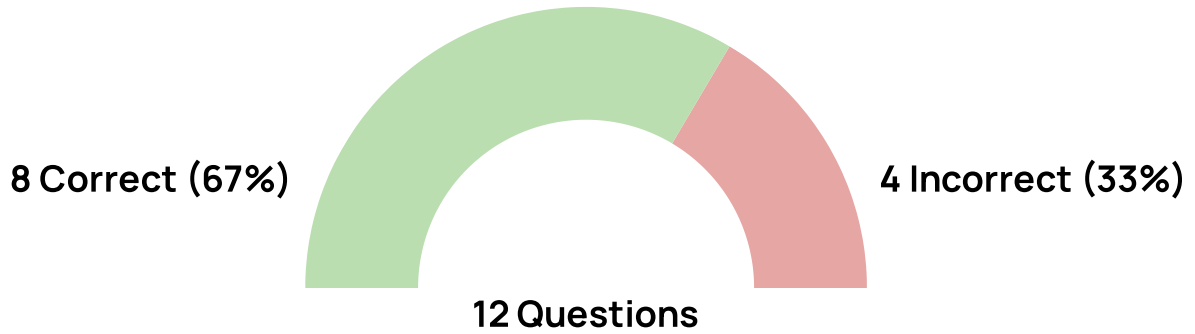
0 Incorrect (0%)

A high proportion of correct answers at Level 3 indicates a candidate should be able to prepare complex returns without assistance. Other than for good risk management practices their work should not need to be reviewed.

ANALYSIS BY TOPIC

Deductions and Credits

TOTAL SCORE SUMMARY



LEVEL 1

4 Questions (100%)



3 Correct (75%)

1 Incorrect (25%)

A high proportion of correct answers at Level 1 indicates a candidates should be able to prepare a simple return without help. Their work would still need to be reviewed carefully.

LEVEL 2

5 Questions (100%)



4 Correct (80%)

1 Incorrect (20%)

A high proportion of correct answers at Level 2 indicates a candidate should be able to demonstrates prepare returns with some complexity without help. Their work would still require review

LEVEL 3

3 Questions (100%)



1 Correct (33%)

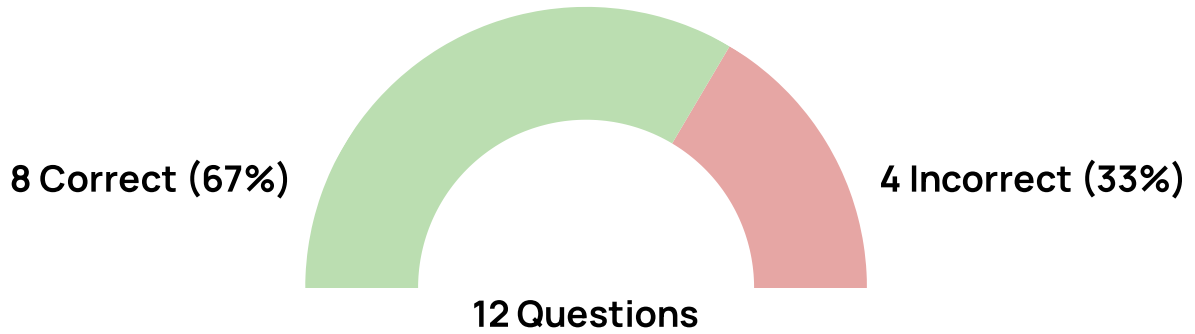
2 Incorrect (67%)

A high proportion of correct answers at Level 3 indicates a candidate should be able to demonstrates prepare complex returns without assistance. Other than for good risk management practices their work should not need to be reviewed.

ANALYSIS BY TOPIC

Income Gains & Losses

TOTAL SCORE SUMMARY



LEVEL 1

4 Questions (100%)



3 Correct (75%)

1 Incorrect (25%)

A high proportion of correct answers at Level 1 indicates a candidate should be able to prepare a simple return without help. Their work would still need to be reviewed carefully.

LEVEL 2

5 Questions (100%)



4 Correct (80%)

1 Incorrect (20%)

A high proportion of correct answers at Level 2 indicates a candidate should be able to prepare returns with some complexity without help. Their work would still require review.

LEVEL 3

3 Questions (100%)



1 Correct (33%)

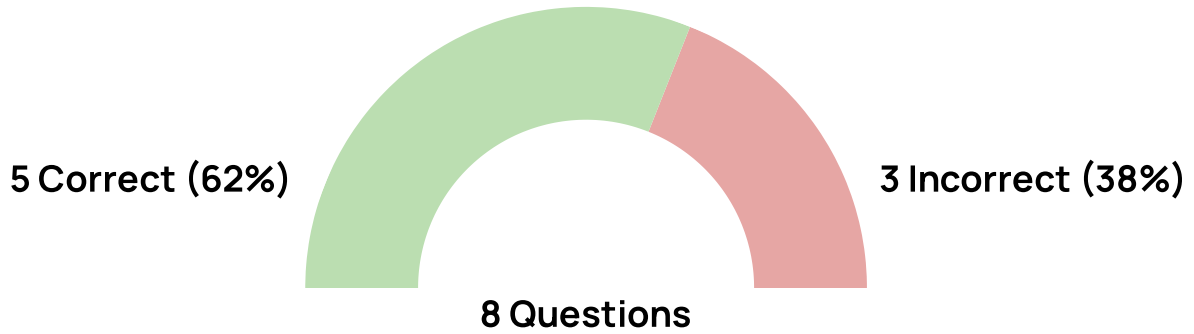
2 Incorrect (67%)

A high proportion of correct answers at Level 3 indicates a candidate should be able to prepare complex returns without assistance. Other than for good risk management practices their work should not need to be reviewed

ANALYSIS BY TOPIC

Returns and Calculations

TOTAL SCORE SUMMARY



LEVEL 1 2 Questions (100%)

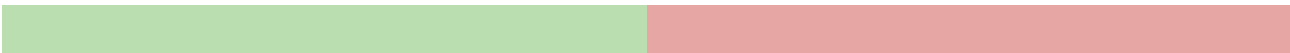


2 Correct (100%)

0 Incorrect (0%)

A high proportion of correct answers at Level 1 indicates a candidate should be able to prepare a simple return without help. Their work would still need to be reviewed carefully.

LEVEL 2 4 Questions (100%)

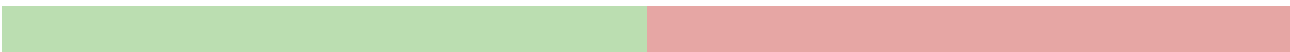


2 Correct (50%)

2 Incorrect (50%)

A high proportion of correct answers at Level 2 indicates a candidate should be able to prepare returns with some complexity without help. Their work would still require review.

LEVEL 3 2 Questions (100%)



1 Correct (50%)

1 Incorrect (50%)

A high proportion of correct answers at Level 3 indicates a candidate should be able to prepare complex returns without assistance. Other than for good risk management practices their work should not need to be reviewed





















RESULTS OVERVIEW

correct =  incorrect =  omitted = 

Q#	Question Detail	Topic	Difficulty	A
1	Taxing of corporations	Entities & Basis	Level 1	
2	Basis for depreciation	Entities & Basis	Level 1	
3	Criteria for entity election	Entities & Basis	Level 2	
4	S-Corporation allocations	Entities & Basis	Level 2	
5	Tax treatment of trade-in	Entities & Basis	Level 2	
6	Basis calculation	Entities & Basis	Level 2	
7	Sharing of partnership interests	Entities & Basis	Level 3	
8	Basis in new asset	Entities & Basis	Level 3	
9	Prepayments under cash accounting	Deductions and Credits	Level 1	
10	Entertainment expenses	Deductions and Credits	Level 1	
11	Mileage rate deductions	Deductions and Credits	Level 1	
12	Depreciation start dates	Deductions and Credits	Level 1	
13	Employee bonus accruals	Deductions and Credits	Level 2	
14	Set up costs	Deductions and Credits	Level 2	
15	Charitable contributions	Deductions and Credits	Level 2	
16	Business goodwill treatment	Deductions and Credits	Level 2	
17	Deductible repairs	Deductions and Credits	Level 2	
18	Loss flow through	Deductions and Credits	Level 3	
19	Capitalization of costs	Deductions and Credits	Level 3	
20	Trust distributions	Deductions and Credits	Level 3	

RESULTS OVERVIEW

correct =  incorrect =  omitted = 

Q#	Question Detail	Topic	Difficulty	A
21	Payments other than in cash	Income Gains & Losses	Level 1	
22	Stock buy back	Income Gains & Losses	Level 1	
23	Cash basis income timing	Income Gains & Losses	Level 1	
24	Taxable gain on sale calculation	Income Gains & Losses	Level 1	
25	Asset exchanges	Income Gains & Losses	Level 2	
26	Employee stock plans	Income Gains & Losses	Level 2	
27	Tax status of distributions to shareholders	Income Gains & Losses	Level 2	
28	Using capital losses	Income Gains & Losses	Level 2	
29	Calculate share of partnership income	Income Gains & Losses	Level 2	
30	Capital gain calculation	Income Gains & Losses	Level 3	
31	Tax treatment of rental income	Income Gains & Losses	Level 3	
32	Dividends received deduction	Income Gains & Losses	Level 3	
33	Filing deadlines	Returns and Calculations	Level 1	
34	Filing requirements for contractors	Returns and Calculations	Level 1	
35	Installment tax payments	Returns and Calculations	Level 2	
36	Reconcile book to tax income	Returns and Calculations	Level 2	
37	Income tax rates	Returns and Calculations	Level 2	
38	Identify trust characteristics	Returns and Calculations	Level 2	
39	Restricted stock options	Returns and Calculations	Level 3	
40	Estate distribution calculation	Returns and Calculations	Level 3	

INTERPRETING RESULTS

Interpreting Test Scores

The following information provides a guide on how to interpret the results of a candidates test.

Overall Scores

An overview of test performance at each level provides a summary of how many questions your candidate completed in the allocated time of 40 minutes, how many they got correct, incorrect and the number of questions omitted. We have deliberately not included a summary of the candidate performance across the whole test as this does not add to understanding of their competency at any particular Level.

Omitted Questions

Attention should be paid to the number of questions omitted. Because the test is timed, questions are omitted where a candidate chooses to skip a question and also where they run out of time. To determine whether your candidate ran out of time, look at the cover page to see the time they took to complete the test. If the time is 40:00, then the candidate was still working on the test when their time expired.

Tax Topics

For each of the four Tax Topics in this test, you can see the number of questions the candidate answered correctly, incorrectly and questions omitted. Each topic is broken down into Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 questions to identify the skill and knowledge level your candidate possesses in that topic. A description of likely capabilities at each level is also provided. Interpreting your candidate's performance against each topic is achieved by looking where their number of incorrect questions increases. In a Income example, a candidate with a very high number of correct Level 1 Questions, half of the Level 2 Questions correct and none of the Level 3 Questions correct is likely to be able to work competently at Level 1 only.

Individual Questions

The most detailed level of the report lists all 40 questions topics, whether they were answered correctly, incorrectly or omitted, allowing selection panels to drill down to explore particular elements of tax advisory most important to their organisation, and their candidate's performance against each of those questions.

FURTHER SUPPORT

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