

diploma in management practice (audit skills)

New skills for the modern auditor

About the course

The changing nature of service provision in public services will require auditors to update their knowledge and skills to effectively carry out their roles and responsibilities.

The ways in which public bodies now procure services and manage contracts; the development of partnership working and sharing services and the embedding of risk management in public sector governance require the modern auditor to develop their skills to effectively audit these new arrangements.

CIPFA has developed a new programme of training to prepare professional auditors (financial and organisational) to effectively audit the service delivery in this changing landscape.

Participants undertaking this programme will develop their knowledge and skills that they will be able to apply back in the workplace. Armed with these new skills, participants will be able to advise on, and review, best practice approaches to deliver a more efficient and cost effective audit service across their organisation.

Aims

Accredited by CIPFA, this programme helps you develop new skills for the modern audit function by providing you with:

- Practical guidance for undertaking reviews by highlighting the key issues
- The basis of audit programmes to be used when auditors return to base
- A number of areas of good practice enabling you to substantiate whether your organisation is getting the best value for money
- The skills and knowledge to encourage improvements in delivery and reduce costs

Who should attend?

This programme is aimed at auditors working in or with public sector organisations who need to enhance or develop their current skills and knowledge in a changing public service landscape.

Duration and mode of delivery

This programme is delivered through a series of one and two day modules over a six-month period.

Accreditation and assessment

Participants are required to submit a Portfolio of Evidence that records evidence of learning during each module and aspects of work which substantiate their ability to undertake specific tasks, and a work-based project.

On successful completion, participants will be awarded the Diploma in Management Practice (Audit Skills), equivalent to RQF Level 4, and be entitled to apply for CIPFA Affiliate status.

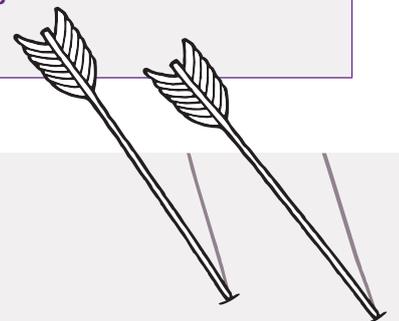
Cost

The cost of attending the full programme is £2,690, including registration, assessment and certification.

More information and booking

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Course Modules

Delivering Modern Internal Audit Services (one day)

- Requirements of the modern internal audit profession
- Requirements of the modern internal auditor
- Current audit standards as they apply in the public sector
- How to deliver the internal audit remit.

Auditing Procurement (Two Days)

- Key issues that need to be incorporated within corporate policies and systems of control to manage procurement
- The need for robust controls and standards in procurement processes
- Principal assurance requirements that pertain to this area, and how to devise an appropriate audit testing programme to generate sufficient evidence on which to form an opinion.

Auditing Contract Management (two days)

- Key issues that need to be incorporated within corporate policies and systems of control to ensure effective contract management
- The need for robust controls and standards in contract management processes
- Principal assurance requirements that pertain to this area, and how to devise an appropriate audit testing programme to generate sufficient evidence on which to form an opinion.

Auditing Ethics and Culture (one day)

- What 'ethics' and 'culture' comprise and why they are important
- The ways and means by which ethics and culture can be controlled
- The developing role of audit in this area, and how to devise an appropriate audit response.

Auditing Shared Services and Partnerships (two days)

- The underlying principles of successful public sector collaborative working, and the legal and practical issues that directly impact on partnership and shared services projects.
- Techniques, pre-requisites and pitfalls in building successful public sector partnerships
- Principal assurance requirements that pertain to this area, and how to devise an appropriate audit testing programme to generate sufficient evidence on which to form an opinion.

Auditing Risk Management (one day)

- What we mean by 'risk management' and the 'risk management cycle'
- Appreciate the role of risk management in the governance framework
- The principal assurance requirements that pertain to this area, and how to devise an appropriate audit testing programme to generate sufficient evidence on which to form an opinion.

You may also be interested in...

CIPFA/ICAS Integrated Qualification in Audit (IQA)

A complete approach to audit

CIPFA and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS) have developed a groundbreaking integrated qualification for auditors that will meet the evolving needs of both the public and corporate audit sectors.

It offers dual designation from both institutes – Chartered Accountants (CA) and Chartered Public Finance Accountants (CPFA) – as well as the award of the qualifications for company audit and public audit.

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