

Auditing in the Oil & Gas Industry Level 2

Course Objectives

An intensive training programme designed to improve the skills of those involved in the financial and contractual auditing of upstream Oil & Gas Exploration and Production activities. The objective of this course is to enhance your understanding of the various audit principles and practices being applied in this industry today and to equip you with the knowledge and tools to deal with complex audit cases.

What you will learn

- apply a structured methodology for conducting oil industry internal, production sharing and joint venture audits
- implement the benefits of a multi-discipline team audit approach
- adopt a model of best practice for conducting audits
- analyse, interpret and decide complex cases using the contracts and documents, the principles and auditor's judgement

The course concentrates on aspects of auditing unique to the E&P business.

Who Should Attend

- personnel with an Internal audit background who are totally new to the discipline of JV or PSC audit
- experienced audit practitioners who wish to update their auditing techniques
- personnel from Finance or any discipline who intend to take part in internal or joint venture audits
- personnel with a background in statutory audit in the accountancy profession who require an insight into the internal and joint venture audit areas

Training Method

Extensive use is made of realistic industry-based exercises and case studies to reinforce key teaching points and to provide participants with opportunities to apply the knowledge gained in a practical and enjoyable format.

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Course Content

Setting the context

- The typical Agreements of the Exploration and Production industry
 - The Joint Venture
 - The contracts with the Government

Audit Concepts

- Purpose of audit
- Independence - its application in different types of audit
- Controls – objectives of controls and their application
- Identifying fraud

Audit Techniques

- Audit preparation and planning – to ensure an effective audit
- Risk assessment – techniques to determine audit priorities
- Testing/sampling – techniques to verify accounts and controls
- Interviewing techniques
- Flowcharting techniques and their application
- Reporting
- Team management – to ensure resources are used effectively

Joint Venture Audit

- Developing a model of joint venture audit best practice
- The Accounting Procedure and the recommended practices – SOAP 2
- The audit cycle - planning, implementation, results, reporting
- Understanding the accounting systems
- Joint Venture, PSC and the major audit issues that arise
- Contract audit
- Audit of specific cost categories
- Multi-venture audits

Production Sharing Contracts Audit

- Background
- Key aspects of audit

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Testimonials

“Very good course, easy and relaxed learning environment. The trainer was very experienced and knowledgeable. Real life examples provided made the course a lot more interesting.” **Kim Regan, Total E&P Australia**

“The topics covered were directly relevant to my area of work and I believe this will improve my team’s effectiveness when participating in this year’s JV audit.” **T D Agyei, GNPC**

“Ms. Matilde demonstrated an impressive knowledge about the Oil & Gas Industry coupled with really practical examples. She is an excellent trainer, very interactive, good communication skills and excellent personality. I really enjoyed this course, full of knowledge sharing and interaction between the trainer & team.”

Shahid Latif, Mitsui E&P Middle East B.V.

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