Fraud Risk Management
On-line 2 days

Why you should attend

- Fraud is an ever present threat to every business but is one which is rarely managed effectively.
- Many organisations rely on internal controls to prevent and detect fraud. This is unwise. The fraudster invariably knows your controls well and how to bypass them.
- Complacency, poorly applied procedures and the fast pace of change are the fraudster's main allies
- Add to this the ever-increasing reliance on technology, and it is no great surprise that fraud is escalating both in frequency and magnitude – in all industry sectors and all economies.
- During the current economic difficulties across the world, fraud poses an even greater threat.
- This course will help you significantly enhance your approach in all these key areas

Who should attend?

- Members of fraud teams who need to learn more about targeting internal and external fraud
- Newly appointed fraud specialists
- Auditors and other assurance providers who need to learn about the most modern approaches to fraud prevention
- Internal auditors in organisations without a dedicated fraud team, as they are having to take a much more significant role in fraud risk management
- Managers needing a broader understanding of how to prevent and manage fraud risk

Course Level

- This is an intermediary level course
- Delegates should have a good educational standard (and/or a professional qualification or be in the process of studying for such qualifications
- No advance preparation is required
- Delivery method – On-line interactive (with exercises and case studies to provide practical application of the tools and techniques)

After completing this course you will be able to

- **Evaluate the wide range of fraud risks**
- **Think like a fraudster – the only way to spot frauds**
- **Apply successful techniques to help prevent fraud**
- **Promote an effective fraud prevention process**
- **Appreciate the fraud indicators**
- **Spot when someone is not telling you the truth**
- **Monitor the legal compliance with anti-fraud legislation**

CPE credits

- **Participants will earn 10 CPE credits (in the regulatory ethics field of study**

Course Outline

Day 1 – The fraud risks

Background

- **Fraud explained: definitions**
- **Fraud statistics**
- **Why is fraud such a serious issue?**
- **ACFE 2020 fraud survey results**
- **The cost of fraud**
- **Who commits fraud?**
- **Profile of a fraudster**
- **Trends and statistics regarding detected fraud**
- **Why fraud is probably being perpetrated now in your organisation.**
- **Action taken against fraudsters**

Evaluating the fraud risks

- **E & Y 13th global fraud risk survey results**
- **Fraud risk management process**
- **Managing the business risk of fraud (IIA, CPA, CFE paper)**
- **Building a picture of the major fraud risks**
- **Fraud risk matrix**
- **Fraud scenarios**
- **Fraud risk register example**
- **Fraud risk questionnaire**
- **Generic risk factors**
- **Design of controls to prevent fraud**

Exercise 1 - Identifying the main fraud risks in your organisation

Procurement fraud

- **Tendering and bidding fraud**
- **25 issues to look out for**
  - **Sole source supply**
  - **Contracts awarded where the evaluation score was not the best**
  - **Unusual trends in the approval process**
  - **Minimum number of tenders not received**
  - **One supplier always wins**
  - **Lowest bid regularly not accepted**
  - **Winning bids just lower**
  - **Only one supplier meets the conditions**
  - **Only one successful bid**
  - **Tender documentation 'lost'**
  - **Excluding cheaper bidders**
  - **Complaints from bidders and other parties**
  - **Multiple contracts just below procurement thresholds**
  - **Seemingly inflated agent fees**
  - **Suspicious bidders**
- **Supplier and outsourcing fraud**
- **Procurement and inventory fraud risks**
- **A procurement fraud checklist will be provided**
- **Case histories**

Exercise 2- Fraud in procurement

The IT fraud risks

- **Computer fraud paper**
- **Computer fraud prevention**
- **E-Commerce – the key fraud risks and steps to take to mitigate them**
- **Internet and Intranet – the fraud risks**
- **Preventing internet fraud paper**
- **IT security – how to evaluate effectiveness and influence change**
- **Adoption and enforcement of information security standards**
- **Segregation of duties - the dangers and the practical solutions**
- **How to detect IT fraud**

Exercise 4 - IT fraud risks

Identity fraud

- **Identity fraud – the fastest growing fraud risk**
- **Identity fraud – fraud advisory panel paper**
- **Identity fraud examples**
- **How to protect your business**

Exercise 4 – Identity fraud

The risk of Corruption

- **Corruption causes**
- **Corruption indicators**

- Fraud red flags
- Procurement fraud risks
- The issues to look for
- Bid rigging – the issues to look for

Exercise 5 - Identifying corruption indicators

Day 2 – Developing a fraud prevention process

Fraud mitigation

- How to evaluate fraud risk mitigation
- Why controls may not protect you
- Putting yourself in the mind of the fraudster
- Examination of typical controls in place to mitigate the risks
- Risk exposures
- Identifying the vulnerable areas.

Exercise 6 - Understanding how fraudsters think

Fraud indicators (Red flags)

- 100 fraud indicators
- How to spot the danger signals
- Fraud indicators –fraud advisory panel paper
- Behaviours
- Results/trends
- Documentation
- Goods, services and assets
- Corruption
- Cash and payments
- People
- Computer fraud
- Developing a toolkit for identifying possible frauds
- A fraud toolkit will be provided

Exercise 7 - The fraud indicators

Implementing a best practice fraud prevention process

- CIMA fraud risk management guidance
- Introducing effective anti-fraud policies
- Creating a fraud consciousness loop
- Development of a fraud awareness training programme
- Communicating standards of expected behaviour /ethics
- The need for strong and consistent action when fraud is suspected.
- Electronic data and asset protection
- Fraud response plans paper
- Anti- money laundering – issues and requirements

- **Money laundering paper in the pack**
- **The relationship between fraud, risk and control**
- **The roles, responsibilities and liabilities of auditors, management, specialists and others**

Exercise 8 - Developing a fraud awareness training programme

Aiming for a cost-effective balance between prevention and detection

- **Use of management check-lists**
- **The need to be able to think like a fraudster – to be able to prevent it**
- **Company policy on consequences of committing fraud**
- **Facilitation of whistle blowing**
- **Whistle blowing policy**
- **Pros and cons of external hot-lines**
- **Use of specialists to aid detection and investigation**
- **Preparing and implementing fraud contingency plans**
- **How to ensure fraud investigation is always given top priority**
- **Use of successful fraud investigation as a moral deterrent**
- **Managing the external coverage of proven fraud**

Exercise 9 - Fraudulent documents

The legal aspects

- **The need to stay within the law**
- **The legal implications**
- **When to bring the lawyers in**
- **How to protect your work from disclosure – legal privilege**
- **How to ensure that evidence is admissible**
- **Search and seizure orders**
- **Civil V Criminal action**
- **UK Bribery Act and the worldwide implications**
- **Gifts and hospitality guidance**
- **How to recover stolen assets – making sure the criminal does not profit**
- **How to handle disciplinary proceedings**
- **Employers and employees rights**