Tax Havens & Offshore Structures Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Taxation and Revenue	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

Tax Havens & Offshore Structures training course provides an in-depth understanding of how offshore financial centers and tax havens operate, their legal frameworks, and their impact on international taxation. Participants will explore the legitimate and non-legitimate uses of offshore structures, focusing on tax planning, asset protection, and compliance with global transparency standards. The course also examines how international tax authorities address harmful tax competition and how corporate entities structure cross-border operations to optimize tax efficiency.

By the end of the course, participants will have a clear understanding of the benefits, risks, and evolving regulations surrounding offshore structures. The program highlights the role of global initiatives such as the OECD BEPS project, FATF recommendations, and CRS in curbing tax evasion and improving transparency. Participants will also gain insights into corporate structuring, shell entities, and offshore banking practices, enabling them to distinguish between ethical tax planning and aggressive avoidance. Through case studies, learners will analyze real-world examples of offshore jurisdictions and understand the implications of new international disclosure requirements.

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Course Objectives

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

1. Understand the concept and characteristics of tax havens and offshore jurisdictions.
2. Identify the legal and financial structures commonly used in offshore tax planning.
3. Evaluate the benefits and risks of offshore entities in international operations.
4. Interpret anti-avoidance laws and international transparency regulations.
5. Analyze the role of OECD, FATF, and EU initiatives in combating tax evasion.
6. Examine the impact of BEPS, CRS, and AML compliance on offshore structures.
7. Develop strategies to maintain ethical and compliant offshore tax practices.
8. Understand the use of shell companies, trusts, and foundations in tax structuring.
9. Assess global policy reforms targeting secrecy jurisdictions.
10. Identify key offshore jurisdictions and their regulatory frameworks.
11. Prepare compliance documentation and disclosures for offshore transactions.
12. Evaluate reputational and operational risks in using tax havens.
13. Formulate responsible offshore planning aligned with global standards.

Target Audience

This course is suitable for:

1. Tax Consultants and Advisors
2. Corporate Lawyers and Legal Counsel
3. Financial Controllers and CFOs
4. Compliance and Risk Management Officers
5. International Accountants and Auditors
6. Wealth and Asset Management Professionals
7. Policy Makers and Regulators
8. Tax Administrators and Investigators

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Course Modules

Module 1: Understanding Tax Havens and Offshore Jurisdictions

- Definition and characteristics of tax havens
- Economic rationale and historical background
- Types of offshore jurisdictions and services offered
- Comparison between onshore and offshore tax regimes
- Key features of low-tax and no-tax environments
- **Case Study:** Analysis of Cayman Islands as a global offshore hub

Module 2: Legal and Financial Offshore Structures

- Overview of offshore companies, trusts, and foundations
- International Business Companies (IBCs) and Limited Partnerships
- Offshore banking and investment structures
- Asset protection and estate planning uses
- Regulatory compliance and documentation standards
- **Case Study:** Structuring an international investment through an offshore trust

Module 3: Tax Planning and Optimization Strategies

- Legitimate tax planning vs. aggressive tax avoidance
- Using offshore entities in corporate structuring
- Managing cross-border profits and tax deferral
- Intercompany financing and royalty routing
- Global anti-avoidance trends and controlled foreign company (CFC) rules
- **Case Study:** Corporate restructuring through offshore subsidiaries

Module 4: International Transparency and Compliance Frameworks

- OECD’s BEPS Action Plans and offshore implications
- FATF anti-money laundering (AML) requirements
- Common Reporting Standard (CRS) and automatic exchange of information
- UBO (Ultimate Beneficial Ownership) disclosure rules
- Global sanctions and blacklists for non-cooperative jurisdictions
- **Case Study:** Implementation of CRS reporting in major offshore centers

Module 5: Ethical, Legal, and Reputational Risks

- Risks associated with aggressive offshore tax structures
- Legal compliance vs. ethical responsibility
- Reputational consequences for corporations using tax havens
- Global enforcement and penalties for non-disclosure
- Media exposure and the role of whistleblowers (e.g., Panama Papers)
- **Case Study:** Lessons from Panama and Paradise Papers investigations

Module 6: Offshore Structures and Corporate Governance

- Board composition and management control in offshore companies
- Substance requirements and economic presence tests
- Regulatory oversight and accountability mechanisms
- Anti-abuse and transparency measures
- Role of internal audit and compliance teams
- **Case Study:** Governance model for a multinational’s offshore operations

Module 7: Offshore Banking and Investment Management

- Role of offshore banks and investment funds
- Tax-efficient asset and wealth management strategies
- Foreign exchange, capital controls, and repatriation of profits
- Global reporting obligations for offshore accounts
- Managing legal exposure and AML compliance
- **Case Study:** Offshore fund management and tax compliance challenges

Module 8: The Future of Offshore Finance and Tax Policy

- Global tax reforms and transparency trends
- BEPS 2.0 and global minimum tax implications
- Impact of digitalization on offshore structuring
- Shifting business models and the decline of secrecy jurisdictions
- Best practices for compliant offshore operations
- **Case Study:** Post-BEPS transformation of traditional offshore centers

Training Methodology

- Interactive instructor-led presentations
- Group case study analysis and simulation exercises
- Practical workshops on tax compliance and reporting
- Policy review sessions on global tax transparency frameworks
- Scenario-based learning and real-world problem solving
- Q&A sessions and expert consultation

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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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

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. 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	11 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500

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14 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
05 Oct 2026	09 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
12 Oct 2026	16 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
19 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
26 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500

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