



Policy Development and Management

This course is designed to explain a framework in writing policies/procedures to help policy owners organize their written documentation and to act as a resource as they navigate the approval process. This course is a “how to” guide helpful for those who are responsible in formulating, documenting new policies/procedures or maintaining existing policies/procedures.

Training Objectives

At the end of the course, the participants will be able to:

1. Write policy statements using standard constructs.
2. Apply techniques in writing & reviewing policy/procedure documents.
3. Explain the roles and responsibilities in policy/procedures design
4. Apply the process in designing effective policies/procedures.
5. Tailor a policy framework to meet business needs.

Duration 2 days

Topics

- I. Foundation Setting
 - a) Definition of Terms
 - b) Characteristics of Good Policies/Procedures
- II. Policy Framework
- III. Architecting Policies – Looking at the bigger picture
- IV. Roles and Responsibilities Governing Policies/Procedures
 - a) Policy Owner
 - b) Policies/Procedures Writer
 - c) User
- V. Preparation Prior to Writing Policies/Procedures
- VI. The Writing Format – Setup and Design Decisions
- VII. Effective Writing
 - a) Usage of Word Meanings
 - b) Verb Tenses
 - c) Bias-Free Language
 - d) Inappropriate Word Selection
 - e) Composing Paragraphs
 - f) Grammar
 - g) Clear Meanings
- VIII. Editing Policies/Procedures
 - a) Editing your own work
 - b) The Editor Role
- IX. Forms and Forms Management
 - a) Knowledge about Forms
 - b) Objectives of Forms Management
- X. Competencies for Policies/Procedures Writers
- XI. Establishing Policies/Procedures Program
 - a) Policies/Procedures Design Process
 - b) Benefits of Using a Team for Policies/Procedures Work
 - c) Recommended Cross-Functional Team Membership
 - d) Policies/Procedures Review Process
- XII. Conducting Policy Gap Assessments
- XIII. Policy Improvements
- XIV. Sample Policies for various industries