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Course Introduction

Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) risks have moved beyond voluntary initiatives to become critical governance and assurance concerns for organizations worldwide. Regulatory requirements, stakeholder expectations, reputational exposure, and sustainability commitments demand stronger oversight and accountability.

Developed by **Boost,** this course defines and strengthens the independent and value-adding role of Internal Audit in managing ESG risks. Rather than implementing ESG programs, Internal Audit provides assurance, insight, and foresight—evaluating ESG frameworks, controls, data reliability, and governance effectiveness.

Boost's The Role of Internal Audit in Managing ESG Risks – INTERMEDIATE course enables internal auditors to support boards and senior management by providing risk-based assurance and strategic insight across ESG dimensions.

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Target Audience

✓ Internal audit professionals

✓ Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) teams

✓ Assurance and control specialists

✓ Risk management professionals

✓ Audit committee and board support staff

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Learning Objectives

- ✓ Understand ESG concepts and risk categories
- ✓ Identify ESG risks relevant to organizational strategy and operations
- ✓ Define Internal Audit’s role within ESG governance structures
- ✓ Assess ESG-related policies, processes, and controls
- ✓ Plan and execute risk-based ESG audit engagements
- ✓ Communicate ESG audit findings effectively to leadership

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Course Outline

✓ DAY 01

ESG Risk Landscape and Internal Audit Context

Module 1: ESG Overview and Risk Drivers

- ✓ Environmental, social, and governance dimensions
- ✓ Regulatory, investor, and stakeholder pressures
- ✓ ESG risks vs. traditional business risks

Module 2: ESG Governance and Internal Audit Positioning

- ✓ ESG governance structures
- ✓ Roles of management, board, and committees
- ✓ Internal Audit’s assurance role in ESG oversight

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✓ Day 02

ESG Risk Identification and Assessment

Module 3: Identifying ESG Risks

- ✓ Environmental, social, and governance risk categories
- ✓ Operational, reputational, and strategic ESG risks
- ✓ Emerging and forward-looking ESG risks

Module 4: Assessing ESG Risk Significance

- ✓ Materiality and prioritization concepts
- ✓ Impact and likelihood assessment
- ✓ Integration with enterprise risk management

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✓ Day 03

Auditing ESG Frameworks and Controls

Module 5: Reviewing ESG Policies and Frameworks

- ✓ ESG strategies, commitments, and standards
- ✓ Alignment with regulatory and voluntary frameworks
- ✓ Identifying design and implementation gaps

Module 6: Auditing ESG Controls and Data

- ✓ Control design and operating effectiveness
- ✓ ESG data collection and reporting processes
- ✓ Managing ESG-related integrity and fraud risks

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✓ Day 04

ESG Audit Planning and Execution

Module 7: Planning ESG Audit Engagements

- ✓ Defining scope and objectives
- ✓ Risk-based audit planning
- ✓ Selecting audit criteria and evidence

Module 8: Executing ESG Audits

- ✓ Gathering and evaluating audit evidence
- ✓ Stakeholder interviews and walkthroughs
- ✓ Assessing effectiveness and maturity

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✓ **Day 05**

Reporting, Assurance, and Improvement

Module 9: ESG Audit Reporting and Communication

- ✓ Structuring ESG audit findings
- ✓ Communicating risks and recommendations
- ✓ Reporting to senior management and audit committees

Module 10: Enhancing ESG Assurance Maturity

- ✓ Follow-up and monitoring actions
- ✓ Continuous improvement of ESG assurance
- ✓ Internal Audit’s evolving role in ESG governance

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March 15, 2027	March 19, 2027	5 days	5950.00 $	USA , Los Angeles
June 28, 2027	July 2, 2027	5 days	4250.00 $	UAE , Abu Dhabi
Sept. 27, 2027	Oct. 1, 2027	5 days	4250.00 $	UAE , Abu Dhabi
Nov. 16, 2026	Nov. 20, 2026	5 days	4250.00 $	UAE , Dubai

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