

IT GOVERNANCE AUDIT: REVIEWS THE ORGANIZATION'S IT GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES

"Ensuring Strategic Alignment and Accountability in IT Decision-Making"

Schedule

Date	Venue	Fees (Face-to-Face)
02 - 06 Nov 2026	London - UK	USD 3495 per delegate

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

Introduction

In today's digital economy, effective IT governance ensures that technology investments align with organizational goals, deliver value, and manage risk. Auditing IT governance frameworks enables organizations to evaluate how well IT supports business strategies, ensures accountability, and complies with industry regulations.

This intensive training provides professionals with a comprehensive understanding of IT governance audit processes, frameworks such as COBIT, and methods to assess IT decision-making, risk management, and performance monitoring.

Objectives

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

- Evaluate the effectiveness of an organization's IT governance structure
- Apply COBIT and other global frameworks in IT governance audits
- Identify and assess risks in IT planning, budgeting, and performance management
- Conduct structured audits of IT decision-making, policies, and organizational alignment
- Develop audit reports with actionable governance improvement recommendations

Why Attend

- Gain essential skills in assessing IT governance policies and processes
- Understand globally accepted frameworks including COBIT, ISO/IEC 38500
- Learn to detect gaps between IT and business strategy alignment
- Enhance compliance and accountability in IT operations
- Strengthen your organization's strategic and risk management posture

Target Audience

This program is designed for:

- IT auditors and internal auditors evaluating governance structures
- IT governance professionals and compliance managers
- Information security and risk managers
- CIOs, IT directors, and senior IT managers involved in governance
- Consultants providing IT assurance and advisory services

Individual Benefits

Key competencies that will be developed include:

- Ability to conduct IT governance audits using recognized standards
- Skills in assessing IT risk management, compliance, and strategy alignment
- Proficiency in evaluating performance and decision-making structures
- Enhanced understanding of stakeholder roles and responsibilities in governance
- Capacity to deliver audit findings and recommendations effectively

Organizational Benefits

Upon completing the training course, participants will demonstrate:

- Improved alignment between IT and organizational goals
- Enhanced IT governance structures and accountability frameworks
- Stronger oversight of IT investments and risk management
- Better preparedness for regulatory audits and external reviews
- Streamlined audit and reporting processes for IT decision-making

Instructional Methodology

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

- Strategy Briefings - Deep dive into IT governance principles, standards (COBIT, ISO/IEC 38500), and audit techniques
- Case Studies - Real-world examples of IT governance successes and failures
- Workshops - Exercises to assess frameworks, roles, and audit effectiveness
- Peer Exchange - Discussions on common IT governance challenges and solutions
- Tools - Audit templates, IT risk assessment checklists, governance maturity models

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: Foundations of IT Governance and Auditing

- Module 1: Introduction to IT Governance (07:30 – 09:30) • Definition, objectives, and principles of IT governance • Role of IT governance in strategic alignment and value delivery • IT governance vs. IT management
- Module 2: Overview of Governance Frameworks (09:45 – 11:15) • Introduction to COBIT 2019, ISO/IEC 38500, and other global frameworks • Key governance domains and performance metrics • IT risk, compliance, and assurance components
- Module 3: Audit Planning and Governance Scope (11:30 – 01:00) • Defining audit objectives, scope, and criteria • Mapping stakeholders and organizational context • Risk-based audit planning techniques
- Module 4: Workshop – Governance Gap Analysis (02:00 – 03:30) • Performing governance capability assessment using COBIT maturity levels

Day 2: Risk Management and IT Governance Evaluation

- Module 5: IT Risk Assessment in Governance (07:30 – 09:30) • IT risk types: operational, compliance, strategic, cyber • IT risk identification and prioritization • Controls and mitigation strategies
- Module 6: Evaluating Governance Structures (09:45 – 11:15) • Board and executive roles in IT governance • Decision-making hierarchies and committee responsibilities • Policy, oversight, and escalation channels
- Module 7: Workshop – Governance Risk Mapping (11:30 – 01:00) • Creating a risk map for IT governance components
- Module 8: Group Discussion – Real-World Failures (02:00 – 03:30) • Case review of governance breakdowns and audit findings

Day 3: Performance Management and IT Strategy Alignment

- Module 9: Strategic Alignment Audits (07:30 – 09:30) • Linking IT strategy to business goals • IT investment evaluation and prioritization • Alignment KPIs and indicators
- Module 10: Performance Measurement and Metrics (09:45 – 11:15) • Critical success factors and key performance indicators • IT scorecards, dashboards, and reporting lines • Evidence-based governance assessment
- Module 11: Workshop – KPI Development (11:30 – 01:00) • Creating audit KPIs and performance assessment tools
- Module 12: Peer Review – Strategy Evaluation Plans (02:00 – 03:30) • Reviewing alignment audit plans and strategies

Day 4: IT Compliance and Governance Reporting

- Module 13: IT Compliance Auditing (07:30 – 09:30) • Regulatory and legal compliance in IT (GDPR, SOX, ISO standards) • Privacy, data protection, and cyber regulation frameworks • Compliance documentation and evidence collection
- Module 14: Governance Documentation Review (09:45 – 11:15) • Policies, procedures, roles, charters, and accountability matrices • Assessing decision-making records and meeting minutes
- Module 15: Workshop – Compliance Audit Simulation (11:30 – 01:00) • Simulated compliance audit using sample documentation
- Module 16: Group Exercise – Governance Controls Evaluation (02:00 – 03:30) • Using audit checklists and control maturity models

Day 5: Reporting, Presentation & Final Case Study

- Module 17: Audit Reporting and Recommendations (07:30 – 09:30) • Structuring audit reports and findings • Creating actionable recommendations • Presentation techniques for senior management
- Module 18: Integrated Case Study – Full IT Governance Audit (09:45 – 11:15) • End-to-end governance audit of a fictional organization • Stakeholder engagement, evidence gathering, and reporting
- Module 19: Presentation of Audit Findings (11:30 – 01:00) • Group presentations of case study findings • Trainer feedback and improvement tips
- Module 20: Course Wrap-Up and Q&A (02:00 – 03:30) • Course summary and knowledge checks • Participant feedback and closing remarks

Certification

Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion in IT Governance Audit, validating their capability to audit IT governance frameworks, assess strategic alignment and accountability, and evaluate compliance with leading global standards such as COBIT and ISO/IEC 38500.

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