

## Pathway Overview

# ATHE Level 7 Extended Diploma for Payments and Tax Agents + University of Hertfordshire MBA Top-up Progression Pathway

A concise guide to PTA's flagship progression route, including pathway structure, core mandatory modules, qualification level, and progression overview.

### How the Pathway Works

**Stage 1** Complete the ATHE Level 7 Extended Diploma for Payments and Tax Agents as the core advanced pathway.

**Stage 2** Eligible learners may progress to the University of Hertfordshire MBA top-up stage, subject to the applicable academic and institutional requirements.

### Qualification Snapshot

**Qualification level:** UK Level 7

**Credits:** 120 credits

**Delivery approach:** Online guided learning, independent study, and practical case analysis

**Target profile:** Executives, senior professionals, and business leaders

## Core Mandatory Modules

The Extended Diploma is structured around core mandatory modules designed to strengthen advanced capability in management, taxation-related practice, research, and strategic decision-making.

Module	Credits
Compensation and Benefits Management	15 credits
Taxation Management for Compensation and Benefits	15 credits
Private Wealth Management	15 credits
Taxation Management for Private Wealth	15 credits
Research for Payments and Tax Agents	15 credits
Strategic Planning	15 credits
Strategic Human Resource Management	15 credits
Tax Law	15 credits

### Award Recognition

Learners who successfully complete the required pathway and are awarded the MBA by the University of Hertfordshire will receive an MBA diploma that is the same as that awarded to full-time students.

### Learning Format

The pathway is designed to support working professionals and may include online guided learning, independent study, and practical case analysis.

### Why This Pathway Matters

- Combines advanced professional study with structured academic progression.
- Designed for executives, senior professionals, and business leaders.
- Supports study alongside full-time professional responsibilities.
- Provides a clear flagship route within the PTA programme portfolio.

### Progression Note

This is a progression pathway rather than a direct standalone MBA degree programme. Progression depends on successful completion of the required study and assessments, together with the applicable academic and institutional requirements.

### Additional Learning

Selected non-credit enrichment courses may also be offered to further strengthen learners' capabilities in leadership, management practice, and professional development.