The Government Finance Statistics (GFS) Manual Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Public Financial Management & Budgeting	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the principles and structure of the GFS Manual 2014.
2. Develop skills in fiscal data collection, classification, and compilation.
3. Apply macroeconomic analysis using GFS frameworks.
4. Strengthen public sector accounting and reporting systems.
5. Enhance fiscal transparency and accountability mechanisms.
6. Improve budgetary performance monitoring and evaluation.
7. Interpret government revenues, expenditures, and financing flows.
8. Learn techniques for public debt management and reporting.
9. Support evidence-based policy making with GFS tools.
10. Integrate national accounts and fiscal statistics for consistency.
11. Build capacity in intergovernmental fiscal transfers analysis.
12. Align statistical reporting with IMF and international standards.
13. Promote inclusive governance through reliable fiscal statistics.

Target Audiences

1. Government finance officers
2. Public sector accountants
3. Fiscal policy analysts
4. National statistics office staff
5. Auditors and regulators
6. Economic researchers
7. Ministry of Finance officials
8. International development partners

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to the GFS Framework

- Overview of GFS Manual 2014 principles
- Importance of international fiscal reporting standards
- Key concepts in government finance statistics
- Scope and coverage of GFS data
- Integration with macroeconomic frameworks
- **Case Study:** Application of GFS in Sub-Saharan African fiscal reforms

Module 2: Classification of Government Revenues and Expenditures

- Revenue classifications in GFS
- Expenditure and expense breakdowns

- Distinguishing transactions vs other flows
- Linking revenues to fiscal policy design
- Best practices in reporting expenditures
- **Case Study:** Revenue and expenditure reforms in Latin America

Module 3: Government Assets and Liabilities

- Understanding government balance sheets
- Recording of non-financial assets
- Liabilities and contingent obligations
- Fiscal risk assessment using GFS
- Public investment reporting
- **Case Study:** Infrastructure investment tracking in Asia

Module 4: Public Debt and Deficit Reporting

- Measurement of public debt under GFS
- Debt sustainability analysis
- Fiscal deficit reporting standards
- Implications for macroeconomic stability
- Role of GFS in debt transparency
- **Case Study:** Debt restructuring experiences in Europe

Module 5: Fiscal Data Compilation and Quality Assurance

- Data sources and collection methods
- Quality control techniques
- Validation of fiscal data
- Improving statistical reliability
- Integration of administrative and survey data
- **Case Study:** Enhancing data credibility in emerging economies

Module 6: Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers

- Types of transfers in fiscal systems
- Horizontal and vertical equity in transfers
- Revenue-sharing frameworks
- Impacts on subnational governments
- Reporting intergovernmental transfers under GFS
- **Case Study:** Federal-state transfers in North America

Module 7: Linking GFS to National Accounts

- Consistency between GFS and national accounts
- Cross-sectoral data integration
- Harmonization with balance of payments
- Supporting macroeconomic policy analysis
- Importance of global comparability
- **Case Study:** Integrating GFS with national accounts in EU countries

Module 8: Fiscal Policy Analysis and Transparency

- Using GFS for fiscal policy evaluation
- Transparency and accountability frameworks
- Evidence-based decision-making tools
- Fiscal sustainability assessments
- Reporting for international organizations (IMF, World Bank)
- **Case Study:** Fiscal transparency initiatives in OECD countries

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures using real-world examples and case studies
- Hands-on exercises in data classification and compilation
- Workshops and group discussions on fiscal reporting practices
- Simulation activities for fiscal policy analysis and transparency
- Practical assignments aligned with the GFS Manual framework

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	Online	$1,100
14 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Online	$1,100

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21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	$1,100
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	$1,100
05 Oct 2026	09 Oct 2026	Online	$1,100
12 Oct 2026	16 Oct 2026	Online	$1,100
19 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	Online	$1,100
26 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026	Online	$1,100

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