Training Course in Performance Auditing

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Business	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. **Mastering Performance Audit Principles:** Understanding the core concepts and framework of performance auditing.
2. **Applying Advanced Audit Methodologies:** Utilizing contemporary techniques for effective performance evaluation.
3. **Identifying Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):** Defining and analyzing relevant metrics for performance assessment.
4. **Evaluating Organizational Efficiency:** Assessing resource utilization and process optimization.
5. **Assessing Effectiveness of Programs:** Determining the extent to which objectives and outcomes are achieved.
6. **Analyzing Economy in Operations:** Examining cost-effectiveness and value for money in resource acquisition.
7. **Conducting Risk-Based Performance Audits:** Prioritizing audit areas based on potential impact and likelihood.

8. **Developing Actionable Audit Recommendations:** Formulating practical and implementable improvement strategies.
9. **Writing High-Quality Performance Audit Reports:** Communicating findings clearly, concisely, and persuasively.
10. **Utilizing Data Analytics in Performance Auditing:** Leveraging data to identify trends and insights.
11. **Understanding Governance and Accountability Frameworks:** Contextualizing performance audits within broader organizational structures.
12. **Implementing Effective Audit Follow-Up Mechanisms:** Ensuring recommendations are implemented and impact is measured.
13. **Contributing to Organizational Value through Performance Auditing:** Demonstrating the tangible benefits of performance audit activities.

Organizational Benefits:

- Improved **resource allocation** and utilization.
- Enhanced **operational efficiency** and effectiveness.
- Strengthened **accountability** and **transparency**.
- Better **governance** and **internal controls**.
- Identification of potential **cost savings** and revenue enhancement opportunities.
- More informed **strategic decision-making**.
- Increased **stakeholder confidence** and trust.
- Enhanced **reputation** and credibility.
- Improved **service delivery** and program outcomes.
- Fostering a culture of **continuous improvement**.
- Better **risk management** and mitigation.
- Alignment of operations with **strategic goals** and objectives.
- Enhanced **organizational learning** and adaptation.

Target Participants:

1. Internal Auditors
2. External Auditors
3. Finance Professionals
4. Risk Managers
5. Compliance Officers
6. Government Officials and Public Sector Employees
7. Program Managers and Evaluation Specialists
8. Management Accountants

Course Outline

Module 1: Introduction to Performance Auditing

- Defining Performance Auditing: Concepts and Principles
- Distinguishing Performance Auditing from Financial and Compliance Audits
- The Importance and Benefits of Performance Auditing for Organizations
- Historical Evolution and Current Trends in Performance Auditing
- Ethical Considerations and Professional Standards in Performance Auditing

Module 2: The Performance Audit Framework

- Understanding the Key Stages of a Performance Audit
- Planning the Audit: Defining Objectives and Scope

- Developing Audit Criteria and Benchmarks
- Risk Assessment in Performance Auditing
- Establishing the Audit Team and Resources

Module 3: Planning the Performance Audit

- Conducting Preliminary Surveys and Understanding the Auditee
- Identifying Potential Audit Areas and Topics
- Developing Specific Audit Objectives and Questions
- Determining the Audit Scope and Limitations
- Preparing the Audit Plan and Timeline

Module 4: Gathering Audit Evidence

- Understanding Different Types of Audit Evidence
- Techniques for Collecting Audit Evidence: Interviews, Observations, Documentation Review
- Designing and Administering Surveys and Questionnaires
- Utilizing Data Analytics for Evidence Gathering
- Ensuring the Reliability and Validity of Audit Evidence

Module 5: Analyzing Audit Evidence and Developing Findings

- Techniques for Analyzing Qualitative and Quantitative Data
- Identifying Patterns, Trends, and Anomalies in Audit Evidence
- Developing Clear and Concise Audit Findings
- Documenting Audit Evidence and Working Papers
- Relating Findings Back to Audit Objectives and Criteria

Module 6: Evaluating Efficiency in Performance Audits

- Defining and Measuring Efficiency in Organizational Operations
- Analyzing Resource Utilization: Human, Financial, and Technological
- Identifying Inefficient Processes and Practices
- Developing Recommendations for Improving Efficiency
- Case Studies of Efficiency Audits

Module 7: Evaluating Effectiveness in Performance Audits

- Defining and Measuring Effectiveness in Achieving Objectives
- Assessing the Impact and Outcomes of Programs and Activities
- Analyzing the Linkage Between Inputs, Activities, Outputs, and Outcomes
- Developing Recommendations for Enhancing Effectiveness
- Case Studies of Effectiveness Audits

Module 8: Evaluating Economy in Performance Audits

- Defining and Measuring Economy in Resource Acquisition
- Analyzing Procurement Processes and Cost-Effectiveness
- Identifying Opportunities for Cost Savings and Value Enhancement
- Developing Recommendations for Improving Economy
- Case Studies of Economy Audits

Module 9: Risk Assessment in Performance Auditing

- Identifying and Assessing Risks Relevant to Performance Objectives

- Understanding the Relationship Between Risk and Performance
- Incorporating Risk Considerations into Audit Planning and Execution
- Developing Recommendations for Mitigating Performance-Related Risks
- Applying Different Risk Assessment Frameworks

Module 10: Developing Audit Recommendations

- Characteristics of Effective Audit Recommendations: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound (SMART)
- Formulating Clear and Actionable Recommendations
- Considering the Auditee's Perspective and Constraints
- Prioritizing Recommendations Based on Impact and Feasibility
- Documenting the Rationale for Recommendations

Module 11: Writing the Performance Audit Report

- Structuring the Performance Audit Report: Key Sections and Content
- Writing Clear, Concise, and Objective Language
- Presenting Findings and Recommendations Effectively
- Including Management Comments and Action Plans
- Ensuring the Report is Accurate, Complete, and Timely

Module 12: Communication and Presentation of Audit Findings

- Developing Effective Communication Strategies for Audit Findings
- Preparing and Delivering Presentations to Different Stakeholders
- Facilitating Discussions and Obtaining Feedback on Audit Findings
- Addressing Management Responses and Concerns
- Building Positive Working Relationships with Auditees

Module 13: Follow-Up and Monitoring of Audit Recommendations

- Establishing Processes for Monitoring the Implementation of Recommendations
- Tracking Progress and Assessing the Impact of Implemented Actions
- Conducting Follow-Up Audits to Verify Implementation
- Reporting on the Status of Recommendation Implementation
- Ensuring Accountability for Implementing Agreed-Upon Actions

Module 14: Utilizing Data Analytics in Performance Auditing

- Introduction to Data Analytics Tools and Techniques for Auditors
- Identifying Relevant Data Sources for Performance Audits
- Using Data Visualization to Identify Trends and Anomalies
- Applying Data Analytics to Enhance Audit Evidence and Findings
- Ethical Considerations in Using Data Analytics

Module 15: Contemporary Issues and Future Trends in Performance Auditing

- Emerging Challenges and Opportunities in Performance Auditing
- The Role of Technology and Innovation in Performance Auditing
- Auditing Sustainability and Environmental Performance
- Auditing Governance and Ethical Practices
- The Future of the Performance Audit Profession

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
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Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price

23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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