

ISO 37001, BASED ON ISO 19011 & ISO/IEC 17021-1 - LEAD-AUDITOR

“Mastering ISO 37001 Auditing for Anti-Bribery Management Systems”

Schedule

Date	Venue	Fees (Face-to-Face)
19 - 23 Apr 2026	Manama, Bahrain	USD 3495 per delegate

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

Introduction

ISO 37001 is an international standard that provides a framework for organizations to establish, implement, evaluate, and improve an anti-bribery management system (ABMS). This 5-day course is designed for individuals looking to become competent lead auditors for ISO 37001, with a focus on auditing anti-bribery management systems. The training is based on ISO 19011 (guidelines for auditing management systems) and ISO/IEC 17021-1 (requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems). Participants will learn how to plan and conduct audits of anti-bribery management systems, assess their effectiveness, and ensure compliance with the ISO 37001 standard. This course includes practical exercises, case studies, and real-world examples, providing participants with the tools and techniques needed to conduct successful audits.

Objectives

- Understand the requirements of ISO 37001, ISO 19011, and ISO/IEC 17021-1.
- Develop the skills needed to plan, conduct, and report on audits of anti-bribery management systems.
- Assess the effectiveness of an organization's anti-bribery management system.
- Identify non-conformities and opportunities for improvement in an ABMS.
- Understand the role of an auditor in ensuring compliance with anti-bribery standards.
- Apply auditing techniques to assess the organization's ability to meet ISO 37001 requirements.

Why Attend

- Gain expertise in auditing anti-bribery management systems based on the ISO 37001 standard.
- Understand the requirements for conducting audits according to ISO 19011 and ISO/IEC 17021-1.
- Learn how to evaluate the effectiveness of anti-bribery management systems in real-world scenarios.
- Develop the skills to plan, conduct, and report on internal and external audits of ABMS.
- Understand the importance of anti-bribery management and its role in corporate governance and compliance.
- Enhance your ability to provide valuable insights and recommendations for improving anti-bribery practices within organizations.

Target Audience

This program is designed for:

- Lead auditors and audit team members involved in auditing anti-bribery management systems
- Compliance officers, risk managers, and internal auditors
- Quality managers and individuals responsible for implementing ISO 37001 in organizations
- Consultants and professionals working in anti-bribery management and governance
- Anyone seeking to become a certified ISO 37001 Lead Auditor

Individual Benefits

Key competencies that will be developed include:

- Expertise in auditing anti-bribery management systems to ISO 37001 standards.
- Knowledge of ISO 19011 guidelines and ISO/IEC 17021-1 requirements for conducting audits.
- Proficiency in identifying non-conformities and evaluating the effectiveness of an ABMS.
- Enhanced auditing skills to assess and improve an organization's anti-bribery controls.
- Capability to provide actionable recommendations and reports on ABMS performance.

Organizational Benefits

Upon completing the training course, participants will demonstrate:

- Enhanced ability to conduct ISO 37001-compliant audits to assess the effectiveness of anti-bribery systems.
- Increased internal capacity to monitor and maintain an anti-bribery management system.
- Improved compliance with anti-bribery laws and regulations.
- Greater organizational understanding of how to mitigate bribery risks and prevent corrupt practices.
- A stronger framework for maintaining ethical business practices and corporate governance.

Instructional Methodology

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

- Strategy Briefings - In-depth discussions on the ISO 37001 standard, auditing principles (ISO 19011), and certification requirements (ISO/IEC 17021-1).
- Case Studies - Real-world examples and case studies on anti-bribery management and audits.
- Workshops - Hands-on exercises focusing on planning and conducting audits, identifying non-conformities, and reporting findings.
- Peer Exchange - Group discussions to share best practices, experiences, and challenges in anti-bribery audits.
- Tools - Practical templates and tools for audit planning, execution, and reporting.

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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: Introduction to ISO 37001 and Audit Fundamentals

- Module 1: Overview of ISO 37001 and Anti-Bribery Management Systems (07:30 – 09:30)
 - The purpose and scope of ISO 37001
 - Key concepts and principles of anti-bribery management
 - The relationship between ISO 37001 and other management system standards
- Module 2: Understanding ISO 19011 and ISO/IEC 17021-1 (09:45 – 11:15)
 - Guidelines for auditing management systems (ISO 19011)
 - Certification and audit requirements for ISO 37001 (ISO/IEC 17021-1)
 - The role of the lead auditor and audit team
- Module 3: Auditing Techniques and Principles (11:30 – 01:00)
 - Introduction to auditing principles: impartiality, confidentiality, evidence-based approach
 - The stages of an audit: planning, conducting, reporting, and follow-up
 - Understanding audit criteria and objectives

Day 2: Planning the Audit and Conducting Audits

- Module 1: Audit Planning and Preparation (07:30 – 09:30)
 - Developing an audit plan and audit program
 - Defining audit objectives, scope, and criteria
 - Preparing audit checklists and scheduling audits
- Module 2: Conducting the Audit (09:45 – 11:15)
 - Opening and closing meetings with auditees
 - Interviewing key personnel and reviewing documents
 - Observing operations and gathering evidence
- Module 3: Reporting and Communicating Findings (11:30 – 01:00)
 - Documenting audit findings and identifying non-conformities
 - Writing clear and concise audit reports
 - Communicating audit results to management and stakeholders

Day 3: Audit Execution and Evidence Gathering

- Module 1: Auditing for Non-Conformities and Opportunities for Improvement (07:30 – 09:30)
 - Identifying non-conformities and areas for improvement
 - Using evidence to support findings and recommendations
 - Evaluating the effectiveness of corrective actions
- Module 2: Conducting a Compliance Audit (09:45 – 11:15)
 - Auditing for compliance with ISO 37001 and anti-bribery regulations
 - Examining policies, procedures, and records for compliance
 - Evaluating the adequacy of controls and anti-bribery measures
- Module 3: Risk Assessment in Auditing (11:30 – 01:00)
 - Conducting risk assessments during audits
 - Identifying and evaluating bribery risks within organizations
 - Managing risks associated with the audit process

Day 4: Closing the Audit and Post-Audit Activities

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Module 1: Closing the Audit and Reporting Results (07:30 – 09:30)

- Closing meetings with auditees and discussing findings
- Preparing and finalizing audit reports
- Providing actionable recommendations for improving anti-bribery controls
- Module 2: Post-Audit Activities and Follow-Up (09:45 – 11:15)
- Following up on audit findings and corrective actions
- Verifying the effectiveness of corrective actions and improvements
- Conducting surveillance audits to monitor long-term improvements
- Module 3: Auditor Competency and Continuous Improvement (11:30 – 01:00)
- The competencies required for effective auditing and continuous improvement
- Maintaining and developing auditor skills through training and experience
- Auditing for continuous improvement and organizational growth

Day 5: Certification Review and Final Q&A

- Module 1: Review of ISO 37001 Lead Auditor Competencies (07:30 – 09:30)
- Summary of key concepts, methodologies, and auditing skills
- Final Q&A session and clarification of any outstanding issues
- Module 2: Certification Exam Preparation (09:45 – 11:15)
- Review of exam content and study tips
- Preparing for the certification exam
- Module 3: Closing Discussion and Course Conclusion (11:30 – 01:00)
- Final thoughts on applying ISO 37001 audit skills in the workplace
- Next steps for becoming a certified ISO 37001 Lead Auditor

Certification

Upon completing the training course, participants will receive a Certificate of Completion in ISO 37001 Lead Auditor, recognizing their ability to conduct audits of anti-bribery management systems based on ISO 37001, ISO 19011, and ISO/IEC 17021-1 standards.

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