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Course Introduction

Organizations today operate within complex governance, risk, and control environments where multiple functions provide assurance over the same risks, processes, and controls. Internal audit, risk management, compliance, quality assurance, external audit, and management controls often operate independently, leading to overlaps, gaps, inefficiencies, and unclear accountability. Assurance mapping has emerged as a powerful tool to address these challenges by providing a structured view of assurance activities across the organization.

To support a more integrated approach to assurance, **BOOST** has developed the **Assurance Mapping** course for professionals who already have a foundational understanding of governance, risk, and assurance and are ready to apply a more strategic and coordinated perspective. This intermediate-level program focuses on how assurance mapping supports effective governance, improves coordination among assurance providers, and enhances confidence for senior management and boards.

The course explores the principles, methodologies, and practical application of assurance mapping. Participants learn how to identify key risks, map assurance providers and activities, assess coverage

and reliance, and identify assurance gaps or duplication. Emphasis is placed on using assurance mapping as a decision-support and governance tool rather than a purely technical exercise.

Through structured frameworks, applied examples, and hands-on discussions, participants develop the skills needed to design, interpret, and use assurance maps to improve assurance effectiveness, resource utilization, and organizational transparency.

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Target Audience

- ✓ Internal audit and senior internal audit staff
- ✓ Risk management and enterprise risk professionals
- ✓ Compliance and governance professionals
- ✓ Quality assurance and internal control staff
- ✓ External audit liaison professionals
- ✓ Senior managers involved in assurance oversight
- ✓ Public and private sector professionals supporting governance frameworks

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Learning Objectives

- ✓ Understand the purpose and value of assurance mapping
- ✓ Explain how assurance mapping supports governance and risk management
- ✓ Identify key risks and assurance providers within an organization
- ✓ Develop and interpret assurance maps
- ✓ Identify gaps, overlaps, and inefficiencies in assurance coverage
- ✓ Assess reliance on different assurance activities
- ✓ Support coordination between assurance functions
- ✓ Use assurance mapping to enhance reporting and decision-making

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Course Outline

✓ DAY 1

Foundations of Assurance and Governance

- ✓ Understanding assurance in organizational governance
- ✓ Role of assurance in risk management and control
- ✓ Different types of assurance providers
- ✓ Three lines of responsibility (conceptual overview)
- ✓ Common assurance challenges: gaps, overlaps, and silos
- ✓ Introduction to assurance mapping

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✓ DAY 2

Risk Identification and Assurance Landscape

- ✓ Identifying key organizational risks
- ✓ Linking risks to objectives and controls
- ✓ Mapping assurance providers and activities
- ✓ Understanding assurance scope and coverage
- ✓ Differentiating between management controls and independent assurance
- ✓ Establishing assurance ownership

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✓ DAY 3

Developing and Interpreting Assurance Maps

- ✓ Structure and components of an assurance map
- ✓ Mapping risks, controls, and assurance activities
- ✓ Assessing depth and frequency of assurance
- ✓ Evaluating reliance on assurance sources
- ✓ Identifying gaps, duplication, and misalignment
- ✓ Practical assurance mapping scenarios

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✓ DAY 4

Using Assurance Mapping for Governance and Decision-Making

- ✓ Assurance mapping as a board and management tool
- ✓ Supporting audit planning and risk prioritization
- ✓ Enhancing coordination among assurance functions
- ✓ Reporting assurance results clearly and effectively
- ✓ Integrating assurance mapping with risk management
- ✓ Addressing limitations and challenges

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✓ DAY 5

Improving and Sustaining Effective Assurance Mapping

- ✓ Reviewing and updating assurance maps
- ✓ Responding to changes in risk and operations
- ✓ Embedding assurance mapping into governance processes
- ✓ Best practices for maintaining assurance effectiveness
- ✓ Communicating assurance insights to stakeholders
- ✓ Developing an assurance mapping action plan

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