

# Audit Evidence and Documentation Course

Learn to collect, document, and analyze audit evidence to meet Government Auditing Standards and support audit findings.

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## Course Outline

### Module 1: Role of Evidence in Auditing

- Learning Objectives
- Evidence—the Foundation of Auditing
- Two Things Distinguish Auditors
- Performance Auditing Fundamentals
- Fundamentals—Adherence to Auditing Standards
- Fundamentals—Approaches for Doing Performance Audits
- Fundamentals—Focus on Specific Aspects of Performance
- Fundamentals—Application of Finding Concept
- Element Definitions—Traditional Findings
- Element Definitions—Impact Findings
- Rival Causes

### Module 2: Evidence Types and Sources

- Learning Objectives
- Types of Evidence
- Audit Classification
- Physical Evidence
- Documentary Evidence
- Testimonial Evidence
- Other Classifications of Evidence
- Evidence can be Classified as Quantitative or Qualitative
- Evidence can be Classified as Views and Fact
- Evidence can be Characterized as Expert Opinion

- Data Sources

### **Module 3: Evidence Tests**

- Learning Objectives
- Tests of Evidence
- Sufficiency Test
- Evidence Sufficiency and Audit Scope
- Appropriate Test – Relevance
- Appropriate Test—Validity and Reliability
- Exercise/Discussion: Selecting Audit Scope
- Exercise 3-1: Deciding Relevance
- Exercise 3-2: Selecting Reliable Evidence
- Exercise 3-3: Reinforcement Quiz

### **Module 4: Evidence Collection Methods**

- Learning Objectives
- Conducting Fieldwork
- Data Collection and Recording Methods
- Collecting Physical Evidence
- Collecting Documentary Evidence
- Collecting Testimonial Evidence
- Collecting Data with Data Collection Instruments
- Using a DCI to Collect Documentary Evidence
- Using a DCI to Collect Evidence on Physical Conditions
- Using a DCI with a Graduated Rating Scale
- Using a DCI to Collect Data on Physical Quantities
- Using a DCI to Collect Testimonial Evidence
- Exercise 4-1: Selecting Data Needed, Type, Source, and Collection Method

### **Module 5: Assuring Evidence Reliability**

- Learning Objectives
- Assuring Evidence Reliability in Collection
- Determinants of Reliability
- Steps to Assure Reliability
- What to Do When Evidence has Limitations or Uncertainties as to its Reliability
- Assuring Reliability of Physical Evidence
- Exercise 5-1: Dealing with Conflicting Requirements