

## EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND CONTRACTS AUDIT

*“Ensuring Compliance, Transparency, and Accountability in Public Sector Funding”*

### Schedule

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

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

### Introduction

Government grants and contracts are essential tools for delivering public services, funding research, and supporting development initiatives. However, without proper oversight, these funds are susceptible to mismanagement, non-compliance, and fraud. A robust audit process ensures that funds are used appropriately, performance targets are met, and public trust is upheld.

This 5-day intensive course provides auditors, finance officers, and grant administrators with the tools and methodologies needed to conduct thorough audits of government-funded programs. Participants will explore best practices in compliance auditing, risk assessment, documentation review, fraud detection, and performance measurement.

### Objectives

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

- Understand the lifecycle and regulatory framework of government grants and contracts
- Conduct risk-based audits to assess compliance and performance
- Evaluate financial statements, cost allocations, and allowable expenses
- Identify red flags and indicators of misuse, fraud, or non-compliance
- Develop audit reports that support transparency and decision-making

## Why Attend

- To ensure that grant funds and public contracts are used efficiently and lawfully
- To reduce risk exposure through strong internal controls and audit practices
- To enhance reporting standards and accountability across funded projects
- To develop the ability to uncover irregularities and prevent financial misstatements
- To build capacity for performance and compliance-based audits in the public sector

## Target Audience

This program is designed for:

- Internal and external auditors
- Grant managers and compliance officers
- Public sector finance and procurement professionals
- NGO, donor, and project administrators
- Legal and risk management professionals involved in contracts or grants

## Individual Benefits

Key competencies that will be developed include:

- Auditing techniques for grants and contract oversight
- Risk identification and mitigation in public funding environments
- Financial analysis and documentation review
- Report writing and stakeholder communication
- Fraud detection and investigative skills

## Organizational Benefits

Upon completing the training course, participants will demonstrate:

- Enhanced financial stewardship and public accountability
- Increased effectiveness in grant and contract monitoring
- Reduced exposure to fraud, waste, and regulatory penalties
- Improved audit readiness for donor, legal, and compliance inspections
- Stronger institutional frameworks for managing public funds

## Instructional Methodology

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

- Strategy Briefings: Public audit principles, funding lifecycle, and regulatory context
- Case Studies: Real-world audit findings, compliance reviews, and fraud cases
- Workshops: Risk-based planning, expense testing, and report drafting exercises
- Peer Exchange: Group discussions on audit challenges in various jurisdictions
- Tools: Templates for audit plans, checklists, working papers, and reporting formats

## 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: Fundamentals of Government Funding and Audit Principles

- Module 1: Introduction to Government Grants and Contracts (07:30 – 09:30) • Types of grants and contracts • Funding lifecycle and stakeholder roles
- Module 2: Public Sector Audit Frameworks (09:45 – 11:15) • INTOSAI, GAO Yellow Book, COSO, and donor regulations
- Module 3: Workshop – Mapping the Grant Lifecycle (11:30 – 01:00) • Identifying risk points and audit touchpoints
- Module 4: Understanding Grant Agreements and Compliance Terms (02:00 – 03:30) • Key clauses, performance conditions, and eligibility rules

#### Day 2: Risk-Based Audit Planning and Internal Controls

- Module 5: Planning and Scoping an Audit (07:30 – 09:30) • Audit objectives, criteria, and risk assessments
- Module 6: Evaluating Internal Controls (09:45 – 11:15) • Segregation of duties, approvals, and monitoring processes
- Module 7: Workshop – Internal Control Evaluation Checklist (11:30 – 01:00) • Reviewing sample control environments
- Module 8: Audit Sampling and Data Collection Methods (02:00 – 03:30) • Statistical and judgmental sampling techniques

#### Day 3: Financial Reviews and Cost Testing

- Module 9: Allowable Costs and Expenditure Testing (07:30 – 09:30) • Cost principles (e.g., OMB Uniform Guidance, donor rules) • Indirect costs, time charges, and procurement expenses
- Module 10: Documentation and Evidence Gathering (09:45 – 11:15) • Supporting documents, vouchers, and procurement files
- Module 11: Workshop – Sample Financial Review (11:30 – 01:00) • Testing invoices and payroll allocations
- Module 12: Budget Deviations and Reporting Accuracy (02:00 – 03:30) • Variance analysis and corrective action follow-up

#### Day 4: Compliance, Fraud Risk, and Contract Oversight

- Module 13: Compliance Requirements and Regulatory Audits (07:30 – 09:30) • Donor terms, procurement laws, and transparency rules
- Module 14: Detecting Fraud and Abuse in Public Funding (09:45 – 11:15) • Fraud red flags, common schemes, and investigation basics
- Module 15: Workshop – Fraud Case Study Analysis (11:30 – 01:00) • Reviewing a misappropriation case and response
- Module 16: Oversight of Third Parties and Subrecipients (02:00 – 03:30) • Monitoring responsibilities and flow-down clauses

#### Day 5: Audit Reporting and Presentation

- Module 17: Writing Clear and Actionable Audit Reports (07:30 – 09:30) • Structure, evidence presentation, and tone
- Module 18: Communicating Findings and Recommendations (09:45 – 11:15) • Stakeholder engagement and follow-up plans
- Module 19: Workshop – Drafting a Final Audit Report (11:30 – 01:00) • Creating a summary report with observations and responses
- Module 20: Wrap-Up and Certification (02:00 – 03:30) • Lessons learned, feedback, and future audit planning

## Certification

Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion in Effective Government Grants and Contracts Audit, validating their competence in planning and conducting audits that promote financial integrity, regulatory compliance, and program accountability.

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