

Cost Auditing in Construction Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Construction Institute	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

By the end of this **Cost Auditing in Construction Training Course**, participants will be able to:

1. Understand advanced principles of construction cost auditing and financial governance.
2. Develop expertise in project cost control and budget optimization strategies.
3. Apply modern techniques for construction cost estimation and forecasting accuracy.
4. Identify cost overruns through data-driven cost analysis and performance monitoring.
5. Perform detailed audits of contracts, procurement processes, and subcontractor costs.
6. Improve project profitability through strategic cost reduction techniques.
7. Analyze construction variations, claims, and change order financial impacts.
8. Implement risk-based auditing methodologies for construction projects.
9. Use digital tools for BIM-enabled cost auditing and project analytics.
10. Understand international standards for construction audit compliance and reporting.
11. Strengthen skills in financial transparency and project accountability.
12. Apply sustainable approaches in life-cycle cost analysis and green construction auditing.
13. Develop professional capabilities in AI-powered construction cost management and predictive analytics.

Target Audience

1. Construction Project Managers
2. Quantity Surveyors and Cost Consultants
3. Civil Engineers and Site Engineers
4. Contractors and Subcontractors
5. Procurement and Commercial Managers
6. Project Controls Professionals
7. Finance and Audit Professionals in Construction Companies
8. Architects, Developers, and Real Estate Professionals

Course Modules

Module 1: Fundamentals of Construction Cost Auditing

- Introduction to **construction cost audit principles and frameworks**
- Role of auditors in improving project financial performance
- Construction cost lifecycle management
- Understanding cost records, documentation, and audit trails
- Industry standards and best practices for cost auditing

- **Case Study:** Audit review of a commercial building project that reduced unidentified cost leakages through improved documentation and financial controls.

Module 2: Construction Cost Estimation and Budget Analysis

- Advanced **cost estimation techniques and forecasting methods**
- Preparation and review of construction budgets
- Cost baseline development and monitoring
- Material, labor, and equipment cost analysis
- Identifying inaccurate estimates and budget risks
- **Case Study:** Analysis of a residential development project where improved estimation methods reduced budget variance by implementing predictive cost planning.

Module 3: Project Cost Control and Performance Management

- Techniques for effective **construction cost control**
- Earned Value Management (EVM) applications
- Cost variance analysis and corrective actions
- Monitoring project financial performance indicators
- Developing cost control dashboards
- **Case Study:** Infrastructure project cost control assessment using performance indicators to recover delayed project budgets.

Module 4: Contract, Procurement, and Subcontract Cost Auditing

- Auditing construction contracts and payment systems
- Procurement cost evaluation and supplier analysis
- Subcontractor invoice verification
- Detecting overbilling and financial discrepancies
- Contract compliance and commercial risk management
- **Case Study:** Large-scale construction contract audit identifying procurement inefficiencies and improving supplier cost transparency.

Module 5: Variation, Claims, and Change Order Auditing

- Understanding construction variations and claims management
- Financial impact assessment of design changes
- Reviewing extension of time cost implications
- Auditing change order approvals
- Preventing unnecessary project expenditure
- **Case Study:** High-rise construction project audit that optimized change order management and reduced additional project costs.

Module 6: Digital Technologies in Construction Cost Auditing

- BIM integration for **digital cost auditing**
- Construction data analytics and reporting tools
- AI applications in cost prediction and risk identification
- Digital dashboards for project monitoring
- Automation of cost audit processes

- **Case Study:** BIM-based audit implementation for a smart construction project improving cost visibility and decision-making.

Module 7: Risk Management and Compliance Auditing

- Construction financial risk identification
- Risk-based audit planning techniques
- Compliance requirements and audit documentation
- Fraud prevention and cost governance
- Developing construction audit reports
- **Case Study:** Industrial construction project risk audit that identified financial exposure and improved compliance systems.

Module 8: Advanced Cost Optimization and Future Trends

- Strategic **construction cost optimization methods**
- Life-cycle cost analysis (LCCA)
- Sustainable construction cost management
- AI, automation, and predictive cost intelligence
- Future trends in construction financial management
- **Case Study:** Green building project analysis demonstrating life-cycle savings through sustainable cost strategies.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- a. The participant must be conversant with English.
- b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

- c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	\$1,000
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
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