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Introduction

In today's complex and fast-changing business environment, the accuracy and integrity of banking and financial transactions are crucial for institutional sustainability and stakeholder trust. Many organizations, regardless of their size or industry, encounter common mistakes in bank transactions and financial documents that can compromise transparency, profitability, and regulatory compliance.

This training course sheds light on these issues, offering practical, standards-based solutions that align with regulatory frameworks across the Middle East and North Africa. It is designed for executives, team leaders, and professionals in finance, compliance, and audit departments, as well as those working in banks, financial institutions, and public sector entities.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Identify common mistakes in banking and financial operations.
- Distinguish between unintentional errors and systemic misconduct.
- Analyze the root causes of recurring accounting and financial mistakes.
- Apply principles of transparency and governance to minimize financial risks.
- Review internal policies and update procedures according to global best practices.
- Understand the role of internal controls and audits in detecting improper practices.
- Use data analysis tools to monitor early signs of financial anomalies.
- Promote a culture of ethical behavior and financial integrity within teams.

Course Outlines

Day 1: Understanding Financial and Banking Misconduct

- Introduction to key accounting and banking concepts.
- Types of common mistakes: administrative, accounting, operational.
- Case studies from local and international institutions.
- The impact of regulatory environments on transaction quality.
- Difference between misconduct and negligence in financial transaction.
- Introduction to compliance and risk frameworks.



Day 2: Daily Banking Operations and Error Sources

- Common mistakes in domestic and international money transfers.
- Manipulation of payment and deduction orders.
- Issues in loan and credit management processes.
- Monthly bank reconciliation errors.
- Weak documentation as a source of cumulative risks.
- Practical exercise: analyzing financial transactions.

Day 3: Misleading Accounting Practices

- Financial data manipulation tactics.
- Incorrect estimation of reserves and provisions.
- Premature or delayed revenue and expense recognition.
- Errors in asset and liability valuation.
- Role of internal auditors in detecting financial mistakes.
- Case study analysis: identifying issues in financial transaction services.

Day 4: Institutional Governance and Preventive Controls

- Designing an effective internal control system.
- The role of policies in mitigating risks.
- Using data analytics to detect irregular patterns.
- Structuring compliance and fraud detection reports.
- Collaborative auditing across departments.
- Governance and compliance gap analysis.

Day 5: Correction Strategies and Evaluation

- Developing corrective action plans.
- Building systems for continuous monitoring.
- Tools for performance evaluation after corrections.
- Presenting case studies of successful institutional reform.
- Group workshop: drafting a model financial policy.
- Comprehensive course assessment and feedback.



Why Attend This Course: Wins & Losses!

- Enhance understanding of common mistakes a leader can make in financial practices.
- Minimize risks related to poor financial transaction handling.
- Improve the quality of bank transactions and financial documents.
- Build a culture of transparency and compliance.
- Develop the ability to identify common financial mistakes before they escalate.
- Strengthen relationships with regulatory authorities.
- Improve the performance of finance and operations teams.
- Enhance institutional credibility and public trust.

Conclusion

Common mistakes in financial transactions are a leading cause of institutional risk and underperformance, even in well-established organizations. This training program equips participants with the knowledge to identify the meaning of financial mistakes, along with practical tools for prevention, correction, and continuous improvement.

Participants will leave with actionable strategies that can be immediately applied within their organizations, supporting a mature and stable financial environment that prioritizes integrity and compliance.

