

HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) AUDIT: ENSURES COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTHCARE DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

“Ensuring Compliance with U.S. Healthcare Data Privacy and Security Regulations”

Schedule

Date	Venue	Fees (Face-to-Face)
07 - 11 Sep 2026	London, UK	USD 3495 per delegate

► Available delivery methods: Face-to-Face & Online Training

Introduction

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is a landmark U.S. regulation that mandates the protection and confidential handling of personal health information (PHI). Covered entities and business associates must comply with stringent privacy, security, and breach notification rules—or face severe penalties, legal liability, and reputational damage.

This 5-day course equips compliance officers, auditors, IT professionals, and healthcare administrators with the knowledge and tools to conduct effective HIPAA audits. Participants will gain a clear understanding of HIPAA’s Privacy and Security Rules, learn to assess organizational practices against regulatory requirements, and develop audit programs that ensure ongoing compliance and accountability.

Objectives

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

- Understand the key components and structure of HIPAA regulations
- Plan and conduct HIPAA Privacy and Security audits across healthcare functions
- Evaluate organizational safeguards for protecting PHI and ePHI
- Assess compliance with breach notification, data sharing, and access rules
- Develop audit reports, identify gaps, and implement corrective actions

Why Attend

- To protect your organization against HIPAA violations and enforcement actions
- To ensure patient data is handled lawfully, securely, and transparently
- To support internal compliance monitoring and continuous risk management
- To prepare for OCR (Office for Civil Rights) audits and investigations
- To promote a culture of data privacy, integrity, and accountability

Target Audience

This program is designed for:

- Compliance officers and privacy professionals
- Healthcare internal auditors and risk managers
- Health IT managers and system administrators
- Data security, legal, and information governance personnel
- Business associates handling PHI on behalf of covered entities

Individual Benefits

Key competencies that will be developed include:

- HIPAA audit planning and control assessment
- Interpretation of Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules
- Reviewing administrative, technical, and physical safeguards
- Evidence collection, reporting, and remediation planning
- Risk-based audit execution and follow-up procedures

Organizational Benefits

Upon completing the training course, participants will demonstrate:

- Improved data privacy and breach prevention capabilities
- Stronger audit documentation and risk accountability
- Reduced likelihood of HIPAA non-compliance and penalties
- Established internal HIPAA compliance audit processes
- Heightened trust with patients, partners, and regulators

Instructional Methodology

The course follows a blended learning approach combining theory with practice:

- Strategy Briefings - HIPAA regulations, HHS guidance, and audit protocols
- Case Studies - Real-world HIPAA breaches, OCR enforcements, and lessons learned
- Workshops - Risk assessments, gap analysis, and policy reviews
- Peer Exchange - Practical audit challenges and best practices from healthcare environments
- Tools - HIPAA audit templates, risk registers, access audit logs, and breach response trackers

Course Outline

Detailed 5-Day Course Outline

Training Hours: 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM Daily Format: 3-4 Learning Modules | Coffee breaks: 09:30 & 11:15 | Lunch Buffet: 01:00 - 02:00

Day 1: HIPAA Overview and Audit Foundation

- Module 1: Understanding HIPAA – Structure and Scope (07:30 – 09:30) • Overview of HIPAA Titles and Rules • Covered entities vs. business associates • Enforcement bodies and penalties
- Module 2: HIPAA Privacy Rule Key Requirements (09:45 – 11:15) • Uses and disclosures of PHI • Minimum necessary principle and individual rights
- Module 3: HIPAA Security Rule Fundamentals (11:30 – 01:00) • Administrative, technical, and physical safeguards • Protecting ePHI in digital environments
- Module 4: Workshop – HIPAA Compliance Risk Assessment (02:00 – 03:30) • Conduct a mini-assessment for a sample entity

Day 2: Administrative and Technical Safeguards Audit

- Module 1: Reviewing Security Policies and Workforce Access (07:30 – 09:30) • Access control, training, and password policies • Role-based and least-privilege access
- Module 2: Auditing Technical Safeguards (09:45 – 11:15) • Encryption, transmission security, audit logs • System monitoring and breach detection
- Module 3: Evaluating Risk Analysis and Contingency Planning (11:30 – 01:00) • Disaster recovery and emergency access procedures • Backup and restore verification
- Module 4: Simulation – System Access and Security Audit (02:00 – 03:30) • Review access logs and incident alerts

Day 3: Breach Notification and Business Associate Compliance

- Module 1: HIPAA Breach Notification Rule (07:30 – 09:30) • Definition of breach and exceptions • Reporting timeline and content
- Module 2: Investigating and Responding to Breaches (09:45 – 11:15) • Incident response planning and root cause analysis • Documentation and communication process
- Module 3: Vendor Risk and Business Associate Agreements (11:30 – 01:00) • Assessing third-party compliance • Key elements of compliant BAAs
- Module 4: Workshop – Breach Scenario and Response Plan (02:00 – 03:30) • Simulate incident handling and audit documentation

Day 4: Privacy Rule Compliance Review and Audit Execution

- Module 1: Individual Rights and Consent Management (07:30 – 09:30) • Right of access, amendment, restriction, and accounting • Authorization forms and verification
- Module 2: Auditing Use and Disclosure Practices (09:45 – 11:15) • Internal use policies, disclosures to law enforcement, public health reporting
- Module 3: Documentation and Evidence Collection (11:30 – 01:00) • Audit trail, file review, and staff interviews
- Module 4: Simulation – Audit of Privacy Practices (02:00 – 03:30) • Apply checklists to a mock scenario

Day 5: Audit Reporting, Compliance Program Strengthening, and Certification

- Module 1: Drafting and Delivering HIPAA Audit Reports (07:30 – 09:30) • Report structure, prioritizing findings, and recommendations
- Module 2: Corrective Action Plans and Remediation (09:45 – 11:15) • Addressing audit findings and ensuring follow-up
- Module 3: Building a Continuous HIPAA Compliance Program (11:30 – 01:00) • Ongoing monitoring, internal reviews, and staff education
- Module 4: Final Presentations and Certification Ceremony (02:00 – 03:30) • Participant presentations and certificate distribution

Certification

Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion in HIPAA Audit, confirming their expertise in auditing healthcare privacy and security practices in line with U.S. federal law and OCR guidance.

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