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Introduction

This course provides a comprehensive and practical understanding of securities settlement operations, focusing on settlement messaging MT54x and their ISO equivalents, alongside corporate actions processing. It is designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills required to manage post-trade activities efficiently within modern financial institutions.

Through a structured and application-driven approach, participants will gain hands-on insight into message flows, settlement processes, and corporate events, ensuring accuracy, compliance, and operational excellence across financial systems.

Course Objectives

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

- Understand the post-trade lifecycle of securities transactions
- Interpret and use SWIFT MT54x messages MT540-MT549
- Understand ISO standards ISO 15022 & ISO 20022 and their applications
- Analyze settlement message flows between custodians, brokers, and CSDs
- Manage and process corporate actions effectively
- Reduce operational risks and settlement errors
- Ensure compliance with international financial standards

Course Outlines

Day 1: Securities Settlement Fundamentals

- Overview of financial markets and post-trade operations
- Trade lifecycle execution to settlement
- Roles of custodians, brokers, and central securities depositories CSDs
- Clearing vs. settlement concepts
- Settlement types DvP, FoP



Day 2: MT54x Messaging & ISO Standards

- Introduction to SWIFT MT54x messages MT540-MT549
- Message structure and key data fields
- Use cases: instruction, confirmation, and status messages
- Overview of ISO 15022 and ISO 20022
- Differences between MT and ISO standards

Day 3: Settlement Processing & Message Flows

- End-to-end settlement message flow
- Managing settlement instructions
- Matching and confirmation processes
- Settlement failures and resolution techniques
- Exception handling and reconciliation

Day 4: Corporate Actions Processing

- Introduction to corporate actions mandatory vs. voluntary
- Dividends, stock splits, mergers, rights issues
- Corporate actions lifecycle
- Notification and communication flows
- Impact on portfolios and positions

Day 5: Integration, Risk & Best Practices

- Integration of settlement and banking systems
- Operational risks in settlement processes
- Regulatory compliance and reporting requirements
- Automation and digital transformation in post-trade operations
- Case studies and practical exercises

Why Attend This Course: Wins & Losses!

- Gain a solid understanding of securities settlement and MT54x messaging
- Develop practical knowledge of ISO financial messaging standards
- Improve accuracy and efficiency in post-trade operations
- Enhance ability to manage corporate actions processing
- Reduce operational risks and settlement errors
- Strengthen compliance with international financial regulations



Conclusion

This course delivers a well-rounded and practical foundation in securities settlement messaging and corporate actions processing. It bridges the gap between theory and real-world application, enabling participants to confidently manage complex post-trade environments.

By the end of the program, participants will be equipped to handle financial messaging standards, process corporate actions efficiently, and ensure accuracy, compliance, and operational excellence in modern financial institutions.

