# Education and training of internal auditors Case of the Czech Republic

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## Legal obligations and prerequisites for an internal auditor in public entity

- All the persons who participate in the performance of financial control and audit must fulfill legal prerequisites such as integrity and lack of conflict of interest.
- **Legislative**: Civil Service Act, Financial Control Act, Labour Code, The Act on on Public Servants of Territorial Self-Governing Units.
- Specific requirements for public servants, i.e. auditors, in the Civil Service Act
  - University degree;
  - The civil service examination in Audit
    - Applies to IA in public administration
    - Provided by the Ministry of the Interior
    - Consists of two parts, a general part (state administration), and a specific part (Financial control and Audit);
- Specific requirements for auditors in the Financial Control Act
  - None, the Act is focusing on the purpose and processes.



#### Education and training: Ministry of Finance and Czech institute of internal auditors

- CIIA is a national branch of The Institute of Internal Auditors Inc.;
- **CIIA provides multiple courses** and curriculums for the auditors in the public sector;
- The courses are recognised by the Ministry of Interior for the public servants on the regional and municipal level and by the Ministry of Finance for the auditors and financial controllers on the state level;
- Training focused on the questions of establishing, functioning and progress of internal audit departments and increasing professional development and know-how;
- System of attestation for internal auditors in public sector, based on acknowledging the level of proficiency according to experience and continuous development;
- The CIIA provides as well administrative support while achieving international certification in internal audit the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) other IIA certifications.
- The levels of training provided by the CIIA: assistent junior senior expert.



## Education and training: Czech institute of internal auditors Curriculum, Syllabus, Structure 1/2

Assistant level course: "Basic course for Financial control and Internal audit"

- 64 teaching hours
- Syllabus
  - Familiarisation with legal regulations relating to internal audit in public administration and management and control systems
  - Setting up financial control in public administration (basic concepts, public administration control systems, types of controls, types of audits, difference between external and internal audit, internal control system)
  - Basic knowledge of **public administration accounting** (setting, purpose, objectives, reporting) and budgetary management
  - Conduct a step-by-step audit process, including planning and reporting



## Education and training: Czech institute of internal auditors Curriculum, Syllabus, Structure 2/2

Junior level course: "Audit of key topics in the public sector"

- 24 hours
- Syllabus: Methodology of Internal Audit, Public Procurement, Audit of Financial Management and Control System, Audit of State Assets and Audit of SubsidiaryOrganisations.

Other courses for Junior level: "Practical Guide to Internal Audit", "Audit of municipalities", "Financial Control."

Senior level course: Audit of ICT and Cybersecurity,
Accounting

Expert level course: Quality Management and Assurance,

Tools and Methods of Audit Management

The courses are charged by the CIIA and payed by the employer of the auditor.



#### Thank you for your attention!

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