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PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COURSE

Course No. 1690

Fraud Risk Management & Public Sector Investigations Training Course

GOVERNMENT COMPLIANCE, ETHICS & INTEGRITY
GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SECTOR

DURATION
5 Days

DELIVERY
Classroom

Course Overview

The Fraud Risk Management & Public Sector Investigations Training Course provides a comprehensive and practical framework for preventing, detecting, assessing, and investigating fraud within government entities and public-sector organizations. The program focuses on strengthening institutional controls, fraud risk awareness, investigation capabilities, evidence management, and governance mechanisms that support integrity, accountability, and responsible management of public resources.

Fraud risks in the public sector can emerge across procurement, contracting, financial management, grants, payroll, revenue collection, asset management, licensing, public services, and third-party relationships. Effective fraud risk management therefore requires a coordinated approach that combines preventive controls, risk assessment, monitoring, data analysis, reporting mechanisms, investigation procedures, and appropriate corrective actions.

The program examines the fraud risk management lifecycle, beginning with fraud risk identification and assessment and progressing through prevention, detection, reporting, investigation, evidence preservation, case analysis, and remediation. Participants will learn how to identify fraud indicators, assess vulnerabilities, evaluate internal controls, and establish risk-based mechanisms for detecting suspicious activities and potential misconduct.

A strong focus is placed on public-sector investigations and professional case management. Participants will explore investigation planning, interview techniques, documentary and digital evidence, evidence preservation, chain of custody, case documentation, analytical methods, reporting, and escalation. The course also addresses confidentiality, independence, conflicts of interest, procedural fairness, and the importance of conducting investigations in accordance with applicable organizational policies and legal requirements.

Through practical case studies, fraud risk assessments, investigation simulations, control analysis, interview exercises, and case documentation workshops, participants will develop the ability to manage fraud risks and support structured public-sector investigations. The course is suitable for ministries, government authorities, municipalities, public institutions, regulatory bodies, and government-owned organizations seeking to strengthen fraud prevention, investigative capability, internal controls, and institutional integrity.

Objectives

- Analyze the nature, drivers, and common forms of fraud risk within government and public-sector environments.
- Assess fraud risks across procurement, contracting, finance, payroll, assets, grants, revenue, and third-party activities.
- Develop fraud risk assessments that identify vulnerabilities, risk indicators, potential impacts, and control weaknesses.
- Evaluate preventive and detective controls designed to reduce fraud exposure and strengthen institutional integrity.
- Apply practical methods for identifying fraud indicators, unusual transactions, suspicious behavior, and potential misconduct.
- Develop structured procedures for receiving, assessing, triaging, and escalating fraud allegations.
- Apply investigation planning techniques to define scope, objectives, methodology, resources, and evidence requirements.
- Evaluate documentary, financial, electronic, and testimonial evidence while maintaining appropriate evidence-handling procedures.
- Apply professional interviewing and questioning techniques within public-sector investigation environments.
- Develop clear and objective investigation documentation, findings, conclusions, and recommendations.
- Strengthen coordination between investigation, internal audit, compliance, legal, finance, procurement, and management functions.
- Develop an integrated Fraud Risk Management & Public Sector Investigations framework by the end of the course.

Who Should Attend

This training course is designed for fraud risk managers, internal auditors, investigation officers, compliance professionals, risk managers, governance specialists, financial control professionals, procurement specialists, legal professionals, and managers responsible for preventing, detecting, or investigating fraud and misconduct within public-sector organizations.

The course is particularly relevant to professionals working in ministries, government authorities, municipalities, regulatory bodies, public institutions, state-owned organizations, and public-sector financial and procurement functions. It is also suitable for professionals in internal audit, compliance, finance, procurement, contracts, legal affairs, risk management, human resources, information security, and organizational integrity functions.

The program will benefit senior managers, investigation team leaders, internal control specialists, committee members, and decision makers responsible for responding to fraud allegations and strengthening institutional controls. Participants will gain practical tools for connecting fraud risk management, investigation processes, evidence analysis, governance, and corrective action.

Learning Outcomes

- Explain the key concepts, drivers, and forms of fraud affecting public-sector organizations.
- Identify fraud vulnerabilities across major government financial, operational, procurement, and service processes.
- Conduct structured fraud risk assessments and develop risk-based fraud control measures.
- Evaluate preventive and detective controls and identify opportunities to strengthen control effectiveness.
- Recognize fraud indicators and assess suspicious activities, transactions, and behavioral patterns.
- Establish structured processes for receiving, assessing, documenting, and escalating fraud allegations.
- Develop investigation plans defining scope, objectives, methodology, responsibilities, evidence requirements, and timelines.
- Collect, assess, preserve, and organize documentary, financial, electronic, and testimonial evidence appropriately.
- Apply effective interviewing and questioning techniques during investigation activities.
- Prepare objective investigation reports that clearly distinguish evidence, findings, conclusions, and recommendations.
- Identify control weaknesses and develop corrective and remediation measures following investigation findings.
- Develop an integrated framework for fraud risk management and public-sector investigations suitable for organizational implementation.

Course Outline

DAY 01

Public Sector Fraud Risk & Institutional Integrity

- Fraud concepts, drivers, typologies, and exposure within government organizations
- Common fraud risks in procurement, contracting, finance, payroll, grants, assets, revenue, and public services
- Fraud risk governance, responsibilities, accountability, and organizational culture
- Fraud risk indicators, warning signs, and vulnerability assessment

> PRACTICAL APPLICATION
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> Conduct a fraud risk assessment for a government process and identify vulnerabilities, indicators, impacts, and control gaps

DAY 02

Fraud Prevention, Detection & Risk Controls

- Fraud prevention frameworks and internal control principles
- Preventive and detective controls across public-sector processes
- Segregation of duties, authorization, access controls, reconciliations, and oversight
- Fraud monitoring, reporting mechanisms, data analysis, and anomaly identification

> PRACTICAL APPLICATION
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> Analyze a government process and redesign key fraud controls to address identified vulnerabilities

DAY 03

Investigation Planning & Evidence Management

- Principles and stages of public-sector investigations
- Receiving allegations, preliminary assessment, case triage, and investigation scope
- Investigation planning, objectives, methodology, resources, and timelines
- Documentary, financial, electronic, and testimonial evidence management

DAY 03 — CONTINUED

> **PRACTICAL APPLICATION**
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> Develop an investigation plan and evidence matrix for a simulated fraud case

DAY 04

Investigation Techniques, Interviews & Case Analysis

- Professional investigation interviewing and questioning techniques
- Planning and conducting interviews with complainants, witnesses, and subjects
- Analyzing financial records, transactions, documents, communications, and case information
- Evidence assessment, corroboration, documentation, and maintaining case integrity

> **PRACTICAL APPLICATION**
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> Conduct a simulated investigation interview and analyze evidence to establish findings and investigative conclusions

DAY 05

Investigation Reporting, Remediation & Fraud Risk Governance

- Preparing objective investigation reports and presenting findings
- Recommendations, corrective actions, control remediation, and recovery considerations
- Escalation, confidentiality, independence, conflicts of interest, and procedural fairness
- Integrating fraud risk management, investigations, internal audit, compliance, legal, and management oversight

> **FINAL WORKSHOP**
>
> Develop an integrated Fraud Risk Management & Public Sector Investigations framework covering risk assessment, prevention, detection, allegation management, investigation planning, evidence management, interviews, reporting, remediation, governance, and continuous improvement

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