

Pantelis Stylianides Institute of Accountancy



Seminar

Mastering Audit-Strategies for Enhanced Assurance Practices

Seminar content is aligned with the syllabus of AAA of the ACCA.

This seminar contributes to the requirements for Continuing Professional Development.



The program has been approved by the Human Resource Development Authority (HRDA). Companies participating with their employees, who meet the HRDA's criteria, will receive the relevant subsidy. *The number of participants is limited to 28.

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Seminar Details

Starts: 21/07/2025 Ends: 19/11/2025

Location: Microsoft Teams

Time: 18:30-21:15
Duration: 55 hours
CPD units: 55

Language: Greek and English

Materials: English

Trainer: Christopher Kazantzis

Cost:

·€500 after deducting subsidy from HRDA of €1,100

for all eligible participants

•€1000 for non-eligible HRDA participants

*Additional discount is offered for two or more participants from the same company (2+ individuals from the same organization/company).

Purpose

The purpose of this seminar is to provide participants with an in-depth understanding of the regulatory requirements and professional standards governing audit and assurance engagements, both statutory and non-statutory. It aims to expand participants' knowledge and competencies in conducting a wide range of assurance services, including audits of complex financial areas, reporting on KPIs, business plans, prospective financial information, sustainability reporting, and forensic investigations. By addressing evolving international standards and current issues in the profession, the seminar supports the delivery of high-quality assurance services aligned with global best practices.

Training Objectives

The seminar aims to enhance participants' knowledge of audit and assurance by enabling them to define and understand core concepts such as fraud, error, ethics, and regulatory frameworks. It will equip them with practical skills to plan and execute assurance engagements, assess risks, design audit procedures, implement quality control measures, and issue appropriate assurance opinions. Additionally, it seeks to develop professional attitudes such as effective communication, leadership, ethical judgement, and professional skepticism. Emphasis will be placed on real-world application, particularly in complex areas, to ensure participants are well-prepared for high-stakes and evolving professional environments.

Methodology

The seminar will take place using the method of live online learning through the Microsoft Teams platform. During the seminar, various interactive techniques will be used, such as lecture, presentation, questions - answers, discussion, group work, practical exercises.

Candidates

This seminar is intended for a wide range of professionals engaged in audit, assurance, risk management, and compliance across both the public and private sectors. Ideal candidates include external and internal auditors, accountants, compliance officers, risk management professionals, financial controllers, and staff from regulatory bodies and oversight authorities. It is particularly suitable for professionals who already possess a working knowledge of audit and assurance practices and are seeking to deepen their expertise, broaden the scope of services offered, and stay updated with recent developments and expectations in the profession.



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Agenda

Dates:

July: 21, 28 Oct.: 06, 08, 13, 15, 20, 22, 29

Aug: 04, 18, 25 Nov: 03, 05, 10, 12, 17, 19

Sept: 08, 15, 22, 29

Topics

Introduction to Audit & Assurance

Ethics

Conflict of Interest, Advertising & Fees

· Quality Controls

· Money Laundering

Professional Liability

Forensics

· Professional Appointments

Planning the Audit

Doing the Audit

Completing The Audit

Group Audits

Due Diligence & KPIs

• Prospective Financial Information

Internal Audit & Outsourcing

Trainer

Christopher Kazantzis

Christopher has a Bachelor degree in Applied Accounting (BSc Hons) from the Oxford Brookes University and a Master's degree (MSc) in Corporate Risk and Security Management from the University of Southampton. He went on to become a Fellow Member of the ACCA (FCCA) and also a Certified Professional Forensic Accountant (CPFAcct) and member of the Institute of Certified Forensic Accountants (ICFA).

He has worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers in the UK and in Cyprus, before switching to a teaching career specialising in Audit and Management. He has been teaching ACCA courses since 2010, and also teaches audit at the University of Cyprus since 2018. In 2021 he set up Vantage Professional Training which specialises in specific ACCA courses.

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