



ISO/IEC 17020:2026 - Certified Lead Auditor

Course Outline



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About ISO/IEC 17020:2026 - Certified Lead Auditor Certification

The ISO/IEC 17020:2026 Certified Lead Auditor certification is designed to equip professionals with the expertise required to audit inspection bodies in accordance with the latest international standards. This certification provides a comprehensive understanding of the principles, structure, and requirements of ISO/IEC 17020:2026, focusing on competence, impartiality, and consistent operation of inspection organizations. Participants gain the knowledge needed to interpret standard clauses and assess conformity effectively across diverse inspection environments.

The program emphasizes practical auditing skills, including planning, conducting, reporting, and following up on audits. Learners develop the ability to evaluate inspection processes, identify nonconformities, and ensure compliance with regulatory and accreditation requirements. Through case studies and real-world scenarios, candidates enhance their critical thinking and decision-making capabilities, enabling them to lead audit teams confidently and efficiently.

In addition to technical knowledge, the certification strengthens leadership and communication skills essential for a Lead Auditor role. It prepares professionals to manage audit programs, engage stakeholders, and drive continual improvement within organizations. Upon successful completion, certified individuals demonstrate their ability to uphold international best practices, ensuring the reliability and credibility of inspection bodies worldwide.

Target Audience

This certification is ideal for quality professionals, auditors, inspection managers, technical experts, and consultants involved in inspection body operations or compliance. It is also suitable for individuals seeking to become Lead Auditors, as well as professionals responsible for implementing, maintaining, or auditing ISO/IEC 17020 systems within organizations or accreditation bodies.

What Modules are covered?

Module Information - 1

- Introduction to ISO/IEC 17020:2026
- Requirements of ISO/IEC 17020:2026
- Accreditation Process
- Documentation and Records
- Roles And Responsibilities

Module Information - 2

- Conducting an Audit
- Nonconformity and Corrective Action
- Continuous Improvement
- Ethical Considerations
- Case Studies

Module Information - 3

- International Standards and Comparisons
- Technological Advancements
- Training and Certification
- Common Pitfalls And How to Avoid Them
- The Future of ISO/IEC 17020:2026