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Course Introduction

Effective policies and procedures provide the foundation for consistent decision-making, regulatory compliance, operational efficiency, accountability, and effective governance. This practical course equips participants with a structured methodology for analysing organizational requirements and designing, drafting, reviewing, implementing, and maintaining clear and effective policies and procedures.

Participants will work with practical templates, process maps, writing standards, governance frameworks, and realistic case studies. By the end of the course, they will be able to produce a complete policy and its supporting procedure, ready for organizational review and approval.

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Target Audience

- ✓ Policy and procedure specialists
- ✓ HR and organizational development professionals
- ✓ Governance, risk, and compliance professionals
- ✓ Quality and operational excellence teams
- ✓ Internal auditors and compliance officers
- ✓ Process owners and department managers
- ✓ Legal and corporate affairs professionals
- ✓ Project managers and business analysts
- ✓ Professionals responsible for preparing or reviewing organizational documentation

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Learning Objectives

- ✓ Distinguish clearly between policies, procedures, processes, guidelines, standards, and work instructions.
- ✓ Analyse business, operational, governance, and regulatory requirements before drafting.
- ✓ Establish an effective policy and procedure governance framework.
- ✓ Write clear, concise, consistent, and enforceable policy statements.
- ✓ Develop practical procedures with defined steps, responsibilities, controls, and escalation paths.
- ✓ Translate complex workflows into user-friendly process maps and flowcharts.
- ✓ Define roles and responsibilities using tools such as RACI.
- ✓ Embed risk management, compliance requirements, internal controls, and approval authorities.
- ✓ Conduct structured stakeholder consultation and manage conflicting feedback.
- ✓ Review and quality-assure policies and procedures before approval and publication.
- ✓ Plan the implementation, communication, monitoring, and periodic review of policies.
- ✓ Apply appropriate document-control and version-management practices.

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✓ DAY 1

Policy Governance and Requirements Analysis

The organizational value of policies and procedures

- ✓ Policies and procedures as governance and performance tools
- ✓ Connecting policies to organizational strategy and values
- ✓ Supporting consistency, accountability, and institutional knowledge
- ✓ Consequences of unclear, outdated, or excessive documentation
- ✓ Characteristics of effective policy-management systems

Understanding the documentation hierarchy

- ✓ Legislation and regulatory requirements
- ✓ Corporate policies
- ✓ Standards and frameworks
- ✓ Procedures and processes
- ✓ Guidelines, manuals, and work instructions
- ✓ Forms, templates, checklists, and supporting records
- ✓ Determining the appropriate type of document

Policy lifecycle and governance

- ✓ Identification of policy needs
- ✓ Development, consultation, and approval
- ✓ Publication, communication, and implementation
- ✓ Monitoring, review, amendment, and retirement
- ✓ Roles of policy owners, custodians, reviewers, and approvers
- ✓ Establishing approval authority and governance committees

Requirements analysis

- ✓ Identifying the business problem or policy need
- ✓ Reviewing legislation, regulations, risks, and internal requirements
- ✓ Mapping stakeholders and impacted functions
- ✓ Determining policy scope, boundaries, and exclusions
- ✓ Conducting gap analysis of existing documentation
- ✓ Prioritising policy-development requirements

Practical exercise: Conducting a policy needs and gap assessment

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✓ DAY 2

Designing and Writing Effective Policies

Planning the policy document

- ✓ Defining purpose and intended outcomes
- ✓ Identifying the target audience
- ✓ Establishing scope and applicability
- ✓ Determining policy principles and mandatory requirements
- ✓ Designing a consistent policy template

Essential components of an effective policy

- ✓ Policy title and document identification
- ✓ Purpose and policy statement
- ✓ Scope and applicability
- ✓ Definitions and abbreviations
- ✓ Roles and responsibilities
- ✓ Policy requirements and control statements
- ✓ Exceptions and escalation mechanisms
- ✓ Compliance and consequences
- ✓ Related documents and references

- ✓ Review cycle, ownership, and approval

Professional policy-writing techniques

- ✓ Applying plain-language principles
- ✓ Writing concise and enforceable policy statements
- ✓ Using “must,” “should,” and “may” correctly
- ✓ Maintaining consistency in terminology and tone
- ✓ Eliminating ambiguity, duplication, and unnecessary jargon
- ✓ Applying inclusive and reader-centred language
- ✓ Writing for different professional and technical audiences

Testing policy quality

- ✓ Is the policy necessary and aligned with strategy?
- ✓ Is its scope clear and appropriate?
- ✓ Are the requirements realistic and enforceable?
- ✓ Are responsibilities and accountability clearly assigned?
- ✓ Can compliance be monitored and evidenced?
- ✓ Common policy-writing mistakes and how to correct them

Practical workshop: Drafting and peer-reviewing a complete corporate policy.

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Developing Clear and Practical Procedures

From policy requirements to operational procedures

- ✓ Translating policy statements into actionable steps
- ✓ Identifying procedure triggers, inputs, activities, and outputs
- ✓ Defining decision points, controls, exceptions, and escalation
- ✓ Determining the correct level of procedural detail
- ✓ Integrating procedures with existing systems and workflows

Components of an effective procedure

- ✓ Purpose and scope
- ✓ Definitions and prerequisites
- ✓ Roles and responsibilities
- ✓ Sequential process steps
- ✓ Decision criteria and approval requirements
- ✓ Exceptions and escalation paths
- ✓ Records, forms, and supporting documentation
- ✓ Performance standards and control requirements

Process mapping and visualization

- ✓ Understanding process boundaries
- ✓ SIPOC for high-level process analysis
- ✓ Basic flowcharting conventions
- ✓ Swimlane diagrams for cross-functional processes
- ✓ Mapping handoffs, approvals, and dependencies
- ✓ Identifying bottlenecks, duplication, and control gaps
- ✓ Linking the process map with the written procedure

Responsibility and accountability

- ✓ Identifying process owners and stakeholders
- ✓ Using the RACI responsibility matrix
- ✓ Clarifying decision rights and delegated authorities
- ✓ Designing effective handoffs between functions
- ✓ Preventing gaps and overlaps in responsibility

Practical workshop: Converting a policy requirement into a written procedure, process map, and RACI matrix.

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Risk, Compliance, Controls and Stakeholder Validation

Embedding governance and compliance

- ✓ Linking policies and procedures to applicable requirements
- ✓ Integrating legal, regulatory, and internal governance obligations
- ✓ Designing traceability between requirements and policy clauses
- ✓ Documenting compliance responsibilities
- ✓ Managing policy exceptions and waivers
- ✓ Maintaining appropriate evidence and records

Risk-based policy and procedure design

- ✓ Identifying operational and compliance risks
- ✓ Assessing the impact of policy or process failure
- ✓ Designing preventive, detective, and corrective controls
- ✓ Defining approval levels and segregation of duties
- ✓ Establishing escalation and incident-reporting requirements
- ✓ Creating a policy compliance and control matrix

Stakeholder consultation and validation

- ✓ Identifying reviewers, contributors, and decision-makers
- ✓ Designing an effective consultation process
- ✓ Facilitating policy review workshops
- ✓ Managing conflicting stakeholder feedback
- ✓ Maintaining a comment-and-response log
- ✓ Achieving agreement without weakening policy requirements
- ✓ Preparing the final document for approval

Quality assurance and document control

- ✓ Developing a policy and procedure quality checklist
- ✓ Checking completeness, consistency, and usability
- ✓ Document numbering and classification
- ✓ Version control and change history
- ✓ Managing controlled and uncontrolled copies
- ✓ Archiving and retiring obsolete documents

Practical workshop: Risk and compliance review of a draft policy and procedure.

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Implementation, Monitoring and Capstone Application

Policy implementation planning

- Moving from approval to effective implementation
- Conducting an implementation-readiness assessment
- Identifying affected stakeholders and required actions
- Developing communication and awareness plans
- Determining training and competency requirements
- Managing resistance and implementation challenges
- Coordinating system, form, and process changes

Monitoring policy effectiveness

- Distinguishing implementation from effectiveness
- Defining compliance and performance indicators
- Selecting appropriate KPIs and KRIs
- Establishing monitoring and reporting responsibilities
- Conducting compliance reviews and policy audits
- Collecting employee and stakeholder feedback
- Identifying improvement opportunities

Review and continuous improvement

- Establishing risk-based review cycles

- Managing interim and urgent amendments
- Responding to regulatory and organizational changes
- Conducting post-implementation reviews
- Using audit findings, incidents, and performance data
- Maintaining a centralized policy register
- Creating a sustainable policy-management calendar

Capstone project

Participants will produce and present:

- A policy-needs analysis
- A complete policy document
- A supporting operational procedure
- A process map
- A RACI matrix
- A compliance and control checklist
- An implementation and communication plan
- Monitoring indicators and a review schedule

Training Methodology

- Facilitated discussions
- Real organizational examples and case studies
- Individual and group exercises
- Policy and procedure drafting workshops
- Process-mapping activities
- Peer review and quality-assurance exercises
- Templates, checklists, and practical tools
- Final capstone project and presentation

Participant Deliverables

Each participant receives practical templates for:

- Policy document
- Procedure document
- Policy-development checklist
- Requirements and gap-analysis matrix
- Stakeholder consultation log

- RACI responsibility matrix
- Process-mapping worksheet
- Policy compliance and control matrix
- Document-control and version-history register
- Implementation and communication plan
- Policy monitoring and review schedule

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