



# FAST Level 1 Certification Course

## Learn how to build structured, flexible and transparent financial models

The FAST Standard has been developed by professional financial modellers across the globe, setting out consistent guidelines for building well-structured financial models.



Our accredited, intensive, two-day FAST Level 1 Course provides the opportunity to gain certification in this recognised financial-modelling approach.





# Clarity Bespoke Excel Training



Our accredited Level 1 course will teach you how to apply the FAST Standard to your Excel spreadsheets, and culminates with the FAST Level 1 Certification exam.

## Why should I take this course?

It's a highly effective way of increasing efficiency and reducing risk in the production of your financial models.

Studies have found that up to 95% of Excel spreadsheets contain errors, 5% of which are material. Spreadsheet errors can lead to lost revenue and profit, regulatory failure, and damage to your reputation.

By taking our FAST Level 1 course, you will work towards gaining certification in this Industry-recognised standard and – most importantly – you will be able to:

- build well-structured, transparent models quickly and efficiently using proven techniques
- share your models with colleagues with the minimal amount of handover and training
- significantly reduce your spreadsheet risk through company-wide standardisation
- minimise spreadsheet errors

It is also worth noting that the FAST Standard is recognised as being compliant with ICAEW's *Twenty Principles for Good Spreadsheet Practice*.

## What does the course involve?

The course comprises a proven mix of theory and practical application including mock case studies and multiple-choice questions.

### Day 1

- introduction to the FAST Standard
- how to structure workbooks well
- how to structure worksheets consistently
- how to make your formulae simple, clear and consistent
- practice multiple-choice exam questions
- practical application – case study 1
- practical application – case study 2

### Day 2

- practical application – case study 3
- exam preparation
- sitting the FAST Level 1 exam

## Why should I choose Clarity?

We are a FAST accredited training provider. We specialise in working with clients to help people increase their competency in – and ultimately gain mastery of – Microsoft Excel.

Our trainers are qualified accountants and financial modellers, each with more than ten years of experience using Excel spreadsheets in business.

We are already well known for our bespoke on-site Excel spreadsheet training, which we tailor to each business and individual that we work with.

What's more, as well as training others, we adhere to the FAST Standard in the models that we build for our clients – all of whom say they would recommend us.

"We have used Clarity Consultancy Services to provide a number of FAST Level 1 training courses. On each occasion they provided excellent instruction tailored to the skill levels of those attending.

In addition, they were able to provide a bespoke training course for our more senior staff which has enabled us to better exploit our existing software and realise significant savings by avoiding now un-necessary software purchases. I would have no hesitation in using Clarity's services again or recommending them to others."

Steve Jackson, CEO, SA Group

"Thanks for the course. We all really valued it and are looking forward to being more efficient with Excel. I'm sure we will be seeing more of you and your team in the future."

David Marcussen, Owner, Marcussen Consulting



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