



*Training Course:
Mastering Internal Audit Leadership: Strategies
for Executive Directors*

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Introduction

This 5-day training program is designed to provide Executive Directors with advanced strategies to lead and manage internal audit functions effectively. The course focuses on enhancing leadership capabilities, aligning audit functions with organizational goals, and implementing best practices in governance, risk management, and compliance. By the end of the program, participants will be equipped with the skills to ensure that internal audit contributes to the strategic success of their organizations.

Target Audience

- Executive Directors
- Chief Audit Executives
- Senior Internal Audit Managers
- Board Members responsible for oversight of internal audit functions

Objectives

- Develop leadership skills specific to the internal audit function.
- Learn how to align internal audit activities with organizational strategy.
- Understand risk management, governance, and compliance from a leadership perspective.
- Gain insights into managing audit teams and fostering a culture of integrity and accountability.
- Explore advanced techniques in audit reporting, stakeholder communication, and performance measurement.
- Understand the future trends and innovations shaping internal audit functions.

Outline

Day 1: The Role of Leadership in Internal Audit

- Understanding the evolving role of the internal audit leader.
- Strategic alignment of internal audit with corporate objectives.

- Building relationships with key stakeholders: Board, Executive Management, and Audit Committee.
- Leadership styles and their impact on internal audit effectiveness.
- Case studies: Successful leadership in internal audit functions.

Day 2: Governance, Risk, and Compliance Leadership

- Leading audit teams in identifying and assessing risks.
- Integrating governance, risk management, and compliance GRC into audit strategies.
- Executive-level oversight and governance of internal audit activities.
- Manage audit risks and address emerging risks.
- Compliance and regulatory challenges for audit leaders.

Day 3: Building and Leading High-Performance Audit Teams

- Techniques for developing high-performing internal audit teams.
- Empowering teams with clear vision, purpose, and accountability.
- Enhancing team dynamics, collaboration, and innovation.
- Talent management and succession planning within the audit function.
- Case studies: Leadership challenges and successes in audit team management.

Day 4: Audit Reporting and Communication Strategies

- Best practices for reporting audit findings to the board and executive leadership.
- Developing impactful audit reports that drive strategic decision-making.
- Enhancing communication between internal audit and other departments.
- Managing sensitive or high-stakes audit findings with transparency.
- Executive-level negotiation and influence techniques.

Day 5: Future Trends in Internal Audit Leadership

- Navigating emerging trends such as digital transformation and data analytics.
- Leveraging technology to enhance audit effectiveness and efficiency.

- Preparing for the future: Innovations in internal audit leadership.
- Continuous improvement: Benchmarking and performance measurement for audit leaders.
- Final discussion: Strategic action plans and leadership takeaways.

Registration form on the Training Course: Mastering Internal Audit Leadership: Strategies for Executive Directors

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