

Essential corporate governance



An introduction to key principles and practice in corporate governance

This essential governance course provides delegates with an understanding of key governance debates and principles and offers practical advice on compliance and best practice. It explores the key governance frameworks and regulation, including in-depth coverage of the new UK Corporate Governance Code, board structures, roles and committees, reporting and disclosure, corporate social responsibility and risk.

Guest speakers for this course include Tony Hoskins, director of corporate consultancy The Virtuous Circle, speaking on corporate social responsibility.

Programme

09.00

Registration, tea/coffee

What is corporate governance?

How do we define this and what is 'good' governance?
The distinction between governance and management

Key governance issues

Managing conflicts, the unitary board and the balance of power
Stakeholder management
Managing financial and non-financial risk
Communication and narrative reporting
Transparency and disclosure

Tea/coffee

The development of corporate governance in the UK, and international influences

How UK governance has developed since the 1990s
The current UK model and influences from the EU and US

The UK Corporate Governance Code

The board

Role and composition of the board: balance and independence
Roles of executive and non-executive directors (including SIDs)
Roles of the Chairman and CEO
Directors' duties under Companies Act 2006

The board committees

Role and composition of audit, remuneration and nomination committees
Appointment and re-election and the nomination committee
Directors' remuneration and the remuneration committee

Lunch

Corporate social responsibility

Board induction, training and effectiveness

Professional development
Board performance evaluation

Reporting internal control and risk management

Corporate reporting, including governance reporting
The Turnbull guidance and risk management

Tea/coffee

Stakeholder management

Communication, shareholder activism and engagement
Investor relations
The AGM and annual report

The company secretary's role

Responsible for governance through the chairman
Advising and guiding the board

Discussion and conclusions

17.00

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