

Course No. 1042

Transaction Monitoring & Suspicious Activity Detection

**COMPLIANCE, AML & FINANCIAL CRIME
FINANCE, INVESTMENT & BANKING**

DURATION

5 Days

LOCATION

Manama, Bahrain

DELIVERY

Classroom

DATES

21 – 25 Dec 2026



Scheduled Event Details

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COURSE FEE	€4,700

Course Overview

Transaction Monitoring & Suspicious Activity Detection is a comprehensive professional training course designed to equip banking and financial professionals with the knowledge, analytical capabilities, and practical skills required to establish, operate, and continuously enhance effective transaction monitoring and suspicious activity detection programs. As financial institutions face increasingly sophisticated financial crime threats, expanding digital payment channels, evolving regulatory expectations, and growing transaction volumes, robust transaction monitoring has become a critical component of Anti-Money Laundering (AML), Counter-Terrorist Financing (CTF), and Financial Crime Risk Management frameworks.

This course provides participants with a structured understanding of internationally recognized transaction monitoring methodologies and suspicious activity detection frameworks. Participants will explore risk-based monitoring strategies, customer behavior analysis, transaction profiling, alert generation, sanctions integration, and suspicious activity identification techniques that enable institutions to detect unusual financial behavior while minimizing operational inefficiencies. The program emphasizes how effective transaction monitoring strengthens regulatory compliance, enhances financial crime prevention, and protects institutional integrity.

The program also examines the operational lifecycle of transaction monitoring systems, including monitoring rule design, customer risk segmentation, alert management, case investigation, suspicious activity reporting, quality assurance, governance, model validation, and continuous optimization. Participants will gain practical knowledge of integrating transaction monitoring with Customer Due Diligence (CDD), Know Your Customer (KYC), Enhanced Due Diligence (EDD), sanctions screening, fraud prevention, and enterprise-wide Financial Crime Risk Management frameworks.

Through practical case studies, real-world financial crime scenarios, and interactive workshops,

participants will strengthen their ability to evaluate transaction monitoring effectiveness, investigate suspicious activities, improve alert quality, reduce false positives, and prepare professional reports for executive management and regulatory authorities. By the end of the course, participants will be equipped to strengthen compliance programs, improve financial crime detection capabilities, reduce regulatory and reputational risks, and support sustainable organizational resilience.

Objectives

- Analyze Transaction Monitoring & Suspicious Activity Detection principles and evaluate their implementation within banking and financial institutions by the end of the course.
- Develop comprehensive risk-based transaction monitoring frameworks aligned with international regulatory expectations and organizational objectives.
- Evaluate customer behavior, transaction patterns, products, delivery channels, and geographic risks to identify suspicious financial activities.
- Apply transaction monitoring rules, behavioral analytics, risk indicators, and suspicious activity detection methodologies using internationally recognized best practices.
- Design effective transaction monitoring scenarios that improve detection capabilities while reducing false positive alerts.
- Improve alert management, case investigation, escalation procedures, and suspicious activity reporting processes.
- Strengthen governance, internal controls, and quality assurance practices supporting transaction monitoring programs.
- Implement Key Risk Indicators (KRIs), management dashboards, and performance metrics to evaluate monitoring effectiveness.
- Assess emerging financial crime risks associated with digital banking, payment systems, financial technology, virtual assets, and artificial intelligence.
- Align Transaction Monitoring & Suspicious Activity Detection practices with AML, CTF, Financial Crime Risk Management, and Enterprise Risk Management frameworks before course completion.

Who Should Attend

This course is designed for Transaction Monitoring Managers, AML Managers, Financial Crime Risk Managers, Compliance Managers, Counter-Terrorist Financing (CTF) Specialists, Customer Due Diligence (CDD) Analysts, Know Your Customer (KYC) Professionals, Financial Crime Investigators, Fraud Risk Managers, Operational Risk Managers, Enterprise Risk Managers, Internal Audit Managers, Internal Control Managers, Regulatory Affairs Specialists, and professionals responsible for transaction monitoring and suspicious activity investigations within banks and financial institutions.

The program is equally valuable for Chief Compliance Officers, Chief Risk Officers, Executive Management Teams, Board Risk Committee members, Audit Committee members, Payment Operations Managers, Digital Banking Managers, FinTech Compliance Specialists, Treasury Professionals, Central Bank Professionals, Financial Regulators, Payment Service Providers, Insurance Companies, Investment Firms, and senior decision-makers responsible for financial crime prevention, regulatory compliance, governance, and enterprise-wide risk management.

Learning Outcomes

- By the end of this course, participants will be able to:
- Develop an integrated Transaction Monitoring & Suspicious Activity Detection framework aligned with international regulatory standards.
- Design risk-based transaction monitoring scenarios covering customers, products, delivery channels, and transaction types.
- Analyze customer behavior and transaction patterns to identify unusual and potentially suspicious financial activities.
- Apply transaction monitoring rules, behavioral analytics, and alert management methodologies effectively.
- Conduct structured investigations into suspicious activities and prepare high-quality case documentation.
- Prepare Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) that meet regulatory expectations and internal governance requirements.
- Improve monitoring effectiveness by reducing false positives and enhancing alert quality.
- Integrate transaction monitoring with Customer Due Diligence (CDD), Know Your Customer (KYC), sanctions screening, and Financial Crime Risk Management programs.

- Evaluate emerging financial crime risks associated with digital payments, financial technology, virtual assets, and evolving transaction channels.
- Develop a practical implementation roadmap to strengthen Transaction Monitoring & Suspicious Activity Detection, improve regulatory compliance, enhance operational efficiency, and support organizational resilience.

Course Outline

DAY 01

Foundations of Transaction Monitoring & Suspicious Activity Detection

- Principles and objectives of transaction monitoring
- International regulatory frameworks and industry best practices
- Risk-based transaction monitoring methodologies
- Governance structures and organizational responsibilities

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Assessing transaction monitoring effectiveness within a financial institution

DAY 02

Designing Effective Transaction Monitoring Programs

- Transaction monitoring rule development
- Customer risk segmentation and behavioral profiling
- Risk indicators and suspicious transaction typologies
- Monitoring scenarios and detection strategies

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Designing transaction monitoring rules for high-risk customer activities

DAY 03

Alert Management and Financial Crime Investigations

- Alert generation and prioritization
- False positive reduction techniques
- Suspicious activity investigations and case management
- Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) preparation

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Investigating transaction alerts and preparing regulatory reports

DAY 04

Technology, Governance, and Performance Monitoring

- Artificial intelligence and advanced analytics in transaction monitoring
- Integration with KYC, CDD, sanctions screening, and fraud prevention
- Governance, quality assurance, and model validation
- Key Risk Indicators (KRIs), dashboards, and performance measurement

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Evaluating transaction monitoring systems and recommending improvements

DAY 05

Building a High-Performance Transaction Monitoring Framework

- Integrating Transaction Monitoring & Suspicious Activity Detection with Enterprise Risk Management
- International best practices and emerging regulatory developments
- Continuous improvement of transaction monitoring and compliance programs
- Strengthening organizational resilience against financial crime

DAY 05 — CONTINUED

FINAL WORKSHOP

Developing a comprehensive Transaction Monitoring & Suspicious Activity Detection implementation plan that includes risk assessment, transaction monitoring rule design, customer behavioral analytics, alert management, suspicious activity investigations, Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR), governance enhancements, performance measurement, technology integration, and continuous improvement initiatives to strengthen financial crime prevention, regulatory compliance, operational effectiveness, and sustainable organizational performance.

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