

GRC AUDITOR (GRCA) CERTIFICATION



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Introduction

GRC Auditor (GRCA) Certification Training Course prepares auditors, compliance professionals, and governance practitioners to audit governance, risk, and compliance as one integrated system. Participants work through GRC auditing foundations and the GRC auditor's role, GRC frameworks and criteria: ISO 31000, COSO ERM, and ISO 37301, audit planning, scoping, and risk-based audit approach, GRC control testing, evidence, and audit findings, and GRC audit reporting, maturity assessment, and follow-up as one connected discipline. The programme links the audit standards an auditor applies with the GRC structures, controls, and registers being examined. As a result, learners gain a practical command of GRC auditing. Furthermore, the course strengthens audit judgement, control testing discipline, and reporting quality.

GRC Auditor (GRCA) Certification Course Objectives

- Explain GRC auditing concepts, scope, and the GRCA role.
- Apply GRC frameworks and criteria: ISO 31000, COSO ERM, ISO 37301.
- Apply audit planning, scoping, and risk-based audit approach.
- Apply GRC control testing, walkthroughs, and sampling methods.
- Apply evidence gathering, working papers, and documentation standards.
- Apply governance structure and three lines audit techniques.
- Apply risk management process and risk register review methods.
- Apply compliance framework and obligations register testing.
- Apply GRC audit findings, root cause analysis, and recommendations.
- Apply GRC audit reporting, maturity assessment, and follow-up tracking.

Course Methodology

- Interactive sessions built on GRC audit and assurance cases.

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- Workshops on audit planning, testing programmes, and working papers.
- Group exercises on control testing, findings, and root cause analysis.
- Hands-on practice with risk registers, control matrices, and audit files.
- Simulation of a GRC audit interview and a findings closing meeting.
- Facilitator coaching and peer review on GRC audit action plans.

Who Should Take This Course

- Internal auditors and GRC auditors.
- Compliance officers and compliance analysts.
- Governance, risk, and control professionals.
- Assurance and control testing specialists.
- Consultants advising on GRC frameworks and audits.
- Professionals preparing for GRC certification.

GRC Auditor (GRCA) Certification Course Outlines

Day 1: GRC Auditing Foundations

- GRC concepts, scope, and the case for integrated assurance.
- The GRCA role, mandate, and professional expectations.
- GRC auditing standards and code of ethics application.
- Auditor independence, objectivity, and conflict management.
- GRC audit universe, risk assessment, and annual audit planning.
- Common GRC weaknesses auditors should expect.
- Case discussion: an audit that reviewed documents and missed the risk.





Day 2: GRC Frameworks and Audit Criteria

- ISO 31000 principles, framework, and process as audit criteria.
- COSO Enterprise Risk Management framework components.
- COSO Internal Control framework and control criteria.
- ISO 37301 compliance management systems as criteria.
- The three lines model and accountability as audit criteria.
- Criteria selection, weighting, and evaluation scales.
- Workshop: designing audit criteria for a GRC engagement.

Day 3: Planning, Scoping, and Audit Programmes

- Engagement planning, objectives, and scope definition.
- Risk-based audit approach and materiality thinking.
- Process understanding, walkthroughs, and process mapping.
- Audit programme design and test step construction.
- Sampling methods: statistical and judgemental sampling.
- Working paper standards and evidence documentation.
- Exercise: building a GRC audit programme for a case entity.

Day 4: Testing GRC Controls and Assurance

- Governance structure testing and committee effectiveness review.
- Three lines model testing and accountability verification.
- Risk management process testing and risk register review.
- Compliance framework and obligations register testing.
- Control design versus operating effectiveness testing.

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- Evidence evaluation, findings drafting, and root cause analysis.
- Simulation: testing GRC controls and drafting findings.

Day 5: Reporting, Maturity, and Follow-Up

- GRC audit report structure and writing standards.
- Findings, ratings, and recommendation design.
- GRC maturity assessment and capability rating models.
- Management responses, action plans, and ownership.
- Follow-up, remediation tracking, and closure verification.
- Reporting to audit committees and governance bodies.
- Capstone: presenting a GRC audit report and improvement plan.

Conclusion

By successfully completing GRC Auditor (GRCA) Certification, participants will gain a practical command of GRC auditing foundations, the ISO 31000, COSO ERM, COSO Internal Control and ISO 37301 criteria, audit planning and programme design, GRC control testing and evidence practice, and GRC audit reporting, maturity assessment, and follow-up. They will acquire skills in GRC audit planning and criteria design, GRC control testing and evidence documentation, governance, risk and compliance framework review, and GRC audit reporting, maturity assessment, and follow-up assurance that hold up under scrutiny. Gentex Training Center designs the programme to help professionals audit GRC with confidence.

FAQs for the GRC Auditor (GRCA) Certification course





Q1 What is the "GRC Auditor (GRCA) Certification" course about?

It prepares auditors, compliance professionals, and governance practitioners to audit governance, risk, and compliance as one integrated system. The course spans GRC auditing foundations, GRC frameworks and audit criteria, planning, scoping and audit programmes, GRC control testing and assurance, and reporting, maturity and follow-up.

Q2 What are the key benefits of the "GRC Auditor (GRCA) Certification" course?

You gain a practical command of GRC auditing that links the audit standards an auditor applies with the GRC structures, controls, and registers being examined. The course improves criteria selection and scope definition, strengthens control testing and evidence practice, sharpens findings and root cause analysis, and builds reporting and follow-up discipline that audit committees rely on.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "GRC Auditor (GRCA) Certification" course?

You will develop four core skills: GRC audit planning and criteria design, GRC control testing and evidence documentation, governance, risk and compliance framework review, and GRC audit reporting, maturity assessment, and follow-up assurance.



Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "GRC Auditor (GRCA) Certification" course?

The course covers GRC concepts, scope and the case for integrated assurance, the GRCA role, mandate and professional expectations, GRC auditing standards and code of ethics application, auditor independence, objectivity and conflict management, the GRC audit universe, risk assessment and annual audit planning, ISO 31000 principles, framework and process as audit criteria, the COSO Enterprise Risk Management framework, the COSO Internal Control framework and control criteria, ISO 37301 compliance management systems as criteria, the three lines model and accountability as audit criteria, criteria selection, weighting and evaluation scales, engagement planning, objectives and scope definition, the risk-based audit approach and materiality thinking, process understanding, walkthroughs and process mapping, audit programme design and test step construction, statistical and judgemental sampling, working paper standards and evidence documentation, governance structure testing and committee effectiveness review, three lines model testing and accountability verification, risk management process testing and risk register review, compliance framework and obligations register testing, control design versus operating effectiveness testing, evidence evaluation, findings drafting and root cause analysis, GRC audit report structure and writing standards, findings, ratings and recommendation design, GRC maturity assessment and capability rating models, management responses, action plans and ownership, follow-up, remediation tracking and closure verification, and reporting to audit committees and governance bodies.



Q5 How is the "GRC Auditor (GRCA) Certification" course applied in real-world practice?

Participants apply it to real work such as designing audit criteria for a GRC engagement, building a GRC audit programme for a case entity, testing controls and drafting findings, reviewing a risk register and obligations register, running a GRC audit interview and closing meeting, preparing a GRC audit report for the audit committee, and presenting a GRC audit report and improvement plan. The same methods support GRC maturity assessment and remediation follow-up.