

## Empowering Future Auditors to Drive Audit Excellence



12 August 2025 marked a significant milestone as the Internal Functional Training Course (IFTC) officially resumed for the Office of the Auditor-General's (OAG) assistant (trainee) auditors. This two-year program is not just a course but a vital investment in the future of public accountability and financial prudence.

The IFTC is tailored for all newly recruited trainee auditors within the OAG. Conducted in the Office of the Auditor-General Auditorium, this program is mandatory, reflecting the organization's commitment to fostering highly skilled professionals in the auditing field. The training journey integrates both theoretical instruction and practical application, providing a comprehensive foundation for effective auditing.

The theoretical aspect of the IFTC encompasses the audit methodologies and standards that the OAG has established. This segment ensures that trainees gain a deep understanding of the principles that underpin their future work. Experienced facilitators from the office play an essential role in guiding the assistant auditors through various courses, sharing invaluable insights and practical knowledge that will equip them for real-world challenges.

In addition to classroom learning, the training emphasizes hands-on experience through real audit assignments. This practical component is crucial, as it allows trainees to apply their theoretical knowledge in real scenarios, enhancing their problem-solving skills and providing them with a taste of the responsibilities that lie ahead.

By investing in the development of its assistant auditors, the OAG is not only improving the competencies of its workforce but also ensuring the integrity and transparency of public sector auditing.

The IFTC stands as a testament to the organization's dedication to audit excellence and its role in building a robust framework for accountability.

As the program progresses, the OAG anticipates that these future auditors will emerge as leaders in the field, equipped to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and ethics. The commitment to nurturing talent within the organization signifies a proactive approach to the evolving demands of audit practices, ultimately benefiting the wider community and fostering trust in public financial management.

Through initiatives like the IFTC, the Office of the Auditor-General is paving the way for a new generation of auditors who will drive excellence and uphold the values of transparency and accountability in their crucial work.