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Introduction

Credit guarantee schemes are essential financial mechanisms for improving access to finance, supporting MSMEs, strengthening financial inclusion, and sharing credit risks. Their long-term effectiveness depends on sound financial management, accurate accounting, strong internal controls, effective risk management, adequate capital and liquidity, and sustainable financial strategies.

This intensive 10-day course provides participants with a comprehensive understanding of the financial and strategic management of credit guarantee schemes. It covers accounting and financial reporting, provisioning and expected credit loss, claims and recoveries, internal controls, risk management, capital adequacy, liquidity, financial planning, governance, regulatory compliance, sustainability, and financial resilience.

The course combines practical tools, international practices, case studies, financial analysis, and applied exercises to enable participants to strengthen the financial performance, sustainability, and resilience of credit guarantee institutions.

Course Objectives

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

- Understand the financial structure and strategic role of credit guarantee schemes.
- Apply appropriate accounting and financial reporting principles.
- Manage provisions, expected credit losses, claims, recoveries, and write-offs.
- Strengthen internal financial controls and governance frameworks.
- Identify and manage credit, portfolio, liquidity, operational, and financial risks.
- Apply capital adequacy and solvency principles.
- Develop effective financial planning, budgeting, and forecasting approaches.
- Assess financial performance using appropriate KPIs and financial ratios.
- Strengthen the long-term financial sustainability of guarantee institutions.
- Apply stress testing and scenario analysis to improve financial resilience.
- Integrate ESG and sustainability considerations into financial management.
- Develop strategic financial-management and resilience plans.

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Course Outlines

Day 1: Foundations and Strategic Financial Management of Credit Guarantee Schemes

- Role and importance of credit guarantee schemes in financial systems.
- Financial structures and operating models of guarantee institutions.
- Public, private, mutual, and hybrid guarantee models.
- Sources of capital, funding, guarantee fees, and financial resources.
- Strategic financial objectives, performance, and sustainability.

Day 2: Accounting and Financial Reporting for Guarantee Schemes

- Credit guarantee contracts
- Guarantee fees and transactions
- Claims, recoveries, and write-offs
- Financial statements and guarantee exposure
- A practical case study

Day 3: Provisioning, ECL, Claims, Recoveries and Write-Offs

- Principles and methodologies of provisioning.
- Expected Credit Loss ECL concepts and measurement.
- Probability of Default, Loss Given Default, and Exposure at Default.
- Claims recognition, recovery processes, and financial impact.
- Write-offs, portfolio rehabilitation, and default management.

Day 4: Financial Risk and Guarantee Portfolio Management

- Credit risk assessment within guarantee schemes.
- Portfolio concentration and sector exposure risks.
- Counterparty and institutional risks.
- Risk-based pricing and guarantee exposure management.
- Stress testing, risk indicators, and enterprise risk management.

Day 5: Internal Controls, Governance, Audit and Compliance

- Internal financial control frameworks.
- Controls over guarantees, claims, provisions, fees, and recoveries.
- Segregation of duties and authorization mechanisms.
- Fraud prevention, internal audit, and assurance.
- Governance, regulatory reporting, compliance, and accountability.

Day 6: Capital, Liquidity and Financial Resilience

- Capital structure and capital adequacy.
- Solvency and financial strength assessment.
- Capital buffers and loss-absorption capacity.
- Liquidity management and cash-flow forecasting.
- Financial resilience, contingency planning, and recovery strategies.

Day 7: Financial Planning, Budgeting and Performance Management

- Strategic financial planning for guarantee institutions.
- Budget preparation and multi-year financial planning.
- Revenue, expenditure, and cost management.
- Guarantee fee structures and financial pricing considerations.
- Financial forecasting, KPIs, ratios, and performance dashboards.

Day 8: Sustainable Financial Management and Institutional Sustainability

- Principles of sustainable financial management.
- Long-term financial sustainability of guarantee funds.
- Balancing development objectives with financial viability.
- Portfolio growth, pricing, capital, and sustainability considerations.
- ESG, green guarantees, and sustainable finance opportunities.

Day 9: Crisis Management, Stress Testing and Future Financial Resilience

- Emerging financial and operational risks.

- Economic downturns and credit-cycle risks.
- Stress testing and scenario analysis.
- Crisis-response guarantee mechanisms.
- Business continuity, contingency planning, and financial resilience.

Day 10: Strategic Integration Workshop and Action Planning

- Integrating accounting, controls, risk, capital, liquidity, and sustainability.
- Assessing the financial health of a guarantee institution.
- Identifying financial, operational, regulatory, and governance weaknesses.
- Developing a sustainable financial-management framework.
- Preparing a strategic financial resilience and action plan.

Why Attend This Course? Wins s Losses!

Wins

- Strengthen financial management of credit guarantee schemes.
- Improve accounting, reporting, provisioning, and ECL practices.
- Enhance management of claims, recoveries, and write-offs.
- Strengthen internal controls, governance, and compliance.
- Improve credit, portfolio, liquidity, and operational risk management.
- Develop stronger budgeting, forecasting, and financial planning capabilities.
- Improve capital and liquidity management.
- Strengthen long-term financial sustainability.
- Apply stress testing and resilience planning.
- Integrate ESG and sustainability into financial decision-making.

Losses of Not Applying These Practices

- Weak financial controls and increased operational risk.
- Inadequate provisioning and unexpected financial losses.
- Poor liquidity management during periods of high claims.

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- Insufficient capital buffers and reduced financial resilience.
- Weak financial reporting and regulatory compliance.
- Uncontrolled portfolio and concentration risks.
- Unsustainable guarantee structures and pricing.
- Limited ability to respond effectively to financial crises.

Conclusion

Effective credit guarantee schemes require strong financial management, accounting, internal controls, risk governance, capital and liquidity management, and long-term sustainability.

This 10-day programme provides an integrated framework for strengthening the financial resilience and strategic performance of credit guarantee institutions. Through practical exercises, case studies, financial analysis, and strategic workshops, participants will develop the knowledge and tools required to manage financial risks, improve institutional sustainability, and strengthen the overall effectiveness of guarantee schemes.

Frequently Asked Questions FAQ

Who Should Attend This Course?

Professionals working in credit guarantee institutions, development funds, financial institutions, regulators, government agencies, finance, risk management, internal audit, compliance, and financial development programmes.

Is the Course Practical?

Yes. The programme incorporates practical financial analysis, ECL and provisioning exercises, risk assessment, internal-control reviews, budgeting, stress testing, and strategic planning exercises.

Does the Course Cover Accounting?

Yes. Accounting and financial reporting are covered in detail, including guarantee commitments, fees, claims, recoveries, write-offs, provisions, ECL, and financial statements.

Does the Course Cover Risk Management?

Yes. The course covers credit, portfolio, concentration, counterparty, liquidity, operational, and financial risks, together with stress testing and scenario analysis.

Does the Course Address Financial Sustainability?

Yes. Financial sustainability is a central theme, including capital adequacy, liquidity, pricing, portfolio growth, ESG, sustainability, and long-term institutional resilience.

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What Is the Main Outcome of the Course?

Participants will be able to develop and apply a comprehensive framework for the strategic and sustainable financial management of credit guarantee schemes, with particular emphasis on accounting, controls, risk management, financial sustainability, and resilience.

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