

HUMAN RESOURCES | COURSE BROCHURE

Workplace Investigations: Grievances and Disciplinary Cases

5 days | Classroom training | English

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Why attend

Fair and thorough investigations are essential for resolving grievances, disciplinary matters and misconduct allegations. This course covers planning an investigation, gathering and evaluating evidence, conducting interviews, maintaining confidentiality and fairness, writing investigation reports and managing outcomes.

Poorly conducted investigations can lead to unfair outcomes, legal claims and loss of trust. This course gives you a structured, defensible approach to workplace investigations.

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 uses investigation case simulations, interview practice, evidence analysis exercises and report writing workshops.

Course objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:
• Plan workplace investigations with clear scope and terms of reference
• Gather and preserve relevant evidence
• Conduct effective investigation interviews
• Evaluate evidence and reach reasoned findings
• Write clear and balanced investigation reports
• Manage confidentiality, wellbeing and outcomes

Target audience

This course is suitable for:
• HR professionals
• Employee relations specialists
• Line managers conducting investigations
• Compliance and ethics officers
• Internal investigators



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Target competencies

Participants will develop competencies in:

- Investigation planning
- Evidence gathering
- Investigative interviewing
- Evidence evaluation
- Report writing
- Fair process

Course outline

Day 1: Investigation Principles

09:00–09:54	Types of workplace investigations
09:54–10:48	Fairness and impartiality
10:48–11:00	Legal considerations
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Legal considerations (continued)
12:12–13:06	Roles and responsibilities
13:06–14:00	Exercise: Terms of reference

Day 2: Planning and Evidence

09:00–09:54	Investigation plans
09:54–10:48	Documentary and digital evidence
10:48–11:00	Witness identification
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Witness identification (continued)
12:12–13:06	Preserving evidence
13:06–14:00	Workshop: Investigation plan



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Day 3: Interviewing

09:00–09:54	Interview structure
09:54–10:48	Questioning techniques
10:48–11:00	Handling difficult interviewees
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Handling difficult interviewees (continued)
12:12–13:06	Recording interviews
13:06–14:00	Practice: Investigation interviews

Day 4: Evaluating Evidence

09:00–09:54	Standard of proof
09:54–10:48	Credibility and consistency
10:48–11:00	Weighing conflicting evidence
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Weighing conflicting evidence (continued)
12:12–13:06	Reaching findings
13:06–14:00	Exercise: Analysing evidence

Day 5: Reporting and Outcomes

09:00–09:54	Report structure
09:54–10:48	Recommendations
10:48–11:00	Communicating outcomes
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Communicating outcomes (continued)
12:12–13:06	Appeals and follow-up
13:06–14:00	Capstone: Writing an investigation report

The timings provided are estimates and may vary depending on the number of participants and the discussions taking place during the



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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.

Venue	Start date	End date	Fee (GBP)
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**£1,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**£1,250.–**
Paris Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**£2,860.–**
Online Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**£1,250.–**
Rome Confirmed dates	30 Nov 2026	4 Dec 2026	**£2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	30 Nov 2026	4 Dec 2026	**£1,250.–**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**£2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**£1,250.–**



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Dates, venues and fees (continued)

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Amsterdam Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**£2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**£1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**£1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**£3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**£1,250.-**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**£2,650.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**£1,250.–**
Vienna Confirmed dates	1 Mar 2027	5 Mar 2027	**£2,940.–**
Online Confirmed dates	1 Mar 2027	5 Mar 2027	**£1,250.–**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**£1,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**£1,250.–**
Paris Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**£2,860.–**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**£1,250.–**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	12 Apr 2027	16 Apr 2027	**£2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	12 Apr 2027	16 Apr 2027	**£1,250.–**



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Rome Confirmed dates	19 Apr 2027	23 Apr 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	19 Apr 2027	23 Apr 2027	**£1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**£2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**£1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**£2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**£1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**£1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**£3,150.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**£1,250.–**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**£2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**£1,250.–**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	28 Jun 2027	2 Jul 2027	**£1,890.–**
Online Confirmed dates	28 Jun 2027	2 Jul 2027	**£1,250.–**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**£1,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**£1,250.–**
Paris Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**£2,860.–**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**£1,250.–**



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Istanbul Confirmed dates	9 Aug 2027	13 Aug 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	9 Aug 2027	13 Aug 2027	**£1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**£2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**£1,250.-**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	30 Aug 2027	3 Sept 2027	**£2,840.-**
Online Confirmed dates	30 Aug 2027	3 Sept 2027	**£1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	13 Sept 2027	17 Sept 2027	**£2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	13 Sept 2027	17 Sept 2027	**£1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**£2,450.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**£1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**£3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**£1,250.–**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	18 Oct 2027	22 Oct 2027	**£1,890.–**
Online Confirmed dates	18 Oct 2027	22 Oct 2027	**£1,250.–**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	25 Oct 2027	29 Oct 2027	**£2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	25 Oct 2027	29 Oct 2027	**£1,250.–**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	8 Nov 2027	12 Nov 2027	**£1,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Nov 2027	12 Nov 2027	**£1,250.–**



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Paris Confirmed dates	22 Nov 2027	26 Nov 2027	**£2,860.–**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Nov 2027	26 Nov 2027	**£1,250.–**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	6 Dec 2027	10 Dec 2027	**£2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	6 Dec 2027	10 Dec 2027	**£1,250.–**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**£2,540.–**
Online Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**£1,250.–**



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