Training Course on Advanced Aviation Safety Management Systems (SMS) Implementation and Oversight

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Comprehensively understand and apply the latest International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 19 Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) for SMS.
2. Develop and execute sophisticated methodologies for **hazard identification**, **risk assessment**, and **risk mitigation** within a complex aviation environment.
3. Establish and utilize **Safety Performance Indicators (SPIs)** and **Safety Performance Targets (SPTs)** to effectively monitor and enhance organizational safety performance.
4. Design and implement robust **internal auditing** and **external oversight** programs for continuous SMS evaluation and improvement.
5. **Foster a Just Culture**: Lead the development and maintenance of a **positive safety culture** that encourages proactive **safety reporting** and open communication without fear of reprisal.
6. Utilize **data analytics** and **predictive modeling** to identify emerging safety trends and anticipate potential risks.
7. Understand the synergies between SMS and QMS, fostering an integrated management approach for holistic organizational excellence.
8. Create and refine comprehensive **crisis management** and **emergency preparedness** strategies aligned with SMS principles.
9. Analyze and mitigate **human factors** and **organizational factors** contributing to safety incidents, promoting a human-centered approach to safety.
10. Ensure full adherence to national and international **aviation safety regulations**, including EASA and FAA requirements.
11. Implement systematic processes for **lessons learned**, **corrective actions**, and **preventive actions** to achieve sustained safety enhancement.

12. Develop effective strategies for internal and external **safety communication**, fostering safety awareness across all levels of the organization.
13. Manage and lead complex **SMS implementation** and **SMS maturity** projects, driving organizational change and buy-in.

Organizational Benefits

Organizations investing in this training will realize significant benefits, including:

- A demonstrable reduction in incidents, accidents, and near-misses through a robust, proactive safety framework.
- Guaranteed adherence to national and international aviation safety standards, reducing audit findings and potential penalties.
- A workforce that actively participates in safety, feels empowered to report hazards, and embraces safety as a core value.
- Streamlined processes and reduced disruptions due to fewer safety-related incidents, leading to cost savings and increased productivity.
- Proactive identification and mitigation of safety risks, safeguarding assets, personnel, and organizational reputation.
- Enhanced trust from regulators, investors, customers, and employees due to a verifiable commitment to safety excellence.
- Data-driven insights enabling informed and effective safety decisions at all organizational levels.
- Positioning the organization as a leader in aviation safety, attracting top talent and new business opportunities.
- A safer working environment and a culture of care fostering higher job satisfaction and lower turnover rates.

8 Target Audience

1. **Accountable Executives**.
2. **Safety Managers & Officers**.
3. **Quality Managers**.
4. **Operations Managers**.
5. **Compliance & Regulatory Affairs Personnel**
6. **Auditors & Inspectors**
7. **Pilots, Air Traffic Controllers, and Maintenance Technicians**
8. **Training & Development Managers**

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Module 1: Foundations of Advanced SMS and Regulatory Framework

- Evolution of SMS: From prescriptive to performance-based safety.
- In-depth review of ICAO Annex 19: The four components and their interconnectedness.
- National regulatory frameworks (EASA, FAA, etc.) and their integration with SMS.
- Understanding the State Safety Programme (SSP) and its relationship to organizational SMS.
- Defining **Accountable Executive** responsibilities and organizational commitment.
- **Case Study**: *Analyzing a national aviation authority's transition to a performance-based SSP and the impact on airline SMS implementation.*

Module 2: Advanced Safety Policy and Objectives

- Crafting a visionary Safety Policy: Beyond compliance, driving organizational values.
- Developing measurable and actionable **Safety Objectives** and their alignment with strategic goals.
- Establishing clear safety accountabilities, responsibilities, and authorities across all levels.
- Resource allocation for effective SMS implementation and sustainment.
- Safety reporting systems: Enhancing proactivity and non-punitive reporting mechanisms.
- **Case Study**: *Examining an airline's revised safety policy following a significant incident, focusing on cultural shifts and management commitment.*

Module 3: Proactive Safety Risk Management (SRM)

- Advanced hazard identification techniques: Bow-tie analysis, STPA, and systemic hazard analysis.
- Quantitative and qualitative **risk assessment** methodologies and matrices.
- Developing effective **risk controls** and mitigation strategies.
- Management of change: Integrating SRM into organizational modifications.
- Safety data collection and analysis: Leveraging multiple data sources for comprehensive risk insights.
- **Case Study**: *Application of Bow-tie analysis to a runway incursion scenario, identifying systemic hazards and control measures.*

Module 4: Safety Assurance and Performance Monitoring

- Designing and implementing a robust **Safety Assurance** program.
- Developing and utilizing **Safety Performance Indicators (SPIs)** and **Safety Performance Targets (SPTs)**.
- Internal safety audits and surveys: Planning, execution, and follow-up.
- External oversight and regulatory audits: Preparing for and responding to findings.
- Continuous monitoring and feedback loops for SMS effectiveness.
- **Case Study**: *An ANSP's journey in developing relevant SPIs for air traffic control operations and achieving their safety performance targets.*

Module 5: Safety Promotion and Just Culture

- Building a **Just Culture**: Principles, implementation, and overcoming challenges.
- Effective **safety communication** strategies: Internal newsletters, briefings, and safety campaigns.
- Safety training and education programs: Tailoring content for different organizational levels.
- Encouraging safety reporting and feedback from all employees.
- Leadership's role in championing and reinforcing the safety culture.
- **Case Study**: *An MRO's successful initiative to transform its safety culture, leading to a significant increase in hazard reports and proactive safety interventions.*

Module 6: Human Factors in Aviation Safety

- Understanding **Human Factors** taxonomy (SHELL, HFACS) and their impact on safety.
- Fatigue Risk Management Systems (FRMS) in operations.
- Human error analysis and prevention strategies.
- Crew Resource Management (CRM) and its application beyond the cockpit.
- Stress management and its influence on decision-making.
- **Case Study**: *Analysis of an incident rooted in human factors, identifying the underlying contributing factors and developing mitigation strategies.*

Module 7: Organizational Factors and Safety Performance

- The influence of organizational structure, resources, and processes on safety.
- Safety leadership and management commitment as drivers of safety performance.
- Resource allocation and its impact on safety outcomes.
- Organizational learning from incidents and near-misses.
- Promoting a proactive and resilient organizational safety mindset.
- **Case Study**: *An analysis of how organizational restructuring impacted safety performance in a regional airline, highlighting lessons learned.*

Module 8: Data-Driven Safety Decisions and Predictive Analytics

- Collecting and managing vast amounts of **safety data**.
- Tools and techniques for **data analysis** and trend identification.
- Introduction to **predictive analytics** and machine learning in aviation safety.
- Utilizing **Flight Data Monitoring (FDM)** and other operational data for safety insights.
- Visualizing and communicating safety data effectively to stakeholders.
- **Case Study**: *How a large airline used FDM data and predictive analytics to identify and mitigate a recurring operational safety issue.*

Module 9: Emergency Response and Crisis Management

- Developing and testing comprehensive **Emergency Response Plans (ERP)**.
- Coordination with external agencies and emergency services.
- Crisis communication strategies during and after an incident.
- Post-incident response: Investigation, recovery, and psychological support.
- Lessons learned from past aviation emergencies.
- **Case Study**: *Simulating a major aviation incident and working through an ERP, including communication protocols and inter-agency coordination.*

Module 10: SMS Integration and Continuous Improvement

- Integrating SMS with other management systems (QMS, ISMS, EMS).
- The concept of **SMS maturity** and continuous improvement cycles.
- Management review of SMS performance and effectiveness.
- Implementing **corrective actions** and **preventive actions** based on findings.
- Benchmarking safety performance against industry best practices.
- **Case Study**: *A successful SMS integration project at a complex airport, highlighting challenges and success factors in achieving synergy with other systems.*

Module 11: Advanced Safety Investigation Techniques

- Root Cause Analysis (RCA) and its application in aviation incidents.
- Systemic accident investigation methodologies.
- Interviewing techniques for safety investigations.
- Reporting and disseminating investigation findings for learning.
- Legal and ethical considerations in safety investigations.
- **Case Study**: *Conducting a simulated accident investigation using a specific methodology to identify underlying systemic failures.*

Module 12: SMS for Specific Aviation Sectors

- Tailoring SMS implementation for Airlines (Part 121, 135).

- SMS requirements for MRO (Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul) organizations.
- Implementing SMS in Airport operations and infrastructure.
- SMS for Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs).
- Addressing unique safety challenges in General Aviation.
- **Case Study**: *Comparing SMS implementation challenges and best practices between a major international airport and a regional airline.*

Module 13: SMS Performance and Metrics

- Advanced **Safety Performance Indicators (SPIs)** beyond basic incident rates.
- Leading vs. lagging indicators: Balancing reactive and proactive measures.
- Setting realistic and achievable **Safety Performance Targets (SPTs)**.
- Data visualization techniques for communicating safety performance.
- Using safety data to drive strategic business decisions.
- **Case Study**: *Developing a comprehensive set of SPIs for an aviation training organization and demonstrating how they inform safety improvements.*

Module 14: Safety Culture Assessment and Enhancement

- Tools and methodologies for assessing an organization's **safety culture**.
- Identifying strengths and weaknesses in safety attitudes and behaviors.
- Strategies for cultural transformation and strengthening safety values.
- The role of leadership in shaping and reinforcing safety culture.
- Measuring the impact of safety culture initiatives on safety performance.
- **Case Study**: *A detailed analysis of a safety culture assessment at a major aviation services provider, outlining the recommendations and their impact.*

Module 15: Future Trends in Aviation Safety Management

- Emerging technologies and their implications for SMS (AI, automation, drones).
- The evolving regulatory landscape and future SMS requirements.
- Cybersecurity and its integration into aviation safety.
- Sustainability and environmental management in aviation safety.
- Global collaboration and information sharing for enhanced safety.
- **Case Study**: *Discussing the safety challenges and opportunities presented by the increasing integration of UAS (drones) into commercial airspace and how SMS needs to adapt.*

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. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

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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