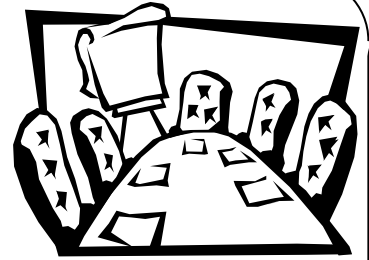


Audit Committees in the Public Sector

one-day course



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A one-day short course of the
Public Finance Management Programme[™]
presented in Pretoria

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All departments, constitutional institutions, trading entities and public entities must have an audit committee (PFMA, Sec. 38, 51)

The audit committee must ... review the following:

- the effectiveness of the internal control systems
- The effectiveness of the internal audit function
- The risk areas of the institution's operations
- The scope of the internal and external audits
- The adequacy, reliability and accuracy of the financial information
- Any accounting and auditing concerns
- The institutions compliance with legal and regulatory provisions
- The activities of the internal audit function.
(Treasury Regulations Chapter 3)

Background:

The *Public Finance and Management Act* (PFMA) requires all public entities and departments to ensure that they develop and maintain effective and efficient systems of financial and risk management and internal control. They also have to develop and maintain a system of internal audit under the control and direction of an *audit committee*; prevent losses resulting from criminal conduct and take effective and appropriate steps against perpetrators.



The National *Treasury Regulations*, in line with the PFMA, requires all Departments, Public Entities, Trading Entities, Constitutional Institutions, Local Authorities, Parliament and Provincial Legislatures to establish an audit committee. Based on research, feedback from the Auditor-General South Africa and other stakeholders it has become clear there is an ever increasing need for training of audit committee members.

Recently the Public Sector Audit Committee Forum was launched. One of its objectives is to encourage audit committee members to attend appropriate audit committee training courses.

This course:

The role of the Audit Committee is to strengthen governance in the public sector in relation to their financial, operational and strategic risks. Audit Committee members therefore need to clearly understand their responsibilities. This one-day course is designed to empower participants to fulfil their responsibilities with regard to audit committees effectively and efficiently. As for all courses which form part of the Public Finance Management Programme, the content is designed around and based on the requirements of the PFMA. This way SAIGA assists with the implementation of this crucial Act.

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Contents:

Topics dealt with in this one-day course include:

- Audit committees and governance in the context of the *Public Finance Management Act*
- The audit committee and internal audit
- Composition of the audit committee
- Approval of the appointment of audit committee members
- Termination of the services of audit committee members
- The audit committee charter
- Duties of the audit committee
- Responsibilities and liabilities of audit committee members
- Reporting of the audit committee
- Remuneration of audit committee members
- King 3 on audit committees
- Case study – drafting audit committee charter
- Examples of audit committee reports

Course content and focus of discussions may be adjusted and the emphasis changed depending on feed-back from participants.

Who should attend:

The course is specifically designed from a public sector perspective for audit committee members, internal audit staff, chief financial officers and officials with an interest in governance.

Costs:

The course fee of R1,482.00 (R1,300 plus 14% VAT) includes attendance for the day, a certificate, course file, hand-outs, notes, case studies and solutions. The Institute will also provide participants with a free lunch as well as free tea/coffee at 10:00 and 15:00. Members and staff of corporate members of SAIGA can claim a discount of R342 (R300 plus 14% VAT).

Time schedule:

The daily course program starts at 08:30 and ends at 16:00.

The Organisation: NPO registration number: 045-133 NPO

The **Southern African Institute of Government Auditors** is a non-profit organisation. Its constitutional objectives include the advancement of auditing and accountability. Through the presentation of high-quality, affordable courses, the Institute aims to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and the empowerment of South Africa's people. The Institute supports the prioritisation of the concepts of *economy, efficiency* and *effectiveness*.

The **Public Finance Management Academy™** was founded by SAIGA to provide high quality, affordable continued professional education which is tailor-made for the public financial manager and government auditor. Visit our website at: www.saiga.co.za



**Course Rating
Applicability:**national & provincial
departmentslocal
authoritiespublic
entities

Certification and accreditation:

This course forms part of the *Public Finance Management Programme*[™]. For more information on the PFM Programme, visit our website: www.saiga.co.za The Public Finance Management Academy[™] will issue course participants with a certificate of attendance under the seal of the Southern African Institute of Government Auditors. Participants earn 10 Educational Credits (EC's) for attending this short course. The Public Finance Management Academy[™] maintains a central register where these credits are administered. The ECs provide participants with focus and clearly stated objectives. This assists employers to monitor the continued professional education and training (CPE) progress, and the manner in which their staff is committed to CPE. The PFM Programme is developed and structured on the outcomes based education (OBE) model. This short course and its Educational Credits form part of the requirements for the *Portfolio of Short Courses*. In order to complete the Portfolio of Short Courses, participants have to meet two basic requirements: earn a minimum of 120 EC's and enrol for and complete an assessment. SAIGA and the Public Finance Management Academy[™] utilise educational and professional experts to function as quality assurers of this course and the course design, structure and material are subject to quality control and assessment by these experts. National Treasury set up a Validation Board to "accredit" or "validate" short-term training programmes and to address coordination and quality issues which surround the programmes available to existing employees (this Board ceased to operate in 2006). The aims of the validation mechanism were to coordinate activities and to advise departments of relevant programmes which target identified needs and are delivered to a suitable quality. The Short Courses of SAIGA's Public Finance Management Programme[™] were all accredited by the National Treasury's Validation Board until it ceased to operate in 2006.

Presenters:

Our presenters are a blend of professional managers, chartered accountants and educators with wide experience in the presentation of courses in the public sector. The high esteem of SAIGA courses has been developed over a number of years by involving only experts in the development and presentation of the CPE opportunities. The presenters have been involved with numerous training initiatives in the public sector and the *Public Finance Management Act* in particular. They serve on various professional committees and have years of experience in the field of continued professional education and are supported by senior staff.

The venue:

The courses are mostly presented at the UNISA Sunnyside Campus in Pretoria. Maps and details of the lecturing hall/venue will be faxed/posted to participants after payment has been received. Please note that courses may be shifted to other venues due to various circumstances beyond our control and to accommodate the demand as far as possible. The SAIGA Secretariat will only send maps to participants who have provided proof of payment (faxed a copy of the deposit slip) or made explicit arrangements with the Secretariat regarding payment.

Bookings:

Since only a limited number of participants can be accommodated, bookings will be handled on a first-come-first-served basis. To avoid disappointment submit your registration as soon as possible.

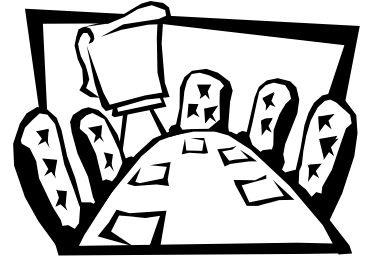
Changes / cancellations: Tax invoices will be issued (faxed and posted) on receipt of your booking. Once a tax invoice has been issued the department/delegate will be held liable for payment of the full course fee. No refunds can be made, but alternative delegates (substitutes) may attend the same course at no extra cost. All booking changes or cancellations are charged at R1,368.00 (R1,200 plus 14% VAT) per delegate booking. No cancellations or changes in booking will be accepted if not received in writing at least 5 working days before the course. Invoices must be paid before the course starts. No certificates will be issued if payment is outstanding. Outstanding payments incur 2% interest per month. Due to the minimal information which banks provide in respect of direct deposits, participant have to fax their deposit slips / electronic transfer slips to the Secretariat and state the invoice number/(s) to which the deposit refers. As required by recent legislation, VAT numbers have to be provided with registration. The Institute reserves the right to cancel a particular course due to unforeseen circumstances e.g. insufficient bookings or unavailability of venues (in the last few years, only a few courses had to be cancelled). In such event, participants will be informed at least two weeks before the scheduled course date of such cancellations. Participants who have paid their fees will receive full refunds in the event of SAIGA cancelling a course (SAIGA's liability in such event is limited to this refund).

Accommodation:

Participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodation. The Secretariat can provide details of accommodation in relative close proximity to the training venues.

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Registration & Booking form

This form can be used to book your place on any of the course dates



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Please book the following persons for the course as indicated below
(if space insufficient, use a separate page providing the same details)

SURNAME	INITIALS	TITLE	POSITION HELD	DATE FOR WHICH BOOKING IS REQUIRED

Due to the limitation of the number of participants per group, places cannot be guaranteed. The institute will finalise bookings and inform participants of successful booking or communicate alternative dates. VAT invoices will be issued as soon as bookings are finalised and accepted. **Full payment must be received in advance of the course.**

Organisation/Department

Postal address

Code:

Telephone number
(and area code)

Fax number

VAT Registration number

As required by Government Gazette No. 25864
For full details visit the VAT section at sars.gov.za

E-Mail address

Authorised signature _____

Name of signatory _____

SAIGA corporate membership number (if discount is claimed)

On-line registration can also be done through our website at: www.saiga.co.za