

AUDITING AND GOVERNANCE RISK AND COMPLIANCE | COURSE BROCHURE

Internal Audit Charter, Mandate and Strategy

5 days | Classroom training | English

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Why attend

A clear charter and strategy give internal audit the authority, independence and direction it needs. This course covers drafting the internal audit charter, defining the mandate, reporting lines and independence, aligning with professional standards, setting a function strategy, stakeholder expectations and measuring audit performance.

Many audit functions lack a clear mandate or strategy, limiting their impact. You will learn to position internal audit strategically.

Professional Problems This Course Is Designed to Solve

• Difficulty translating subject knowledge into practical workplace decisions.
• Inconsistent approaches to the activities covered in the course outline.
• Lack of a structured plan for applying and reviewing new skills.

Course methodology

Charter drafting workshops, strategy development exercises, stakeholder mapping and case studies.

Course objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:
• Draft or update an internal audit charter
• Define audit mandate and scope
• Safeguard independence and objectivity
• Align with professional standards
• Develop an internal audit strategy
• Measure and report audit performance

Target audience

This course is suitable for:
• Heads of internal audit
• Audit managers
• Audit committee members
• Governance professionals
• Senior auditors



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Target competencies

Participants will develop competencies in:

- Charter drafting
- Strategic planning
- Independence management
- Stakeholder engagement
- Performance measurement

Course outline

Day 1: Purpose of Internal Audit

09:00–10:08	Role and value
10:08–11:00	Professional standards
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Professional standards (continued)
11:45–12:53	Stakeholders
12:53–14:00	Exercise

Day 2: Charter and Mandate

09:00–10:08	Charter content
10:08–11:00	Mandate
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Mandate (continued)
11:45–12:53	Authority
12:53–14:00	Drafting workshop

Day 3: Independence

09:00–10:08	Reporting lines
10:08–11:00	Objectivity threats
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**



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11:30–11:45	Objectivity threats (continued)
11:45–12:53	Safeguards
12:53–14:00	Case study

Day 4: Strategy

09:00–10:08	Vision and priorities
10:08–11:00	Capabilities
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Capabilities (continued)
11:45–12:53	Technology
12:53–14:00	Workshop

Day 5: Performance

09:00–10:08	KPIs
10:08–11:00	Quality
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Quality (continued)
11:45–12:53	Stakeholder feedback
12:53–14:00	Action plan

The timings provided are estimates and may vary depending on the number of participants and the discussions taking place during the sessions. They are indicative only and do not constitute a binding commitment.



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Dates, venues and fees

Current published course plans. Fees are per participant in GBP, excluding unconfirmed taxes.

Venue	Start date	End date	Fee (GBP)
London Confirmed dates	16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	**£2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	**£1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**£3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**£1,250.–**
Rome Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£1,250.–**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**£2,540.–**
Online Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**£1,250.–**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	15 Feb 2027	19 Feb 2027	**£1,450.–**



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Online Confirmed dates	15 Feb 2027	19 Feb 2027	**£1,250.–**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**£1,890.–**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**£1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	29 Mar 2027	2 Apr 2027	**£3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	29 Mar 2027	2 Apr 2027	**£1,250.–**
Vienna Confirmed dates	19 Apr 2027	23 Apr 2027	**£2,940.–**
Online Confirmed dates	19 Apr 2027	23 Apr 2027	**£1,250.–**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	3 May 2027	7 May 2027	**£1,890.–**
Online Confirmed dates	3 May 2027	7 May 2027	**£1,250.–**



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Paris Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**£2,860.-**
Online Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**£1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**£3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**£1,250.-**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	5 Jul 2027	9 Jul 2027	**£2,840.-**
Online Confirmed dates	5 Jul 2027	9 Jul 2027	**£1,250.-**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**£1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	9 Aug 2027	13 Aug 2027	**£2,450.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	9 Aug 2027	13 Aug 2027	**£1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	30 Aug 2027	3 Sept 2027	**£1,890.-**
Online Confirmed dates	30 Aug 2027	3 Sept 2027	**£1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**£1,250.-**
Vienna Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**£2,940.-**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**£1,250.-**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	1 Nov 2027	5 Nov 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	1 Nov 2027	5 Nov 2027	**£1,250.-**



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Rome Confirmed dates	15 Nov 2027	19 Nov 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	15 Nov 2027	19 Nov 2027	**£1,250.-**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	6 Dec 2027	10 Dec 2027	**£2,840.-**
Online Confirmed dates	6 Dec 2027	10 Dec 2027	**£1,250.-**

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