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Course Introduction

Cost reports explain how much an organization has spent, but they do not always explain **why costs behave the way they do**. Two business units with similar revenue can carry very different cost structures because of complexity, capacity utilization, service choices, operational exceptions, workload patterns or management decisions. Costs may also rise quickly when activity increases but decline slowly when demand falls, making traditional fixed-versus-variable classifications insufficient for many real business decisions.

BOOST Consulting & Training presents **Cost Behavior Intelligence**, a practical program designed to help participants uncover the operational behavior behind cost movement. The course connects cost patterns with volume, capacity, complexity, activities and management choices; helps participants distinguish structural cost from temporary fluctuation; and develops the ability to anticipate how costs may respond **before** operational or commercial decisions are implemented.

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Target Audience

Management accountants, FP&A and finance professionals, cost and performance analysts, controllers, and managers involved in cost-sensitive operational decisions.

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Learning Objectives

- ✓ Interpret cost movement beyond traditional accounting classifications.
- ✓ Connect cost changes to operational activities and business behavior.
- ✓ Analyze the impact of capacity, complexity and workload on cost.
- ✓ Identify sticky, step and hidden cost patterns.
- ✓ Distinguish structural cost shifts from temporary fluctuations.
- ✓ Anticipate cost responses to changes in volume and operating decisions.
- ✓ Build practical cost-behavior insights to support management decisions.

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✓ Day 01

Reading the Behavior Behind the Cost

Moving Beyond Cost Labels

- ✓ Distinguishing accounting classification from actual cost response
- ✓ Examining fixed, variable, mixed, step and discretionary behavior in practice
- ✓ Identifying costs whose behavior changes under different operating conditions

Detecting Cost Movement Patterns

- ✓ Reading direction, magnitude and speed of cost changes
- ✓ Separating one-off fluctuations from emerging cost patterns
- ✓ Mapping costs that respond differently to increases and decreases in activity

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✓ Day 02

Connecting Cost to Operational Drivers

Tracing What Actually Creates Cost

- ✓ Linking cost movement to activities, workload and resource consumption
- ✓ Identifying operational drivers hidden behind aggregated financial accounts
- ✓ Distinguishing correlation with activity from genuine cost causation

Understanding the Cost of Complexity

- ✓ Examining how variety, customization and exceptions increase resource demand
- ✓ Identifying cost created by handoffs, rework and fragmented processes
- ✓ Mapping complexity that generates cost without creating proportional customer value

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✓ Day 03

Understanding Capacity and Cost Stickiness

Reading Capacity Economics

- ✓ Distinguishing available, utilized, idle and constrained capacity
- ✓ Understanding when additional activity requires a new layer of resources
- ✓ Identifying capacity decisions that create future cost commitments

Diagnosing Sticky Costs

- ✓ Understanding why some costs increase faster than they decrease
- ✓ Identifying organizational and operational barriers to cost adjustment
- ✓ Distinguishing deliberate capacity retention from uncontrolled cost rigidity

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✓ Day 04

Anticipating Cost Before the Decision

Simulating Cost Responses

- ✓ Testing how volume, mix, service and operating changes affect cost behavior
- ✓ Identifying thresholds where incremental activity changes the cost structure
- ✓ Comparing short-term cost effects with longer-term structural consequences

Designing Cost-Sensitive Choices

- ✓ Evaluating operational alternatives through their expected cost behavior
- ✓ Challenging savings initiatives that shift rather than remove cost
- ✓ Balancing efficiency with capacity, resilience and service requirements

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✓ Day 05

Building Cost Behavior Intelligence

Turning Cost Patterns into Management Signals

- ✓ Identifying cost behaviors that require monitoring rather than periodic explanation
- ✓ Developing indicators for complexity, capacity pressure and cost rigidity
- ✓ Using actual outcomes to improve future cost-response assumptions

Cost Behavior Intelligence Lab

- ✓ Diagnosing a business case with conflicting cost and activity movements
- ✓ Tracing the operational behaviors creating the observed cost pattern
- ✓ Building a Cost Behavior Intelligence Map for workplace application

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