

DiVE

Diploma in VAT Excellence



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What is DiVE?

The Diploma in VAT Excellence (DiVE) is a course spanning a period of 10-months, elevating Value Added Tax knowledge to the level of a VAT expert, with an emphasis on the Cyprus VAT legislation.

The world of VAT requires dedication and knowledge to tackle the complexities of the legislation. Attending a seminar, conference or a short course may be enlightening to an extent, but is certainly not sufficient as a basis for providing VAT advice or offering VAT compliance services. The purpose of DiVE is to allow individuals and/or businesses to invest in a solid foundation on which they can then offer or apply the knowledge gained to service their own VAT requirements or those of their clients.

The course is held from September to June and is taught by Chelco VAT International Academy Lead Instructor, Alexis Tsielepis, as well as guest VAT experts from Cyprus and abroad.



The course includes:

- Detailed analysis of the VAT Directive, and how certain provisions have been transposed in the Cyprus VAT legislation;
- Detailed analysis of 50 key VAT judgments of the European Court of Justice;
- 1-on-1 workshops that offer the best personalised learning environment;
- Free participation for all seminars/webinars and events hosted by the Chelco VAT International Academy during the period of their registration;
- A 3-hour written and a 1-hour oral examination at the end of the course;
- Successful candidates receive the Diploma in VAT Excellence, issued by the Chelco VAT International Academy.

Topics analysed as part of the course:

- ✓ Taxable person
- ✓ Taxable transactions
- ✓ Place of supply
- ✓ Taxable amount
- ✓ Time of supply
- ✓ Exemptions
- ✓ Deductions
- ✓ Obligation to pay VAT
- ✓ VAT rates
- ✓ Tour Operator Margin Scheme (TOMS)
- ✓ Margin scheme for second hand goods (including art and vehicles)
- ✓ Capital goods scheme
- ✓ One Stop Shop (OSS) and Import One Stop Shop (IOSS)
- ✓ Formalities (declarations, invoicing, books and records)

Training may take place through a mixture of face-to-face sessions and online learning.
The official language of the diploma is English. Places are limited to 10 persons.



Where are the classes held?

The venue is normally the Columbia Plaza Venue Centre in Limassol although there may be days where the venue is moved to Nicosia or elsewhere.

Fees:

€7.200* + VAT	Normal Registration
€6.000* + VAT	Early Registration

* Invoiced in 3 equal instalments.

The Instructor:

Alexis Tsielepis, BSc, FCA
Managing Director, Chelco VAT Ltd

Alexis is widely considered as the foremost expert on VAT in Cyprus. With 20 years of experience in VAT strategic consulting, he advises businesses on international VAT matters and lectures at local and international VAT conferences.



Alexis possesses an extensive vocational and educational experience in European VAT and a detailed comprehension of EU VAT matters and decisions of the European Court of Justice. He has served on various committees charged with tax matters and his work includes liaising with the Cyprus and EU tax authorities on policymaking. He also represents VAT Forum on the prestigious VAT Expert Group (VEG) of the European Commission.

Alexis is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), and holds the Expert in European VAT Degree, which he earned with the highest grade ever awarded in the history of the coveted diploma. He is the co-founder and Vice-Chairman of the Cyprus VAT Association (CYVA) and a Partner and Director of the VAT Forum in Belgium. He is also a Certified Vocational Trainer with ANAD.



TESTIMONIALS

Reviews from DiVE graduates



"DiVE is by far the best professional training course available in Cyprus. I personally recommend this course to all professionals in the law profession. A powerful tool in our arsenal at all stages of a commercial transaction...."

Angelos Onisiforou
Senior Associate - Patrikios Pavlou & Associates LLC

"DiVE is hands down the best professional course I have attended and to anyone who really wants to understand VAT, I would say: Just DiVE!"

Stefanos Georgiades
Director - Stratus Associates Ltd

"Alexis Tsielepis has the knowledge, he is willing to share it and he is certainly able to do so. He is also an inspiration, a good person to be around and he can make the journey enjoyable."

Maria Mylona-Michaelides
Head of Financial Services - Sfertos Management Ltd

"I can think of only one person that has the pure knowledge and passion to teach VAT and this is Alexis Tsielepis. For me, he is my VAT super hero, VATMAN!"

Nicholas Shiakallis
Director - Computantis Services Ltd

"The only way to obtain a comprehensive understanding of VAT legislation to the level of a true expert is to DiVE! I now feel confident to deal with VAT cases that I face daily on a personal and professional level. Definitely recommended."

George Katsoudas
Head of Accounting Department - M. Target Business Consultants Ltd



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