MANAGE FINANCIAL OPERATIONS UNIT CODE: BUS/BM/CR/06/6

Unit Description

This unit specifies the competencies required to manage financial operations of an organization. It involves preparing organization financial plan and budget, establishing corporate governance structure, monitoring implementation of budgets and analyzing of variances, managing working capital, preparing financial statements, analyzing financial statements and preparing performance report.

ELEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

| Element | Performance Criteria |
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| These describe the | These are assessable statements which |
| key outcomes which | specify the required level of |
| make up workplace | performance for each of the elements. |
| function. | Bold and italicized terms are |
| | elaborated in the Range |
| 1. Prepare an | 1.1 <i>Organizational data</i> is identified |
| organization | according to SOP |
| financial plan | 1.2 Financial targets are identified in |
| | accordance with strategic plan |
| | 1.3 Financial planning committee is |
| | formulated based on the |
| | organization finance policy. |
| | 1.4 Financial estimates are received |
| | based on the organization budget |
| | manual. |

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| | 1.5 Business alternatives plans are |
| | reviewed according to organization |
| | objectives and policy. |
| | 1.6 Financial plan is developed based |
| | on the organization strategic plans. |
| | 1.7 Report is prepared based on the |
| | financial plan |
| 2. Prepare | 2.1 Budgets estimates are received by |
| organization | functional managers according to |
| budgets | organization's policies |
| | 2.2 Budget committee is formed as per |
| | organizational policies |
| | 2.3 Functional budgets are prepared as |
| | per organizational budgeting |
| | procedures |
| | 2.4 <i>Master budget</i> is prepared as per |
| | organization strategic plans |
| | 2.5 Budgets are reviewed and |
| | adjustments are made according to |
| | budget manual. |
| | 2.6 Budgets are presented for approval |
| | according to organization budget |
| | policy. |

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| | 2.7 Budget are implemented in |
| | accordance to organizational plan |
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| 3. Establish | 3.1 Operating and financial plans are |
| corporate | reviewed and approved based on |
| governance | the corporate strategies |
| structures | 3.2 Organization's financial reporting |
| | and auditing functions are |
| | implemented based on the financial |
| | reporting and audit standards. |
| | 3.3 Organization's compensation |
| | programs are evaluated based on the |
| | labor laws and human resource |
| | policies. |
| | 3.4 Organization's systems are |
| | evaluated to manage the risk in |
| | accordance with risk management |
| | policy |
| | 3.5 Corporate governance structure is |
| | developed based on the strategic |
| | plan. |

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| | 3.6 Report is prepared based on |
| | Corporate governance structure |
| 4. Monitor | 4.1 Actual and budgeted results are |
| implementation | reviewed based on the |
| of budgets and | organizational policies |
| analyze | 4.2 <i>Variances</i> are generated based on |
| variance | budget procedures |
| | 4.3 Variances are analyzed as per |
| | operational plans |
| | 4.4 Variance report is prepared as per |
| | budget procedures |
| | 4.5 Corrective action is taken according |
| | to budget procedures |
| | 4.6 Follow up on budgetary |
| | implementation and corrective |
| | action is carried out based on budget |
| | procedures |
| 5. Manage | 5.1 Working capital policies are made |
| working capital | based on the organizational |
| | requirements |
| | 5.2 Inventory is managed according to |
| | inventory procedures. |
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| | 5.3 Procurement is carried out according |
| | to procurement procedures and |
| | regulations |
| | 5.4 Payables and liabilities are settled |
| | according to payment procedures. |
| | 5.5 Receivables are managed according |
| | to organization credit policy. |
| | 5.6 Cash and cash equivalents are |
| | managed according to cash |
| | management policies. |
| | 5.7 Working capital is monitored based |
| | on the working capital procedures. |
| | 5.8 <i>Corrective</i> action is taken according |
| | to SOPs |
| 6. Prepare | 6.1 <i>Financial information</i> is obtained |
| financial | from financial records. |
| statements | 6.2 Income Statement is prepared based |
| | on the income and expenditure |
| | 6.3 Statement of financial position is |
| | prepared based on assets, liabilities and capital |
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| | 6.4 Statement of cash flow is prepared |
| | as per the financial reporting |
| | standards |
| 7. Analyze | 7.1 <i>Financial Statements</i> are obtained |
| financial | as per organizational policy |
| statements | 7.2 Financial statement are analyzed as |
| | per SOPs |
| | 7.3 Trends are determined and |
| | interpreted based on financial ratios |
| | 7.4 Corrective action is taken in |
| | accordance with strategic plan |
| 8. Prepare annual | 8.1 Organization strategies are reported |
| performance | as per the strategic plan. |
| report | 8.2 Organization financial statements |
| | are reported as per the financial |
| | reporting and audit guidelines. |
| | 8.3 Quality of the firm's financial |
| | statements is assessed based on the |
| | financial ratios. |
| | 8.4 Contingencies and risks are reported |
| | based on the SOP |
| | 8.5 Prospects of the organization are |
| | reported according to strategic plan. |

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| | 8.6 Annual performance report is |
| | prepared based on the standard |
| | operating procedures. |

RANGE

This section provides work environments and conditions to which the performance criteria apply. It allows for different work environment and situations that will affect performance.

| Variable | Range |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| | May include but not limited to: |
| 1. Organization | 1.1 Revenue/sales |
| data | 1.2 Purchase |
| | 1.3 Production |
| | 1.4 Labor |
| | 1.5 Expenditure |
| 2. Functional | 2.1 Marketing |
| manager | 2.2 Production |
| | 2.3 Procurement |
| | 2.4 Chief finance officer |
| | 2.5 Human resource |
| | 2.6 Research and development |

| Variable | Range |
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| | May include but not limited to: |
| 3. Functional | 3.1 Sales budget |
| budgets | 3.2 Production budget |
| | 3.3 Purchases budget |
| | 3.4 Cash budget |
| | 3.5 Expenditure budget |
| | 3.6 Production cost budget |
| 4. Master budget | 4.1 Forecasted income statement |
| | 4.2 Forecasted Statement of financial |
| | position (Balance sheet) |
| 5. Financial | 5.1 Income statements |
| statements | 5.2 Balance sheet (statement of financial |
| | position) |
| | 5.3 Statement of cash flow |
| 6. Variances | 6.1 Sales volume |
| | 6.2 Cost |
| | 6.3 Price |
| | 6.4 Efficiency |
| 7. Working capital | 7.1 Inventory |
| | 7.2 Accounts receivable |
| | 7.3 Accounts payable |
| | 7.4 Cash and bank |
| | 7.5 Short term investments |
| | 7.6 Accruals |
| | 7.7 Prepayments |
| 8. Payables and | 8.1 Trade payables |
| liabilities | 8.2 Accrued expenses |
| | 8.3 Dividends |

| Variable | Range |
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| | May include but not limited to: |
| | 8.4 Interest |
| | 8.5 Income tax |
| 9. Financial | 9.1 Manual records |
| accounting | 9.2 Computerized |
| 10. Working | 10.1 Inventory (Stocks) |
| capital | 10.2 Accounts receivable (Debtors) |
| | 10.3 Bank |
| | 10.4 Cash |
| | 10.5 Accounts payable |
| 11. Actual and | 11.1 Income |
| budgeted results | 11.2 Expenditure |
| 12. Financial ratios | 12.1 Gross profit margin |
| | 12.2 Gross profit mark-up |
| | 12.3 Current ratio |
| | 12.4 Acid test Ratio |
| | 12.5 Debtors turnover |
| | 12.6 Creditors turnover |
| | 12.7 Rate of stock turnover |

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit of competency.

Required Skills

The individual needs to demonstrate the following skills:

Planning

- Analytical
- Interpretation
- Attention to detail
- Decision making
- Reporting
- Communication
- Problem solving
- Mathematical

Required Knowledge

The individual needs to demonstrate knowledge of:

- Auditing
- Risk management
- Resource mobilization
- Financial and asset management
- Record keeping
- (Computerized)Financial accounting
- Financial management
- Computer applications
- Budget and budgetary control
- Ratio analysis
- Working capital
- Corporate governance

EVIDENCE GUIDE

This provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge and range.

| 1. Critical aspects | Assessment requires evidence that the |
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| _ | candidate: |
| of competency | |
| | 1.1 Prepared an organization financial |
| | plan |
| | 1.2 Prepared operational budgets |
| | 1.3 Established corporate governance |
| | structures |
| | 1.4 Analyzed variances between actual |
| | performance and budgeted estimates |
| | 1.5 Managed working capital |
| | 1.6 Recorded financial transactions |
| | 1.7 Prepared financial statements |
| | 1.8 Analyzed and interpreted financial |
| | statements |
| | 1.9 Prepared annual organization |
| | performance report |
| 2. Resource | The following resources must be |
| implications | provided: |
| | 2.1 Assessment center |
| | 2.2 Financial templates |
| | 2.3 Business documents |
| | 2.4 Candidate reports |
| | 2.5 Laptop/projector |
| 3. Methods of | Competency may be assessed through: |
| assessment | 3.1 Observation |
| | 3.2 Written |
| | 3.3 Oral |

| | | 3.4 Third party report |
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| | | 3.5 Case study |
| 4. | Context of | Competency may be assessed: |
| | assessment | 4.1 On the job |
| | | 4.2 Off the job |
| | | 4.3 In work placement (in industrial |
| | | placement) |
| | | Off the job assessment must be |
| | | undertaken in a closely simulated |
| | | workplace environment |
| 5. | Guidance | Holistic assessment with other units |
| | Information for | relevant to the industry sector, workplace |
| | Assessment | and job roles is recommended. |