

Public Sector Risk Management and Internal Controls Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Public Financial Management & Budgeting	Duration	10 Days
Base Fee	\$3,000 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Strengthen knowledge of public sector governance and accountability frameworks.
2. Enhance understanding of enterprise risk management (ERM) in public organizations.
3. Improve capacity in financial risk analysis and internal control systems.
4. Build skills in fraud detection, prevention, and forensic auditing.
5. Enhance risk-based auditing and compliance monitoring.
6. Foster capacity for strategic risk planning and decision-making.
7. Strengthen operational risk assessment and mitigation strategies.
8. Develop knowledge of risk reporting, monitoring, and evaluation systems.
9. Apply technology and digital tools in risk management and internal controls.
10. Enhance knowledge of procurement risk management and contract compliance.
11. Build skills in ethics, integrity, and anti-corruption practices.
12. Apply crisis management and business continuity planning.
13. Foster leadership and culture of accountability in public institutions.

Target Audiences

1. Government officials and policymakers
2. Public sector managers and directors
3. Internal auditors and compliance officers
4. Risk management professionals
5. Finance officers and accountants in government
6. Procurement and supply chain officers
7. Regulatory and oversight institutions
8. Anti-corruption and governance agencies

Course Duration: 5 days

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Public Sector Risk Management

- Importance of risk management in public institutions
- Key risk management frameworks (COSO, ISO 31000)
- Linking risk management to governance
- Challenges in public sector risk implementation
- Best practices from global public sector entities
- **Case Study: Risk management adoption in the UK National Audit Office**

Module 2: Internal Control Systems in the Public Sector

- Components of internal control (control environment, monitoring, reporting)
- Designing effective internal control frameworks
- Control activities for financial integrity
- Internal control deficiencies and remedies
- Continuous improvement in internal controls
- **Case Study: Internal control reforms in Kenyan public entities**

Module 3: Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) for Public Institutions

- ERM principles and frameworks
- Integration of ERM with strategic planning
- Risk appetite and tolerance setting
- Risk identification and assessment tools
- Monitoring and reporting ERM outcomes
- **Case Study: ERM implementation in South African municipalities**

Module 4: Financial Risk Management in Public Sector

- Identifying financial risks in public entities
- Budgeting, expenditure, and accountability controls
- Financial fraud prevention strategies
- Financial reporting risk mitigation
- Best practices in fiscal transparency
- **Case Study: Financial risk failures in Greece's public debt crisis**

Module 5: Fraud Risk Management and Forensic Auditing

- Types of fraud in public sector institutions
- Fraud risk assessment frameworks
- Forensic auditing techniques
- Red flags in financial fraud detection
- Role of whistleblowing in fraud prevention
- **Case Study: Fraud detection in Nigerian public procurement systems**

Module 6: Risk-Based Auditing and Compliance Monitoring

- Principles of risk-based internal auditing
- Developing a risk-based audit plan
- Compliance auditing in the public sector
- Risk prioritization for audits
- Tools for effective audit monitoring
- **Case Study: Risk-based auditing in Canada's public service sector**

Module 7: Procurement and Contract Risk Management

- Common risks in public procurement
- Contract risk assessment and monitoring
- Transparent procurement frameworks
- Supplier risk evaluation
- Preventing procurement-related fraud
- **Case Study: Public procurement risks in World Bank-funded projects**

Module 8: Ethics, Integrity, and Anti-Corruption Measures

- Building ethical culture in public institutions
- Codes of conduct and accountability policies
- Anti-corruption frameworks and compliance
- Role of transparency in corruption prevention
- Promoting whistleblower protection
- **Case Study: Anti-corruption strategies in Singapore's public sector**

Module 9: Digital Risk and Cybersecurity in the Public Sector

- Cybersecurity risks in government systems

- Data protection and privacy laws
- Managing digital transformation risks
- Cyber risk governance frameworks
- Role of ICT in risk prevention
- **Case Study: Cybersecurity breaches in US federal agencies**

Module 10: Operational Risk Assessment and Mitigation

- Understanding operational risks in government
- Risk identification tools (SWOT, PESTLE, heat maps)
- Risk response strategies (avoid, transfer, mitigate)
- Operational performance risk management
- Role of leadership in operational risk controls
- **Case Study: Operational risks in COVID-19 response programs**

Module 11: Strategic Risk Planning and Decision-Making

- Linking strategy with risk management
- Building a risk-aware decision-making culture
- Strategic risk prioritization tools
- Risk communication and stakeholder engagement
- Long-term public sector risk resilience
- **Case Study: Strategic risk management in Rwanda's Vision 2050**

Module 12: Crisis Management and Business Continuity Planning

- Crisis identification and response strategies
- Designing continuity management systems
- Emergency response planning
- Risk communication during crises
- Building institutional resilience
- **Case Study: Business continuity planning during the Ebola crisis in West Africa**

Module 13: Monitoring, Reporting, and Evaluating Risk Management

- Risk monitoring frameworks
- Effective reporting techniques
- Key risk indicators (KRIs)
- Evaluating risk effectiveness
- Using dashboards and reporting tools
- **Case Study: Risk reporting practices in Australian public entities**

Module 14: Leadership and Risk Governance

- Role of leadership in risk culture development
- Governance structures supporting risk management
- Accountability mechanisms for leaders
- Ethical leadership and trust-building
- Strengthening institutional governance
- **Case Study: Governance reforms in Scandinavian public administrations**

Module 15: Future Trends in Public Sector Risk Management

- Emerging risks in global public governance
- Integration of AI and technology in risk systems
- Sustainable risk management approaches

- Evolving compliance and regulatory trends
- Building adaptive public institutions
- **Case Study: AI-driven risk management in Estonia's e-governance**

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures with real-world case examples
- Group discussions and scenario analysis
- Hands-on exercises using risk management tools
- Role-playing for internal control application
- Practical simulations on fraud detection and ERM

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- The participant must be conversant with English.
- Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to FINESKILL TRAINING CENTER account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
07 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Physical	\$3,000
14 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$3,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
28 Sep 2026	09 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000

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05 Oct 2026	16 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
12 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
19 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
26 Oct 2026	06 Nov 2026	Physical	\$3,000

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