GOVERNANCE, RISK & COMPLIANCE IN INTERNATIONAL PROCUREMENT



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Introduction

Procurement sits where money, external parties, and regulatory obligation meet, which makes it one of the highest-risk functions in any organisation. Weak governance allows unauthorised commitments, collusion, and conflicts of interest; weak compliance exposes the business to sanctions, bribery findings, and trade penalties. This Governance, Risk & Compliance in International Procurement Training Course gives procurement, compliance, and audit professionals a complete method to control that exposure. Participants learn how to build a procurement governance framework, run fraud and bribery risk assessments, apply sanctions and trade controls, and design controls and audit trails that hold. Furthermore, the course links compliance performance to supplier conduct and reporting.

Governance, Risk & Compliance in International Procurement Course Objectives

- Build a procurement governance framework with policy, authority, and accountability.
- Apply segregation-of-duties principles across the source-to-pay cycle.
- Conduct fraud and corruption risk assessments using recognised models.
- Apply anti-bribery standards and controls over gifts, hospitality, and facilitation payments.
- Screen suppliers and counterparties against sanctions and denied-party lists.
- Assess trade compliance obligations: classification, origin, and export controls.
- Design procurement controls, approval workflows, and documented audit trails.
- Use data analytics to detect fraud indicators and control exceptions.
- Apply third-party due diligence and supplier code of conduct requirements.
- Measure compliance performance with KPIs, testing, and assurance reporting.

Course Methodology

- Facilitated sessions built on real procurement policies, audits, and control logs.

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- Case workshops on collusion, bid rigging, and conflict of interest findings.
- Analytics exercises on duplicate payments, split orders, and vendor anomalies.
- Control design workshops on approval matrices and segregation of duties.
- Group exercise on a procurement compliance assurance and testing plan.

Who Should Take This Course

- Procurement governance and compliance officers.
- Internal auditors reviewing purchasing and contracts.
- Risk managers covering third-party and supply chain risk.
- Contract and commercial managers.
- Procurement managers responsible for policy adherence.
- Trade compliance and sanctions screening staff.

Governance, Risk & Compliance in International Procurement Course Outlines

Day 1: Governance Framework for Procurement

- Governance principles applied to purchasing and contracting.
- Procurement policy, procedures, and delegation of authority.
- Approval matrices and authority limits by value and category.
- Roles and accountability: buyer, approver, contract owner, and budget holder.
- Separation of requisition, approval, receipt, and payment duties.
- Governance bodies: procurement committee and review boards.
- Governance documentation and policy communication.

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Day 2: Procurement Risk Assessment and Fraud Control

- Risk categories: financial, operational, compliance, and reputational.
- Fraud and corruption risk assessment models for procurement.
- Common schemes: bid rigging, collusion, phantom vendors, and kickbacks.
- Conflict of interest identification and declaration processes.
- Vendor master data controls and bank detail verification.
- Contract award controls and emergency purchase safeguards.
- Risk registers, mitigation plans, and control owners.

Day 3: Anti-Bribery, Ethics, and Third-Party Conduct

- Anti-bribery standards and their practical requirements.
- Gifts, hospitality, and facilitation payments: policy and limits.
- Third-party due diligence and beneficial ownership checks.
- Supplier code of conduct and contractual compliance clauses.
- Whistleblowing channels, investigations, and protection.
- Disciplinary and remediation actions.
- Ethics training and awareness programmes for buyers.

Day 4: Trade Compliance and Sanctions in Purchasing

- Sanctions lists, denied parties, and screening workflows.
- Export control and dual-use obligations in the purchasing cycle.
- Tariff classification and origin accuracy as compliance duties.
- Customs valuation and documentation integrity.
- Restricted and prohibited goods and end-use verification.

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- Record retention and audit evidence for trade compliance.
- Voluntary disclosure and penalty mitigation.

Day 5: Controls Testing, Analytics, and Assurance Reporting

- Control design versus control operating effectiveness.
- Testing sampling methods and working paper standards.
- Data analytics for procurement: duplicate payments, split orders, price anomalies.
- Continuous monitoring and exception reporting.
- Compliance KPIs and assurance dashboards.
- Reporting to audit committee and senior management.
- Building a procurement compliance improvement roadmap.

Conclusion

By successfully completing the Governance, Risk & Compliance in International Procurement Training Course, participants will have acquired a solid working knowledge of procurement governance frameworks, segregation of duties, fraud and bribery risk assessment, anti-bribery and third-party due diligence controls, sanctions and trade compliance obligations, control testing, and assurance reporting. They will leave able to design controls that hold under audit, detect procurement fraud early, and report compliance performance with evidence. Gentex Training Center delivers this programme with governance, audit, and procurement practitioners who apply these controls in live organisations.

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FAQs for the Governance, Risk & Compliance in International Procurement course

Q1 What is the "Governance, Risk & Compliance in International Procurement" course about?

It is a five-day programme on controlling risk in purchasing and contracting. It covers governance frameworks, segregation of duties, fraud and bribery risk assessment, anti-bribery and third-party due diligence, sanctions and trade compliance, control testing, and assurance reporting.

Q2 What are the key benefits of the "Governance, Risk & Compliance in International Procurement" course?

Participants reduce exposure to procurement fraud, bribery findings, and trade penalties, and they replace informal practice with documented controls that satisfy auditors. They also gain analytics methods that flag unusual purchasing patterns early.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "Governance, Risk & Compliance in International Procurement" course?

You will gain procurement governance framework design, fraud and corruption risk assessment, anti-bribery and sanctions and trade compliance control, and procurement control testing with analytics-driven assurance reporting.

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Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "Governance, Risk & Compliance in International Procurement" course?

The course works with procurement policy and delegation of authority matrices, segregation of duties rules across requisition, approval, receipt and payment, fraud risk assessment models for procurement, conflict of interest declaration processes, vendor master data and bank detail verification controls, anti-bribery standards covering gifts, hospitality and facilitation payments, third-party due diligence and beneficial ownership checks, sanctions and denied-party screening, export control and dual-use verification, tariff classification and origin accuracy checks, customs valuation documentation, control testing sampling methods, procurement data analytics on duplicate payments and split orders, and compliance KPI dashboards.

Q5 How is the "Governance, Risk & Compliance in International Procurement" course applied in real-world practice?

Teams apply it when writing a procurement policy and approval matrix, running a vendor onboarding due diligence check, investigating a suspected conflict of interest, screening a supplier against sanctions lists, testing purchasing controls before an audit, and reporting compliance exceptions to the audit committee.