

The Role of Internal Audit in Government Governance

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Introduction

Internal audit plays a critical role in enhancing governance within government institutions by contributing to improved institutional performance, ensuring compliance with regulations, and promoting transparency and accountability. This course is designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to understand the relationship between internal audit and governance, focusing on applying best practices to achieve institutional objectives effectively and efficiently. Participants will gain the tools to elevate their internal audit processes and promote good government governance practices.

Through practical training and real-world case studies, participants will learn how to enhance government governance, ensuring transparency and accountability in public sector institutions by leveraging modern internal auditing techniques.

Course Objectives

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

- Understand the concept of governance in government institutions and its importance in the public sector.
- Recognize the role of internal audit in promoting transparency and accountability.
- Evaluate internal control systems and risk management in government institutions.
- Develop skills in internal audit reporting and crafting actionable recommendations.
- Apply best practices in internal audit to enhance government performance efficiency.

Course Outlines

Day 1: Fundamentals of Governance and Internal Audit

- Concept of governance and its importance in the public sector.
- Core principles of good government governance.
- Internal audit and its role in supporting governance.
- The difference between internal audit and financial control.
- International internal audit standards for government institutions.

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A graphic illustration of a chessboard with several chess pieces. A large gold king piece is prominent in the foreground, with a silver pawn and a gold pawn nearby. The background shows concentric circles emanating from behind the king piece.

Day 2: Enhancing Transparency and Accountability through Internal Audit

- The role of internal audit in promoting institutional accountability.
- Mechanisms to combat administrative and financial corruption.
- Whistleblowing and the role of internal auditors.
- The relationship between internal audit and regulatory bodies.
- Developing a culture of integrity and transparency within government institutions.

Day 3: Evaluating Control Systems and Risk Management

- Concept and importance of internal control.
- Methodologies for evaluating internal control system efficiency.
- Risk management and the role of internal audit in mitigating risks.
- Risk analysis techniques in government institutions.
- Implementing the COSO framework for risk assessment and internal control.

Day 4: Internal Audit Reporting and Recommendations

- Components of an effective internal audit report.
- Data collection techniques and evidence analysis.
- Crafting practical and actionable recommendations.
- Monitoring the implementation of recommendations and measuring institutional impact.
- Case studies on government audit reporting.

Day 5: Best Practices and Practical Applications

- Key success factors for internal audit functions.
- Challenges faced by internal audit in government institutions.
- Adopting global best practices in internal auditing.
- Interactive exercises and practical applications.
- Participant evaluation and course conclusion.

Why Attend this Course: Wins & Losses!

- Gain a deep understanding of the relationship between internal audit and governance in government institutions.
- Master internal control and risk management techniques to enhance institutional performance.
- Acquire data analysis and audit reporting skills aligned with international standards.
- Strengthen your ability to formulate and implement effective recommendations.
- Apply the latest strategies to promote integrity and accountability in the public sector.

A graphic of a chessboard with several chess pieces (king, queen, rook, knight, and pawns) in gold and silver. The board is white and grey, and the pieces are arranged in a strategic formation.

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Conclusion

This course provides participants with the tools and knowledge necessary to elevate internal audit processes and enhance their effectiveness in achieving government institutions' strategic goals. Through practical training and real-world case studies, participants will be able to apply best practices to ensure transparency, accountability, and improved institutional efficiency.

Don't miss the opportunity to enhance your expertise in internal auditing, support good governance, and drive success in government institutions. Join us to be part of the solution that contributes to improving governance and institutional performance in the public sector.

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