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Procurement Fraud: Prevention, Detection and Investigation

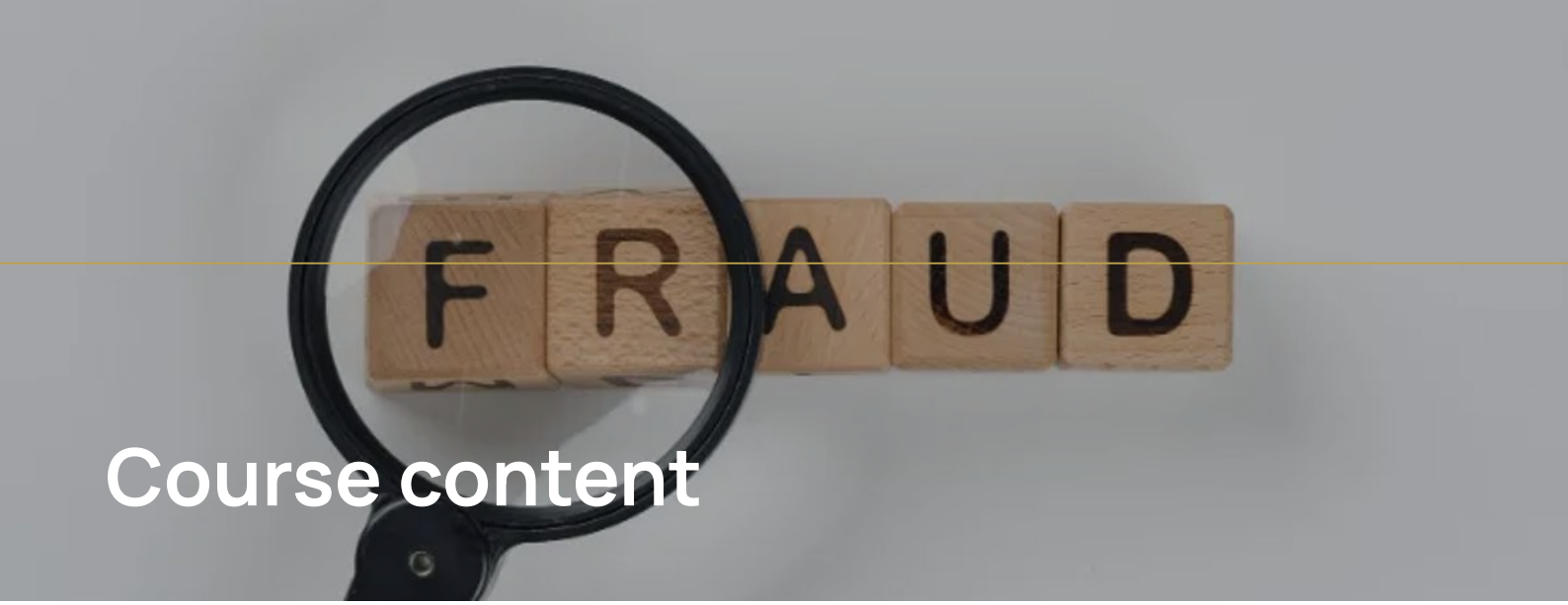
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Why attend

This course equips professionals with the knowledge and skills to prevent, detect, and investigate procurement fraud. Participants will learn practical strategies and tools to safeguard their organisations against fraudulent activities in procurement processes, ensuring compliance and integrity.

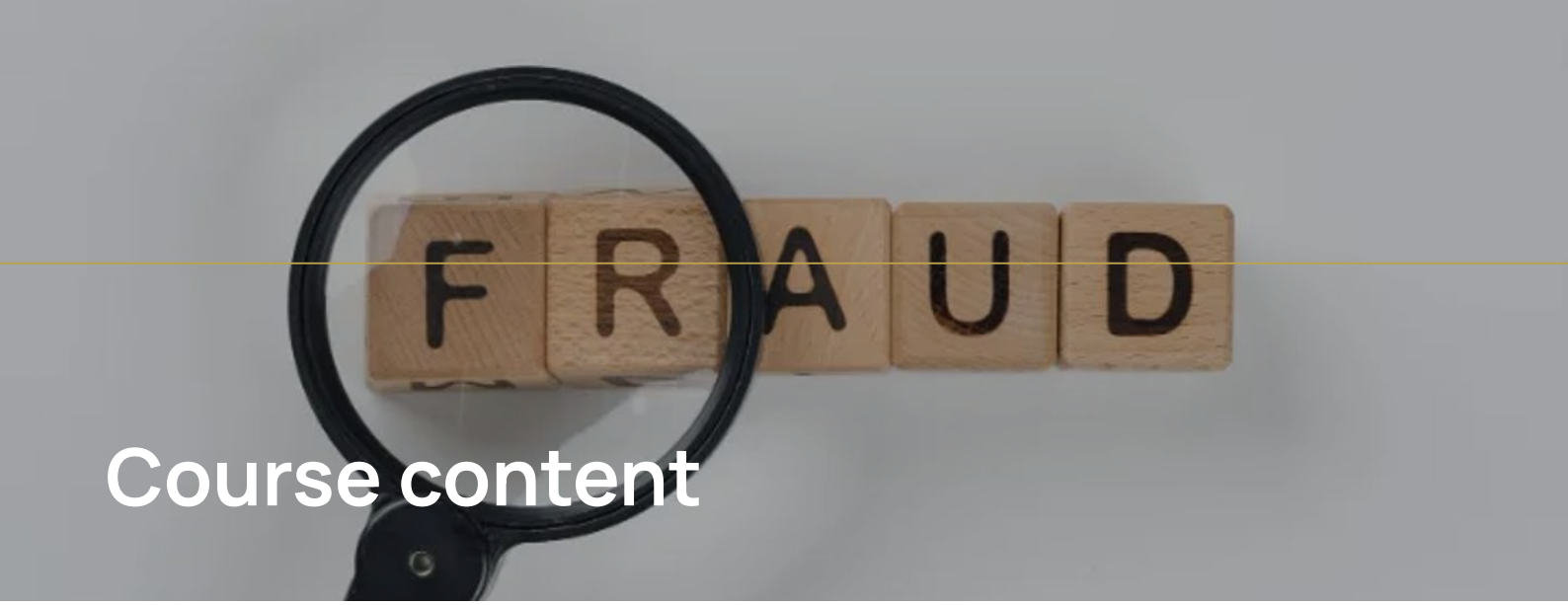
Procurement fraud poses significant risks to organisations, leading to financial losses, legal repercussions, and reputational damage. Professionals in procurement, finance, and compliance must understand the tactics employed by fraudsters to effectively mitigate these risks. This course addresses the pressing need for robust fraud prevention measures, enabling participants to identify vulnerabilities in procurement processes and implement effective controls. By enhancing their skills in fraud detection and investigation, attendees will be better equipped to protect their organisations from potential fraud, ensuring ethical procurement practices and compliance with regulations. Participants will also learn how to make informed decisions when faced with suspicious activities, enhancing their overall procurement strategy.
Participants will engage in practical exercises that simulate real-world procurement scenarios. By analysing case studies and developing investigation strategies, attendees will enhance their ability to detect anomalies and implement preventive controls. The course focuses on actionable insights, allowing professionals to practice conducting fraud risk assessments, developing fraud response plans, and collaborating with cross-functional teams to enhance fraud detection efforts. This hands-on approach ensures that attendees leave with the practical capabilities necessary to address procurement fraud effectively. Participants will also learn to communicate findings clearly and develop strategies that align with organisational goals.

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

The course employs a blend of case studies, role-playing exercises, and group discussions to foster an interactive learning environment. Participants will analyse real-life procurement fraud cases to identify red flags and develop investigation plans. Practical workshops will guide attendees in creating fraud prevention frameworks tailored to their organisations. Outputs will include fraud risk assessments, investigation reports, and fraud prevention strategy documents, demonstrating participants' understanding and application of the concepts taught. This approach ensures that learning is directly applicable to participants' roles, enhancing their capability to combat procurement fraud in their organisations. Additionally, participants will engage in simulations that mimic real-world challenges, reinforcing their skills in a controlled setting.



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Course objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:
• Identify key indicators of procurement fraud in organisational processes.
• Assess the effectiveness of existing procurement controls and compliance measures.
• Design a comprehensive fraud prevention strategy tailored to an organisation's needs.
• Investigate procurement fraud cases using established methodologies and techniques.
• Evaluate the impact of procurement fraud on organisational performance and reputation.
• Develop a fraud response plan that outlines investigation protocols and reporting procedures.

Target audience

This course is suitable for:
• Procurement Managers responsible for overseeing purchasing processes and ensuring compliance.
• Internal Auditors tasked with assessing risk and fraud prevention measures.
• Compliance Officers focused on maintaining regulatory standards and ethical practices.
• Financial Analysts involved in budgeting and financial oversight of procurement activities.

Target competencies

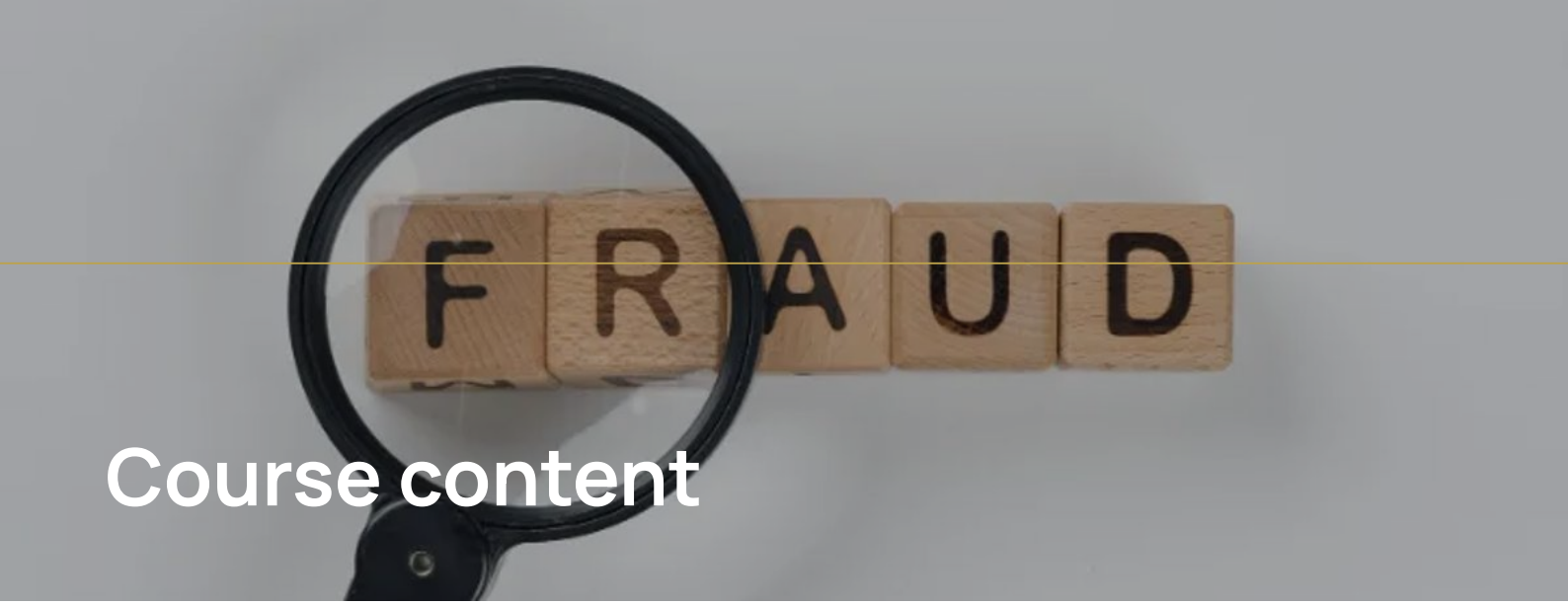
Participants will develop competencies in:
• Recognising fraud indicators in procurement processes.
• Conducting thorough investigations into procurement irregularities.
• Implementing effective fraud prevention strategies.
• Analysing procurement data for anomalies and trends.
• Communicating findings and recommendations to stakeholders.
• Collaborating with cross-functional teams to enhance fraud detection efforts.

Course outline

Day 1: Understanding Procurement Fraud

Applied activity: Participants will analyse a fictional case study of procurement fraud, identifying the tactics used and discussing the implications for the organisation. They will evaluate how these tactics could be prevented in future scenarios, considering both ethical and procedural improvements.
Output: A detailed report outlining identified fraud indicators, prevention strategies, and potential impacts.

09:00–09:54	Defining procurement fraud and its various forms, including collusion and bribery.



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09:54–10:48	Exploring the impact of procurement fraud on organisations, including financial and reputational damage.
10:48–11:00	Identifying common fraud schemes in procurement processes, such as invoice fraud and bid rigging.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Identifying common fraud schemes in procurement processes, such as invoice fraud and bid rigging. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Understanding the role of ethics in procurement and the importance of transparency.
13:06–14:00	Reviewing relevant laws and regulations regarding procurement fraud, including compliance requirements.

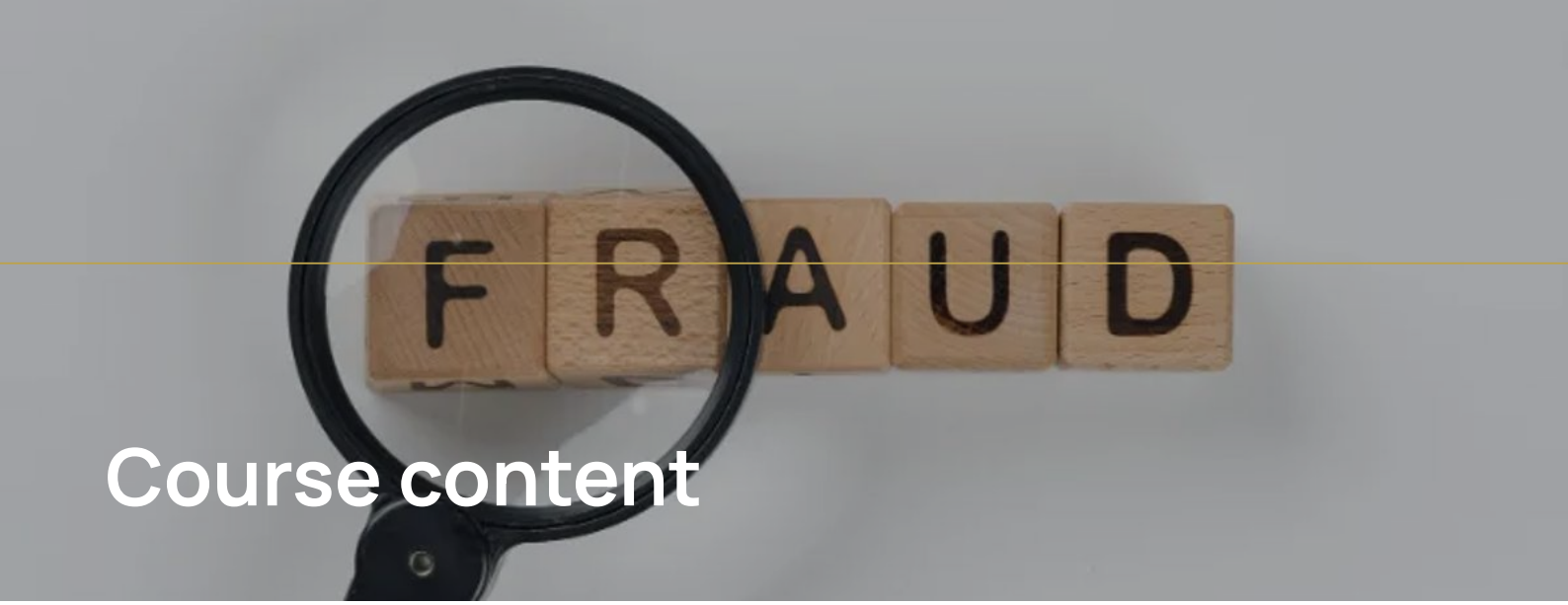
Day 2: Fraud Prevention Strategies

Applied activity: In groups, participants will design a fraud prevention strategy for a fictional organisation, considering specific procurement challenges and risks. They will present their strategies and receive feedback from peers, focusing on practical implementation steps and stakeholder engagement.
Output: A comprehensive fraud prevention strategy document that outlines key measures and implementation plans.

09:00–09:54	Evaluating existing procurement controls and their effectiveness in preventing fraud.
09:54–10:48	Developing a fraud risk assessment framework tailored to specific organisational needs.
10:48–11:00	Implementing preventive measures in procurement processes, including segregation of duties and oversight.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Implementing preventive measures in procurement processes, including segregation of duties and oversight. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Training staff on fraud awareness and ethical practices to foster a culture of integrity.
13:06–14:00	Utilising technology, such as procurement software, to enhance fraud prevention and monitoring.

Day 3: Detecting Procurement Fraud

Applied activity: Participants will simulate a procurement audit, analysing provided data for irregularities and presenting their findings to the group. They will discuss the implications of their findings and suggest corrective actions, focusing on both immediate and long-term solutions.
Output: An audit report highlighting detected anomalies, recommendations for improvement, and a summary of findings.



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09:00–09:54	Recognising red flags and anomalies in procurement data through analytical techniques.
09:54–10:48	Utilising data analytics tools for fraud detection, including trend analysis and anomaly detection.
10:48–11:00	Conducting effective audits of procurement activities to identify potential fraud.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Conducting effective audits of procurement activities to identify potential fraud. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Establishing whistleblower policies and reporting mechanisms to encourage reporting of suspicious activities.
13:06–14:00	Collaborating with IT for enhanced fraud detection through data security measures.

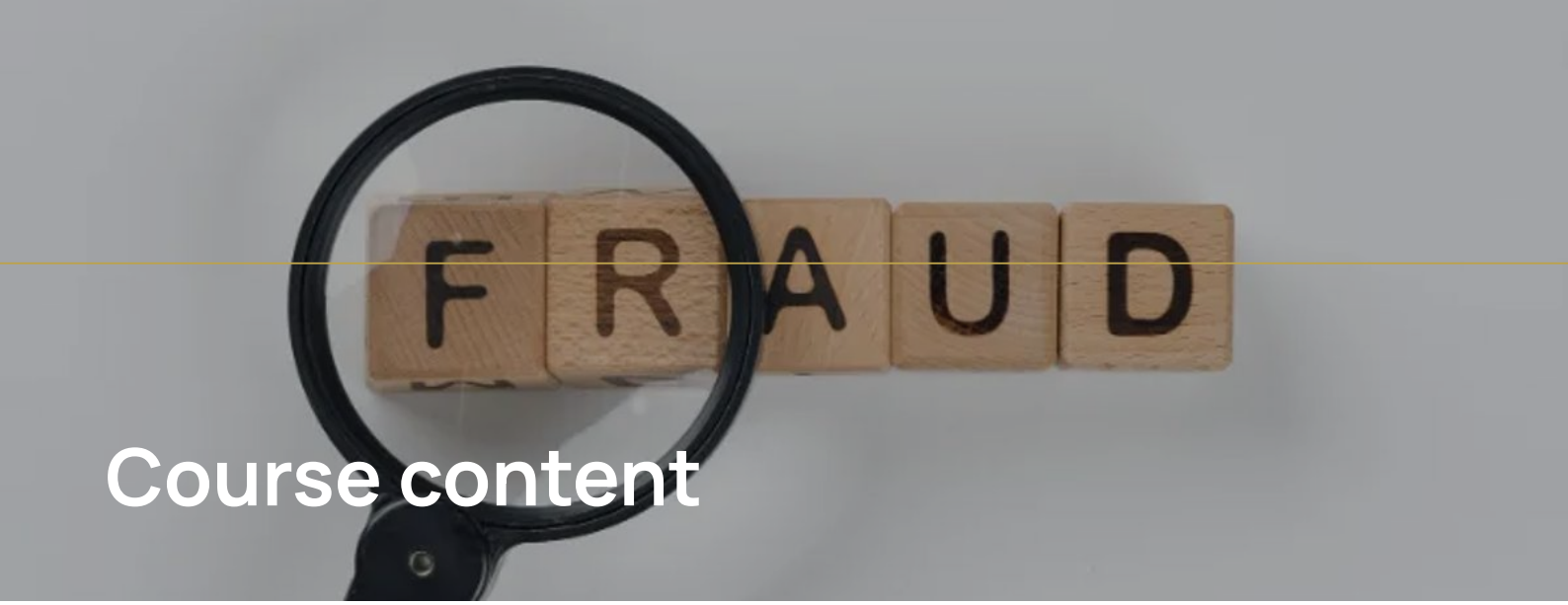
Day 4: Investigating Procurement Fraud

Applied activity: Working in pairs, participants will role-play an investigation scenario, conducting interviews and compiling evidence to present their case. They will prepare a mock investigation report based on their findings, ensuring all legal and ethical standards are met.
Output: A mock investigation report summarising findings, evidence collected, and recommendations for action.

09:00–09:54	Understanding the investigation process and methodologies, including forensic accounting techniques.
09:54–10:48	Collecting and preserving evidence in procurement fraud cases, ensuring legal compliance.
10:48–11:00	Conducting interviews and gathering testimonies from involved parties to build a case.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Conducting interviews and gathering testimonies from involved parties to build a case. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Documenting findings and preparing investigation reports that outline evidence and conclusions.
13:06–14:00	Navigating legal considerations in fraud investigations, including confidentiality and reporting obligations.

Day 5: Integrating Fraud Prevention and Detection

Applied activity: Participants will collaborate to create an integrated fraud management plan that outlines prevention, detection, and response strategies for a fictional organisation. They will present their plan to the class for discussion, focusing on practical implementation and stakeholder buy-in.
Output: A comprehensive fraud management plan document that integrates all aspects of fraud prevention and detection.



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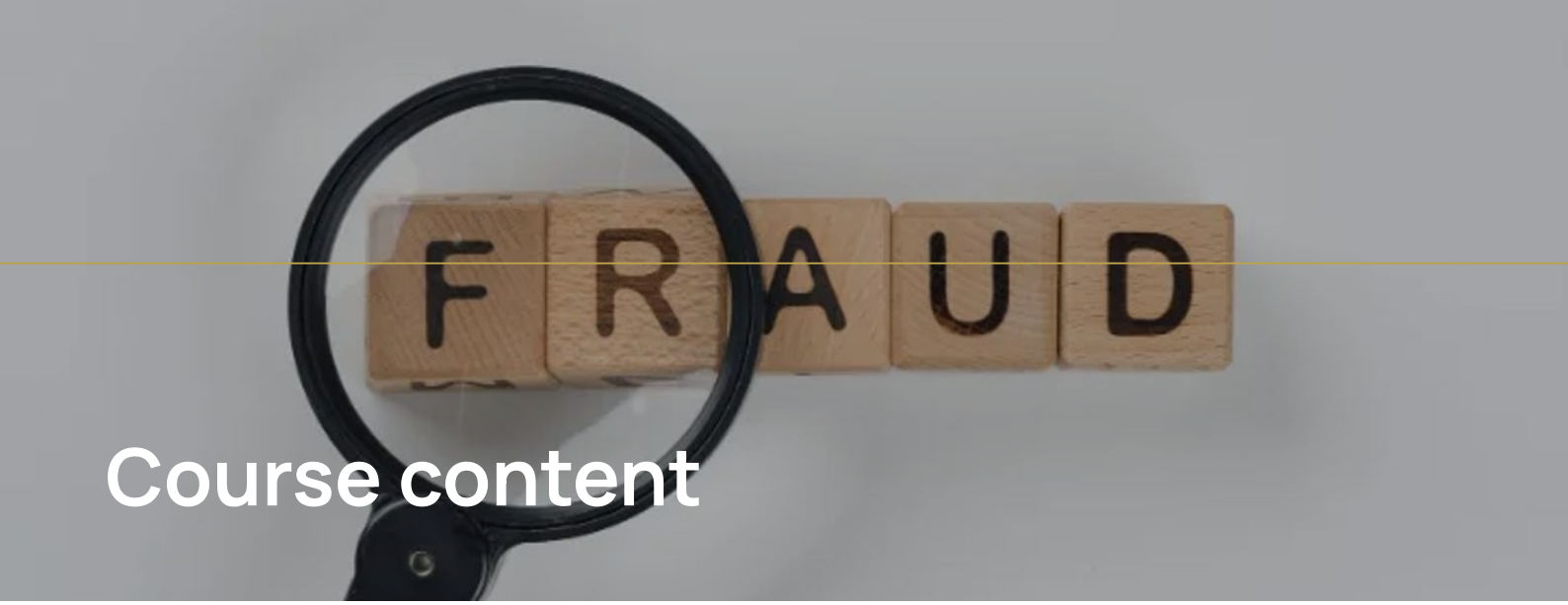
09:00–09:54	Creating a holistic approach to procurement fraud management that combines prevention and detection.
09:54–10:48	Developing a fraud response plan for procurement incidents, outlining roles and responsibilities.
10:48–11:00	Engaging stakeholders in fraud prevention efforts, including training and awareness initiatives.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Engaging stakeholders in fraud prevention efforts, including training and awareness initiatives. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Evaluating the effectiveness of fraud management strategies through metrics and feedback.
13:06–14:00	Continuous improvement in procurement fraud practices, adapting to new risks and challenges.

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.

Dates, venues and fees

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

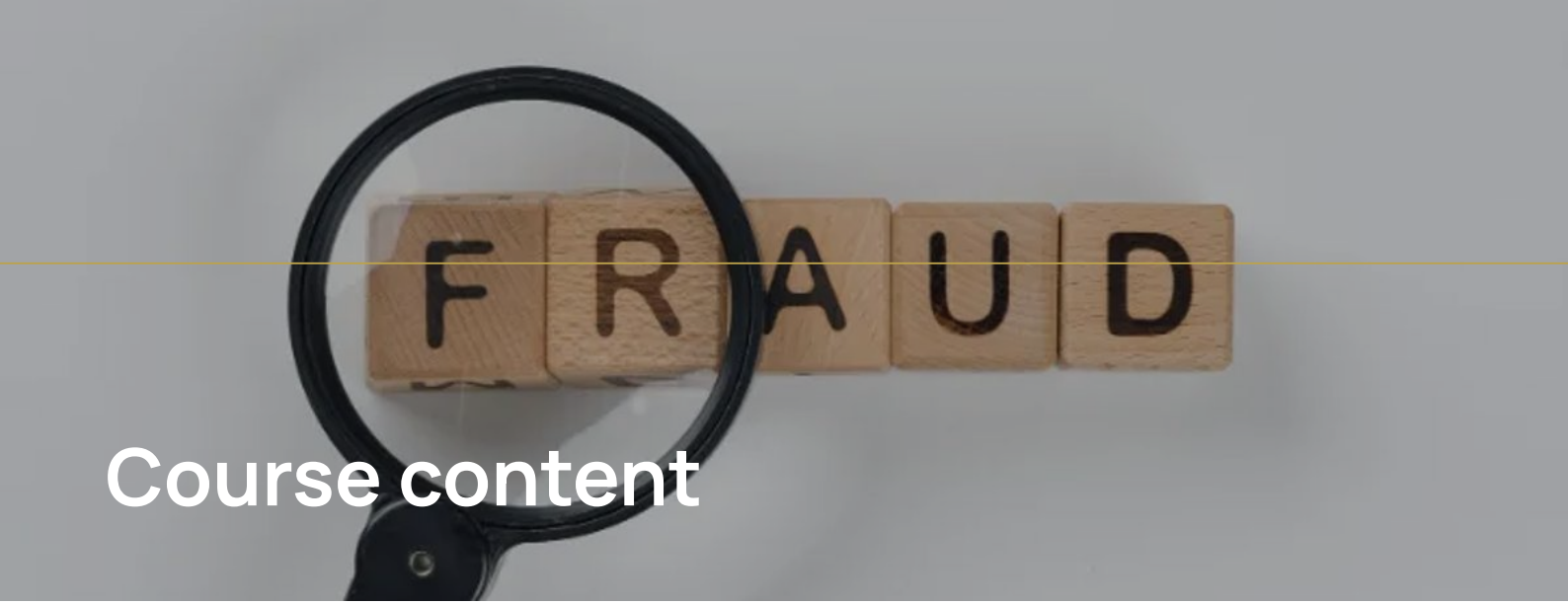
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Singapore Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**£2,820.–**
Online Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**£1,250.–**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	**£1,890.–**
Online Confirmed dates	16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	**£1,250.–**
London Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**£2,450.–**



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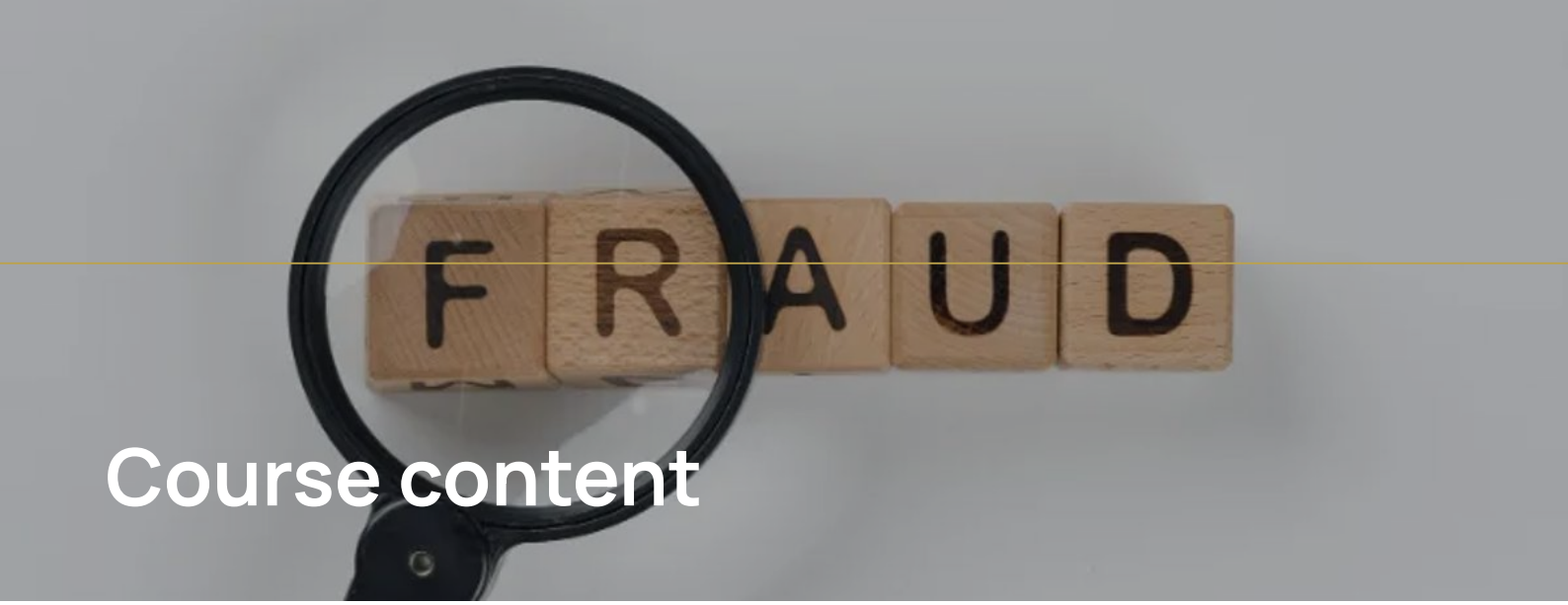
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Online Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**£1,250.–**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**£2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**£1,250.–**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£1,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£1,250.–**
Paris Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**£2,860.–**
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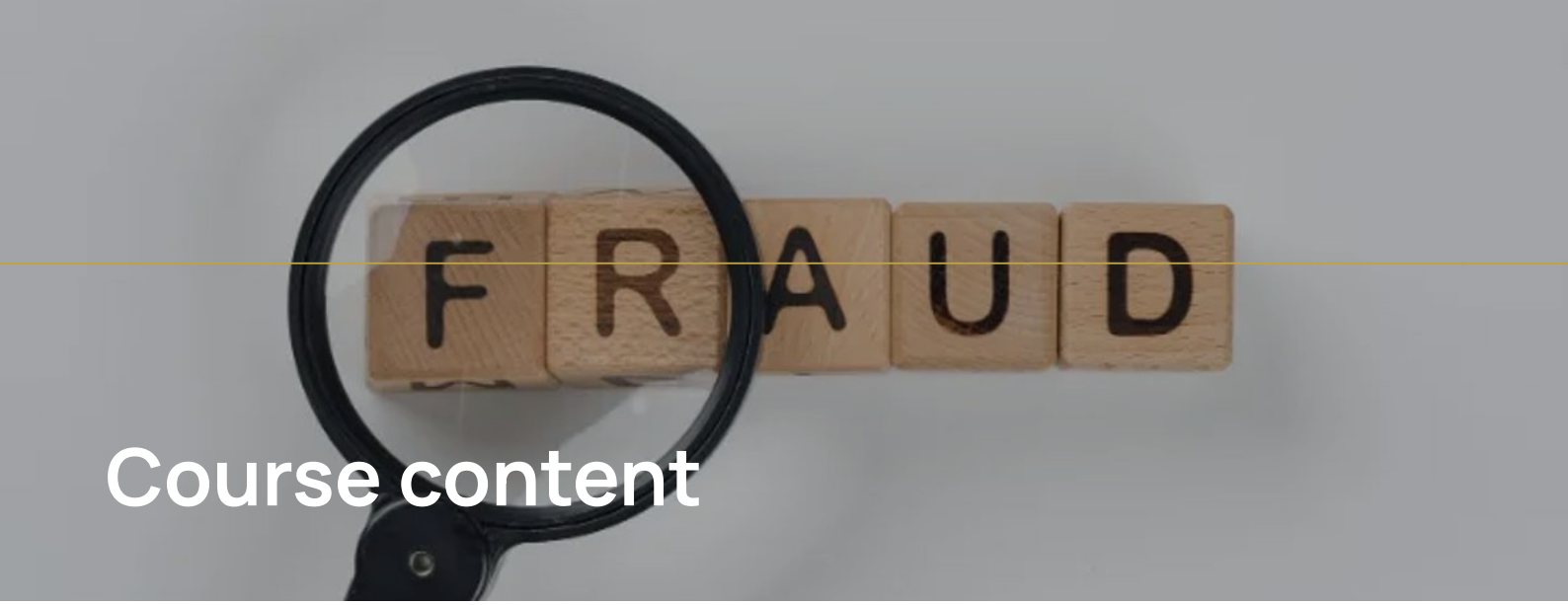
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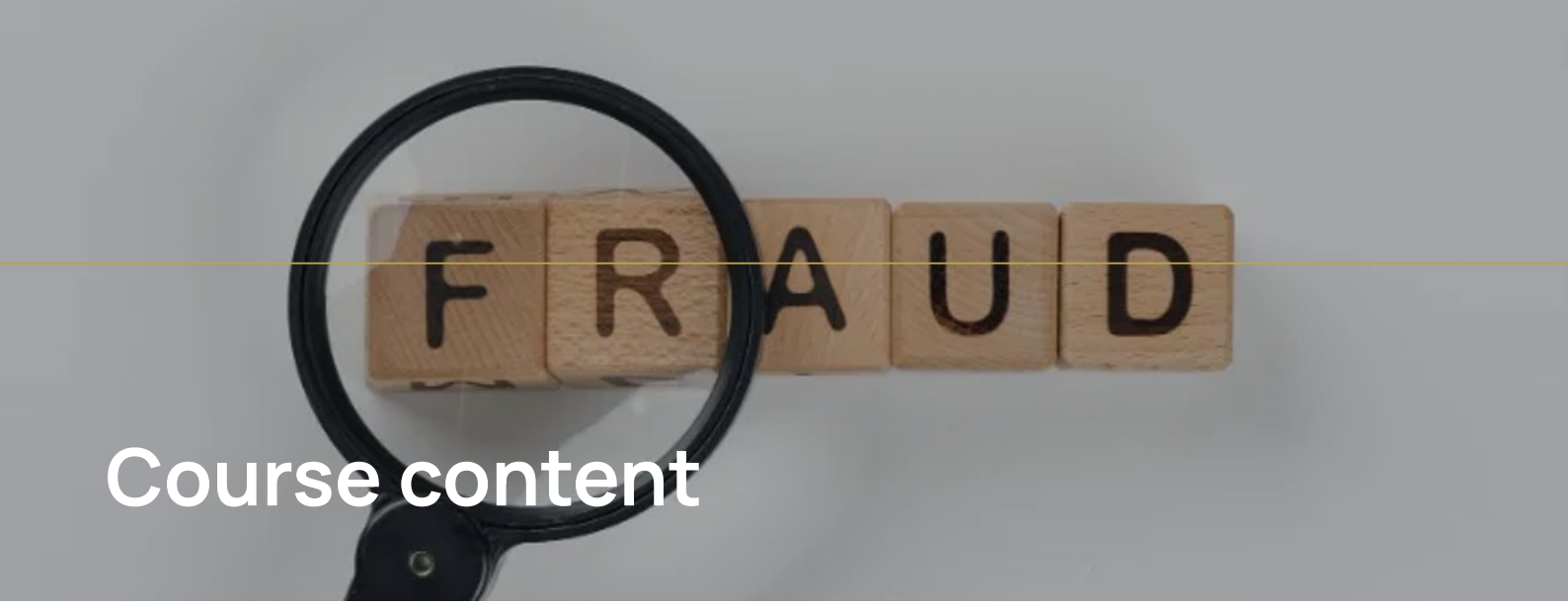
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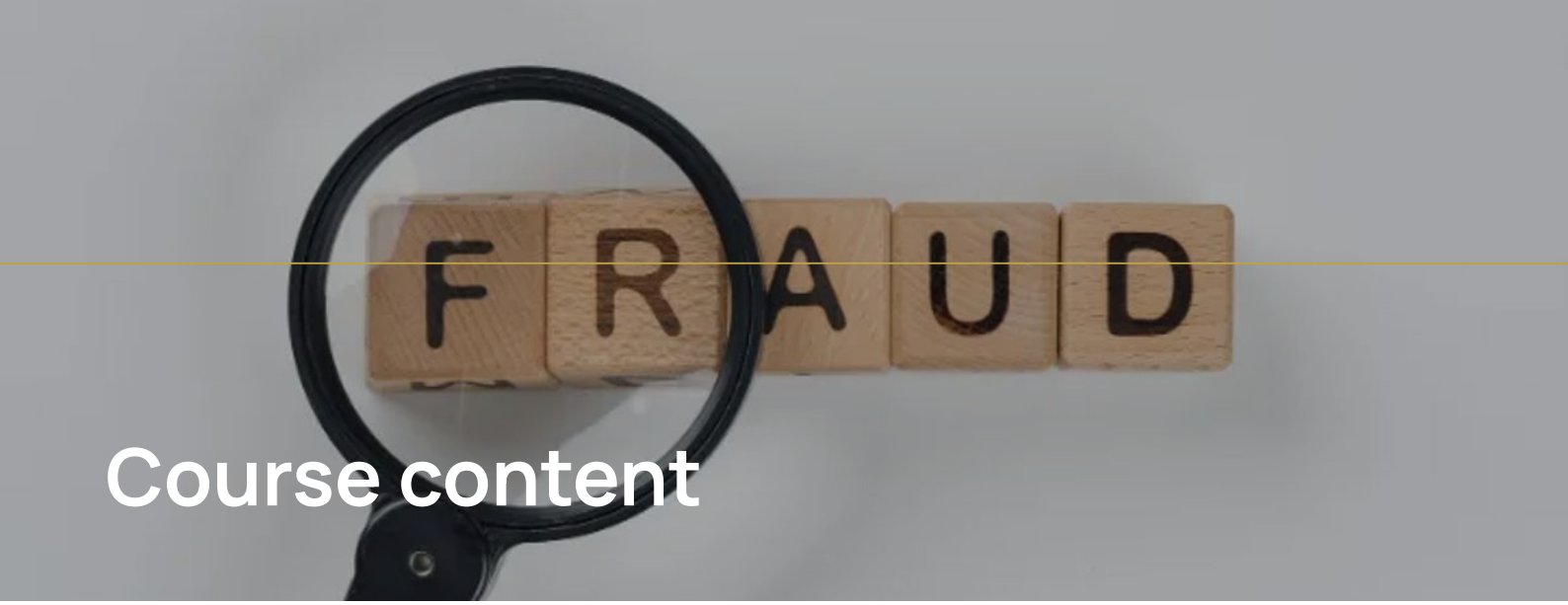
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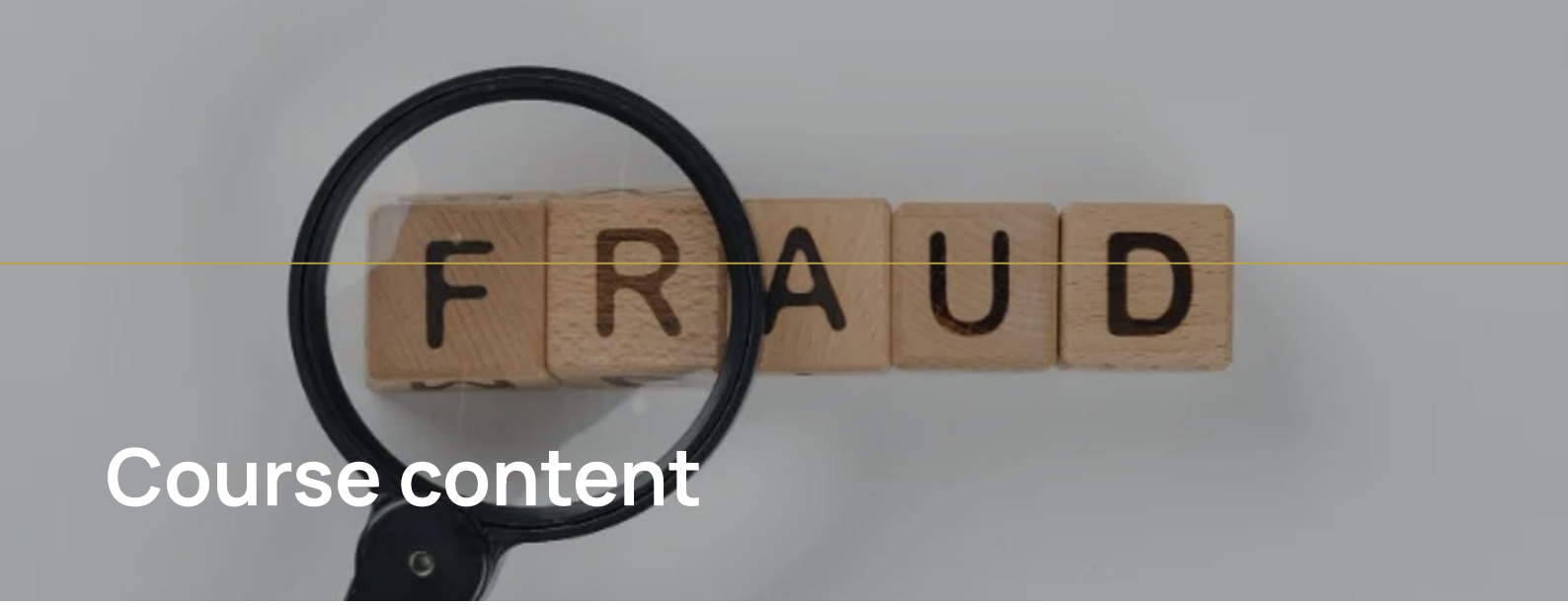
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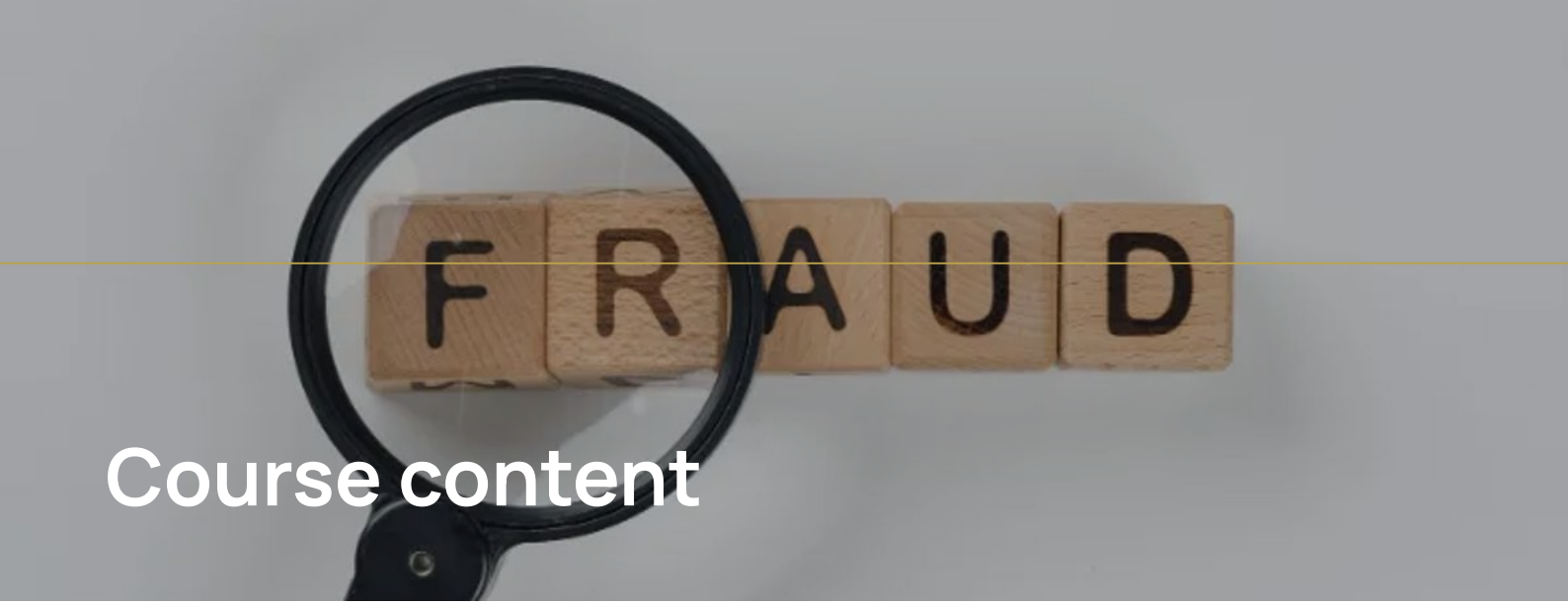
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