



Preparing for an external quality assessment (EQA/QAR)

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Course Description

To ensure your internal audit function conforms to the IIA's International Standards, including the new GIAS, regular independent external quality assessment is required. IIA studies show that there are still common findings that “catch out” IA teams. This is likely to increase with the new GIAS.

The workshop is an invaluable tool to help avoid any significant findings as well as learning how to turn this process into a positive experience that can improve the audit team's efficiency and effectiveness. This workshop also includes “war stories” about the EQA process so you can select the right EQA provider build the trust and confidence of key stakeholders, not undermine it.

Who Should Attend

Experienced auditors or more senior audit managers/heads of audit who play a role in ensuring that the audit department receives a satisfactory external quality assessment.

Course programme

Upon completion you will be able to:

- understand key changes between the IIA IPPF and the new GIAS
- understand how an EQA process works
- learn how best to select your EQA provider, “war stories” and pitfalls to be managed
- understand key areas that an EQA often finds
- understand good practices around an ongoing quality assurance and improvement programme (QAIP) and how to make the most of what you are currently doing to get the credit you deserve
- consider the status of your own internal audit team and develop priority areas for further work.

CPE competency areas covered

- IPPF
- Governance, risk and control
- Business acumen

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Price

€ 350

€ 250 (members IIA Greece)



Venue

virtual seminar via
tele-conference

CPE's: 7

ΩΡΕΣ: 8

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Curriculum vitae

James Paterson was the Chief Audit Executive for AstraZeneca from 2002-2009. Prior to that he had various corporate and commercial finance roles, including Head of Group Financial Reporting for AstraZeneca.

He set up a consulting business in 2010 providing consulting, training and coaching in the following key areas:

- Lean/Agile Auditing
- Root Cause Analysis
- Audit strategy and planning
- Risk Assurance Mapping and assurance co-ordination
- Preparing for an EQA
- Auditing Culture and behavioural risk
- Influencing and Political Savvy



He runs open courses with IIA institutes across Europe and now the IIA in the US and does in-house consulting and coaching/team development.

He was a speaker at the IIA International Conferences in 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2023, and was Chair of the EU IAS conference 2017 and 2018.

He has a master's degree in management from McGill University, Canada, specialising in organisational effectiveness/culture change and worked in HR for several years.

He is the author of «Lean Auditing» and “Beyond the Five Whys” (on root cause analysis and systems thinking).

His article «The root of the matter’ won the 2025 Ted Keys award from the IIA US for the best magazine article, its available through this link:

<https://internalauditor.theiia.org/en/articles/2025/august/online-exclusive-internal-auditor-recognizes-best-articles/>



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