

COBIT® Foundation (2 days)

Course Description

This is the ISACA-defined, 2-day COBIT Foundation Course using content with the permission of ISACA and includes in the final hour of the course the ISACA *COBIT Foundation* exam that leads to the ISACA certificate. It is an interactive classroom-based training course based on the latest version, COBIT 4.1.

The course addresses the benefits of a sound IT governance framework and explains how this can be realised using the COBIT best practice framework.

The course carefully explains all elements of the COBIT framework using a case study and interactive presentations. The course will help professionals understand how to use COBIT in a logical and understandable way. An exam preparation module is included to prepare delegates for the COBIT Foundation Exam held in the final hour of the course.

Delegates receive courseware consisting of a comprehensive course workbook and a textbook: *IT Governance based on COBIT 4.1 – A Management Guide*, published by Van Haren Publishing.

The course is presented by Dr Geoff Harmer who has been an ISACA-licensed COBIT Trainer since 2006. Maat Consulting is an Official Licensee of ISACA Content for Training.

Who should attend?

The course is aimed at IT Service Managers, IT Consultants, IT Auditors, Business managers and anyone interested in learning more about COBIT.

It will be particularly relevant to you if:

- It is your goal to make your IT department more aligned with business requirements.
- You are tasked with meeting regulatory and statutory requirements or government targets that demand IT services are properly directed, organised and controlled.
- You have read that many businesses are adopting COBIT® as their approach to IT Governance and want to gain an understanding of COBIT® and its relationship with other best practices.

Pre-requisites

There are no formal prerequisites but it is recommended that delegates should have some understanding of IT Governance.

It is also recommended that delegates acquire a copy of the COBIT 4.1 publication that can be downloaded for free from the ISACA website: <http://www.isaca.org>

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this training you will understand:

- IT issues and their related business impacts defining need for Governance
- Principles of IT Governance and the integration of these principles into Enterprise Governance of IT
- The COBIT and VAL IT frameworks
- COBIT as a supporting frameworks for processes and investments within Enterprise Governance of IT
- How Governance identifies and resolves management issues
- Characteristics of a control framework and how COBIT fits and its relationship to other frameworks/standards and compliance to regulatory requirements
- COBIT Components and structure including Control Practices, Assurance Guide, RACI charts, input/output threads, maturity models and goals and metrics

- Where and how to start using the COBIT components and how they help management and assurance professionals
- COBIT resources and related products

COBIT Foundation training is the first step in understanding that management and governance of IT as an organizational resource is imperative for good business value and risk management. The course emphasises the identification of issues and presents a governance structure that identifies information criteria that will help correct or mitigate issues through the use of good and defined processes and resources in a manageable framework to sustain and grow an organization. It illustrates that the focus of COBIT is providing the correct information in a collaborative approach between business and IT to facilitate the achievement of organization strategic objectives.

Course Presenter

Dr Geoff Harmer is the founder and principal of Maat Consulting Ltd, an independent provider of education and consultancy founded in 2004 that specialises in best practices for IT governance and IT service management. He has 28 years experience in the IT industry and has been awarded Chartered Engineer (CEng), Chartered Information Technology Professional (CITP) and Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT (CGEIT) status.

He holds:

- licensed-lecturer status with ISACA for COBIT and he has been presenting official COBIT courses and running IT governance workshops since 2006;
- accredited-lecturer status with ISEB for ITIL and he has been presenting accredited ITIL courses and running ITSM workshops since 2001;
- accredited-trainer status with itsMF for ISO 20000 and he has been presenting accredited advanced ISO 20000 courses for consultants and auditors since 2006.

He is also an Associate Lecturer in Technology with the UK Open University, a post he has held since 2000.

Comments on Geoff Harmer's COBIT courses

"Showed passion for the subject"

CIO, Port Authority, Australia

"Great – most useful course I've been on in years"

Head of IT, major UK city's public housing management company

"Valuable and useful for my work as an executive in an IT services company"

CFO, IT services company, Australia

"Great instructor! Provided insights and memory aids"

Business leader, international credit card company, USA

"Balanced approach. Refreshed the learning giving opportunities for everyone to participate, setting right examples on each of the COBIT topics. Very good and I would like to recommend to colleagues in my organisation and outside my organisation".

Project manager, leading global computer manufacturer and IT services company, Singapore.