FRAUD PREVENTION, DETECTION AND INVESTIGATION



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Introduction

The Fraud Prevention, Detection and Investigation Training Course prepares professionals to build an anti-fraud capability that covers the full response cycle. Fraud losses rarely come from one dramatic event. They accumulate through weak controls, tolerated exceptions, and warning signs that go unread. This course connects prevention, detection, and investigation into one coherent programme. It covers fraud risk assessment, preventive control design, detection analytics, and investigative practice. Furthermore, it applies evidence handling, interviewing, and reporting standards. As a result, participants reduce exposure and respond effectively when fraud does occur.

Fraud Prevention, Detection and Investigation Course Objectives

- Explain fraud typologies, drivers, and organisational warning signs.
- Apply the fraud triangle and fraud diamond to risk assessment.
- Conduct fraud risk assessments and maintain fraud risk registers.
- Design preventive controls that remove fraud opportunity.
- Evaluate segregation of duties, authorisation, and reconciliation controls.
- Apply detection techniques including analytics and surprise audits.
- Use Benford's Law, duplicate testing, and outlier analysis.
- Plan investigations with clear scope, theory, and evidence strategy.
- Collect, document, and preserve evidence to a legal standard.
- Conduct interviews and report fraud findings with recommendations.

Course Methodology

- Interactive lectures with real fraud and investigation case studies.

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- Fraud risk assessment and preventive control design workshops.
- Detection analytics and red flag identification exercises.
- Investigation simulation covering evidence and interviewing.
- Structured peer discussion with facilitator feedback on anti-fraud programmes.

Who Should Take This Course

- Fraud, risk, and compliance officers.
- Internal auditors and control assurance professionals.
- Investigation and integrity unit staff.
- Finance, procurement, and operations managers.
- Legal advisors handling fraud and misconduct matters.
- Directors and senior managers with oversight responsibility.

Fraud Prevention, Detection and Investigation Course Outlines

Day 1: Fraud Risk and Programme Foundations

- Fraud and corruption typologies, drivers, and warning signs.
- The fraud triangle and fraud diamond models.
- Fraud risk assessment methodology and scoring.
- Fraud risk registers, ownership, and review cycles.
- Governance structures and anti-fraud programme design.
- Roles of management, audit, compliance, and the board.
- Case study: how an organisation structured its anti-fraud programme.

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Day 2: Preventive Controls and Detection Design

- Principles of fraud prevention and opportunity reduction.
- Segregation of duties, authorisation, and approval controls.
- Reconciliation, review, and exception reporting controls.
- Procurement, vendor, payroll, and expense fraud controls.
- Codes of conduct, conflict of interest, and gift policies.
- Control testing and preventive control assurance.
- Workshop: designing preventive and detective controls for a process.

Day 3: Detection Analytics and Red Flags

- Detection sources: hotlines, audits, analytics, and monitoring.
- Data analytics techniques for fraud detection.
- Benford's Law, duplicate testing, and outlier analysis.
- Red flag libraries and indicator frameworks.
- Vendor, employee, and account link analysis.
- Managing false positives and investigative triage.
- Workshop: running analytics over a ledger and payment file.

Day 4: Investigation Planning and Evidence

- Investigation planning, scoping, and case theory development.
- Evidence types, integrity, and chain of custody.
- Document examination and authenticity assessment.
- Digital evidence acquisition and handling basics.
- Interviewing techniques: cognitive and admission-seeking.

- Documenting statements, corroboration, and case file structure.
- Workshop: planning an investigation and handling evidence.

Day 5: Reporting, Remediation, and Culture

- Root cause analysis using the 5 Whys and causal factors.
- Writing fraud findings, conclusions, and recommendations.
- Reporting to management, audit committees, and regulators.
- Discipline, recovery, and civil action considerations.
- Remediation planning and control improvement.
- Whistleblowing frameworks and fraud awareness programmes.
- Course review, assessment, and action planning.

Conclusion

By successfully completing Fraud Prevention, Detection and Investigation, participants will gain a thorough understanding of fraud risk assessment, preventive control design, detection analytics, investigation practice, evidence handling, and reporting. They will also acquire practical skills in fraud risk assessment, control design, data analytics, and investigation management. In addition, the course prepares them to protect their organisations from fraud and to respond effectively when it occurs. Gentex Training Center delivers this programme with a strong focus on applied anti-fraud practice and measurable improvement.

FAQs for Fraud Prevention, Detection and Investigation course

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Q1 What is the "Fraud Prevention, Detection and Investigation" course about?

It is a five-day programme covering the full anti-fraud response. It explains fraud typologies and warning signs, fraud risk assessment, preventive control design, detection analytics, investigation planning, evidence handling, interviewing, and fraud reporting and remediation.

Q2 What are the key benefits of the "Fraud Prevention, Detection and Investigation" course?

Participants gain a joined-up programme rather than disconnected measures. The course reduces fraud losses, strengthens preventive controls, raises detection through analytics, improves investigation quality and evidence integrity, sharpens committee and board reporting, and supports a stronger integrity and speak-up culture.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "Fraud Prevention, Detection and Investigation" course?

Participants gain fraud risk assessment and risk register development, preventive and detective control design, fraud detection analytics with red flag identification, and investigation planning, evidence handling and fraud reporting. These four skills cover the complete anti-fraud response cycle.

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Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "Fraud Prevention, Detection and Investigation" course?

The course covers the fraud triangle and fraud diamond models, fraud risk assessment methodology and scoring, fraud risk registers and review cycles, segregation of duties and authorisation control design, reconciliation and exception reporting controls, procurement, vendor, payroll and expense fraud controls, codes of conduct and conflict of interest frameworks, control testing procedures, whistleblowing hotline and tip management, Benford's Law, duplicate testing and outlier analysis, red flag libraries, vendor and employee link analysis, false positive management, investigation planning and case theory, evidence types and chain of custody, document examination and authenticity assessment, digital evidence acquisition, cognitive and admission-seeking interviewing techniques, the 5 Whys root cause method, fraud finding and recommendation drafting, audit committee and regulator reporting formats, remediation planning, and fraud awareness training design.

Q5 How is the "Fraud Prevention, Detection and Investigation" course applied in real-world practice?

Participants apply the methods in their own organisations. They run fraud risk assessments, design and test controls, analyse transactions for anomalies, plan and conduct investigations, handle and document evidence, interview witnesses, and prepare reports with remediation recommendations. Many leave with a fraud risk assessment template and an investigation file structure ready for immediate use.