
IATF 16949:2016 Lead & Internal Auditor Training

Course Description

This Exemplar Global Certified IATF 16949:2016 Internal Auditor (4-day) or Lead Auditor (5-day) course equips participants with the knowledge, skills, and globally recognized credentials to audit automotive quality management systems effectively. Aligned with IATF 16949:2016 requirements and ISO 19011 auditing guidelines, this program blends classroom instruction, practical audit exercises, and industry-specific case studies to ensure participants develop auditing competence.

The Internal Auditor track focuses on conducting effective internal audits within an organization, while the Lead Auditor track adds advanced skills for leading audit teams, managing complex audit situations, and conducting external audits. As an Exemplar Global certified program, successful participants receive internationally recognized competency units verifying their auditing expertise.

The course emphasizes the financial benefits of effective auditing in the automotive industry, including reduced cost of poor quality (CoPQ), lower warranty claims, improved supplier performance, enhanced process efficiency, and increased customer satisfaction.

Course Objectives

Understand IATF 16949:2016 Requirements:

- Interpret clauses, automotive-specific requirements, and customer-specific requirements.
- Apply process approach, risk-based thinking, and continual improvement principles.

Plan and Prepare for Audits:

- Develop comprehensive audit plans and checklists tailored to automotive processes.
- Define clear audit scope, objectives, and criteria.

Conduct Effective Audits:

- Use effective questioning, gather objective evidence, and assess compliance with IATF 16949:2016.
- Identify nonconformities, risks, and improvement opportunities.

Lead Auditor-Specific Skills (5-Day Program):

- Lead and coordinate audit teams, manage meetings, and resolve conflicts.
- Handle complex and high-risk audit situations effectively.

Link Auditing to Financial Performance:

- Quantify cost savings from identifying systemic issues and improving processes.
- Demonstrate how audits reduce scrap, rework, and warranty costs.

Training Format Options

- 4-Day Internal Auditor: Covers IATF 16949:2016 requirements, internal audit planning, execution, reporting, and follow-up.
- 5-Day Lead Auditor: Includes all Internal Auditor content plus advanced modules on leading audit teams, managing external audits, and handling complex audit scenarios in the automotive industry.