

Principles of Auditing:

Why, What, and How

Course Description

The course is intended to explain and illustrate so as to develop a deeper understanding of an audit conducted in compliance with auditing standards. It covered both core concepts and practical guidance. For example, it includes topics are essential for auditors to enhance their auditing skills or for non-auditors eager to gain an understanding of the audit function. It also provides guidance to auditors in rendering services to their varied clients with a practical “how-to” audit approach that will establish a foundation for the credibility of an auditors’ work. Specifically, the course incorporates and reflects up-to-date guidance from the PCAOB, the AICPA, and the GAO. It emphasizes the importance of the audit independence and transparency of audit participants. It explores various audit techniques required for effective audits. It explains how to identify, assess, and respond to common risks in auditing. It offers a detailed examination of common internal control strategies. It also highlights the key procedures required auditors to attest to management's disclosures regarding the effectiveness of its internal controls in integrated audits.

Completion Deadline & Exam: This course, including the examination, must be completed within one year of the date of purchase. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, no correct or incorrect feedback for any exam question will be provided.

Course Level: Overview. This program is appropriate for professionals at all organizational levels.

CPE Credits: 8 (CPA)

Field of Study: Auditing

Prerequisite: None

Advanced Preparation: None

Course Learning Objectives

Part 1: Why Do We Need Auditing?

After studying this section, you will be able to:

1. Identify the basic responsibilities of a financial auditor
2. Distinguish between the role of the auditor and the management function
3. Recognize the values of government auditing
4. Identify different auditing principles and rules
5. Recognize different types of audit reports

Part II: How to Establish Audit Independence and Transparency

After studying this section, you will be able to:

1. Recognize the application of the conceptual framework for independence
2. Identify the different types of threats
3. Recognize auditors' responsibilities when threats to independence are at an unacceptable level
4. Identify independence standards set forth by the AICPA and GAO

Part III: What are the Risks in Auditing?

After studying this section, you will be able to:

1. Recognize the inherent limitations of an audit
2. Recognize the use of the audit risk model
3. Identify ways to reduce audit risk to an acceptably low level
4. Identify the components of risk of material misstatement
5. Cite fraud considerations in financial statements
6. Recognize auditors' responsibilities for responding to risk of material misstatement

Part IV: How to Assess Internal Control over Financial Reporting

After studying this section, you will be able to:

1. Recognize the COSO principles of internal control
2. Identify common auditing procedures
3. Recognize key considerations for identifying and evaluating control deficiencies
4. Identify the requirements of audit documentation
5. Recognize the auditor's responsibilities of communicating ICFR-related matters