

Specialist Course - Finance and Risk

The following details a brief outline of the objective of the course, who should attend, general comments on the course, length of course, the course content and likely presenters.

Objective

To increase the Directors understanding of the financial statements, financial information and risk management and the role of Directors in this.

Outcome

At the end of the course a successful participant will:

- Be capable of understanding to the level of sign off without undue fear of liability, the essential certificates and reports required by the Board (Annual accounts, solvency certificate)
- Be capable of providing an assessment of the basic performance of the company and its financial health using an orthodox method such as EVA ;
- Be capable of assessing the proposed levels and type of disclosure which a board is required to consider in terms of the law, the shareholders and relevant stakeholders.

Who should attend?

This course is aimed at either those Directors who are not strongly financially literate or necessarily have had exposure to risk management, or those Directors who wish to re-familiarise themselves in these areas.

General Comments

Overall, this combined finance and risk management session offers a good combination of theory as well as a number of practical case studies on New Zealand companies including a recent topical NZX Company.

This module is taken from one of the day sessions that TBPL conducts as part of the University of Otago / TBPL Executive Education Course on Corporate Governance and the University of Otago / TBPL IBM training course and has received consistent outstanding high ratings on evaluation from all participants.

Length of Course

One day.

Content

Sessions will cover:

- *Finance*
This module begins by considering the governance role of Directors in terms of creating shareholder value (the performance aspect) and meeting legal requirements for financial disclosure (the compliance aspect). A few techniques will be used in analysing and interpreting financial statements including EVA and MVA.
- *Finance / Legal*
This module covers the legal requirements regarding disclosure of financial information including the coverage of the particular responsibility imposed on Directors by the solvency provisions of the Companies Act 1993. This session also discusses the roles

of the auditor and audit committee and their relationship to Directors in the corporate governance framework.

- *Risk Management*

This module will identify the key corporate objectives of risk management and risk monitoring as well as covering the practical aspects of what Directors need to know about IT and IT projects as put forward by management. The module will also provide an understanding of the strategic and financial results of decisions taken with particular reference to the firm's competitors in the marketplace.