Standard Costing & Variance Analysis Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	ACCOUNTING & FINANCE	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand principles of standard costing and cost behavior analysis
2. Apply variance analysis techniques in real business environments
3. Develop budgeting and forecasting accuracy using standard cost systems
4. Analyze material, labor, and overhead variances effectively
5. Improve cost control and financial performance measurement
6. Interpret favorable and unfavorable variances for decision-making
7. Enhance managerial reporting and financial accountability
8. Implement cost reduction strategies using variance insights
9. Strengthen budgeting systems in manufacturing and service industries
10. Improve profitability through cost optimization techniques
11. Develop analytical skills for financial planning and control
12. Integrate ERP and accounting systems with cost accounting methods
13. Support strategic business decisions using variance reporting tools

Organizational Benefits

- Improved cost efficiency and reduced wastage
- Enhanced profitability through better cost control
- Strengthened financial transparency and accountability
- Improved budgeting accuracy and forecasting reliability
- Better performance measurement across departments
- Increased competitiveness in global markets
- Improved resource allocation and utilization
- Enhanced strategic decision-making capability
- Reduced operational risks and financial leakages
- Stronger alignment between finance and operations teams

Target Audiences

- Finance Managers and Analysts
- Accountants and Auditors
- Cost Accountants and Controllers
- Business Owners and Entrepreneurs
- Operations and Production Managers
- Supply Chain and Procurement Professionals
- Management Accounting Students
- Financial Planning and Analysis (FP&A) Teams

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Standard Costing Systems

- Overview of standard costing principles
- Importance of cost control in organizations
- Difference between actual and standard costs
- Setting up standard cost systems
- Case Study: Toyota Production System cost efficiency model
- Global Case Study: Walmart cost leadership strategy

Module 2: Material Cost Variance Analysis

- Understanding material cost standards
- Calculation of material price variance
- Material usage variance analysis
- Causes of material cost fluctuations
- Case Study: Unilever raw material cost optimization
- Global Case Study: Apple supply chain material control

Module 3: Labor Cost Variance Analysis

- Labor rate variance calculation
- Labor efficiency variance techniques
- Productivity measurement methods
- Workforce cost optimization strategies
- Case Study: Samsung labor productivity improvement
- Global Case Study: BMW manufacturing efficiency model

Module 4: Overhead Variance Analysis

- Fixed and variable overhead costing
- Overhead spending variance analysis
- Overhead efficiency variance techniques
- Absorption costing application
- Case Study: Amazon warehouse overhead optimization
- Global Case Study: DHL logistics cost structure analysis

Module 5: Budgeting and Forecasting Techniques

- Types of budgeting systems
- Flexible budgeting methods
- Forecasting accuracy improvement techniques
- Budget variance analysis
- Case Study: Coca-Cola global budgeting system
- Global Case Study: Microsoft financial planning model

Module 6: Performance Evaluation Using Variance Analysis

- Key performance indicators in cost accounting
- Financial performance measurement tools
- Departmental variance reporting
- Decision-making using variance data
- Case Study: Nestlé cost performance optimization
- Global Case Study: Tesla production cost analysis

Module 7: Advanced Cost Control Strategies

- Cost reduction methodologies
- Lean accounting principles
- Activity-based costing integration
- Strategic cost management tools
- Case Study: IKEA cost efficiency model
- Global Case Study: Toyota lean manufacturing system

Module 8: Integrated Financial Reporting & ERP Systems

- ERP systems in cost accounting
- Automated variance reporting tools
- Financial dashboards and analytics
- Data-driven cost decision-making
- Case Study: Oracle ERP financial integration
- Global Case Study: SAP cost management solutions

Training Methodology

- Interactive instructor-led sessions
- Real-world case study analysis
- Group discussions and teamwork exercises
- Practical financial modeling activities
- Excel-based variance calculation workshops
- Industry simulation exercises
- Q&A and problem-solving sessions

- Assessment-based learning evaluation

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500

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