



G360
Academy

BUILDING SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE

# What is the Academy?





## MODULAR, BITE-SIZE, CPD-ACCREDITED LEARNING

Director Readiness course

**Board Readiness course** 

Written by experienced
Directors and Non-Executive
Directors working with start-up,
scale-up and non-for-profits in
the UK. Designed for
practitioners, by practitioners!



# About Us



Founded by an award-winning chartered accountant and non-executive Director, Governance360 creates simple innovative solutions that develop stronger, more accountable leaders.

Frustrated by how many small businesses and charities fail through simple lack of governance knowledge, Governance360 helps bridge the gap for teams and Boards looking to build skills, be more resilient and prepare strong roots for future success.

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HOW THE ACADEMY

## WORKS



#### Built in the real world, for the real world



Accessible at any time of day or night via a browser (no special software needed)



Externally accredited for CPD purposes and assurance



Digital, continually updated, additional content within membership

#### Key features include



Modules approx 30 minutes long



Stop and start in any order



Quiz to prove content absorbed



Links to articles and legislation included

#### **About the Trainers**

A TechNation 2021 Rising star winner, Governance360, the writing and content production team is led by award-winning executive and nonexecutive Director Clive Bawden, a chartered accountant by training.



## Director Readiness programme

Specifically built for new and aspiring Board members

- Induction and onboarding process for new Board members
- Leadership planning work to give simple, proof points to aspiring board members ahead of their promotion
- Pre-Investment process ensure all Board members are trained in the basics of their role ahead of a funding round
- Confidence building for existing Directors within your business, particularly if considering a future non-executive career





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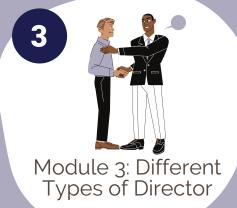
### **DIRECTOR READINESS**

FIVE FOCUSED MODULES



Module 1: Director Statutory Duties









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#### **DIRECTOR READINESS**

#### MODULE OUTLINES



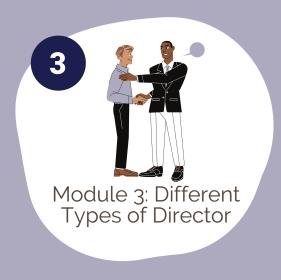
In this module, you will cover:

- The key duties outlined in law for the Director of a Limited company
- The main risks of a breach of these duties
- Some practical measures to balance this risk



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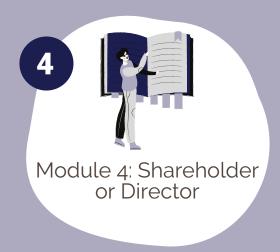
- What a conflict of interest is.
- Why conflicts of interest matter to the management of a Company.
- How to identify a conflict of interest.
- How to put practical steps in place to manage conflicts.



- A recap of key responsibilities and core legal duties of directors.
- Why a company needs a director.
- The essential differences between role descriptions within boards, for example what is a Non-Executive?
- How directors are appointed and removed.

#### **DIRECTOR READINESS**

#### MODULE OUTLINES



In this module, you will cover:

- The role of a director compared with others involved in organisation management and oversight.
- Role of a shareholder in a private business.
- Typical use of Shareholders
   Agreements.
- How to manage the relationship between Director and Shareholder



- The link between a director's duty to the company and personal liability.
- Areas where a Director may be personally liable.
- What 'trading while insolvent' means.
- How **insurance for directors** works and how to manage risk.



## **Board Readiness programme**

Built to help existing boards sharpen their skills and impact

- Greater awareness of what a 'good' board meeting should consist of
- Structured content on time management, board paper preparation and how to present better quality information and analysis
- A module on the Role of the Chair suitable for sharpening the skills of current Chairs and helping prepare those for the role in future
- A module on Risk management basics, along with tips and hints on how to develop a risk management culture in an organisation



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## **BOARDROOM READINESS**

FIVE FOCUSED MODULES



Module 1: Role of the Board of Directors



Module 2: Writing Better board minutes



Module 3: The role of the Chair.



Module 4: Risk management basics



Module 5: How effective boards operate

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### **BOARDROOM READINESS**

#### MODULE OUTLINES



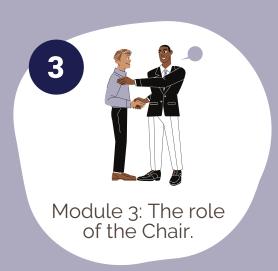
In this module, you will cover:

- The role of a Board of Directors and their main powers
- The main types of Board structure in the UK and their typical make-up
- The Board's role, purpose and key tasks



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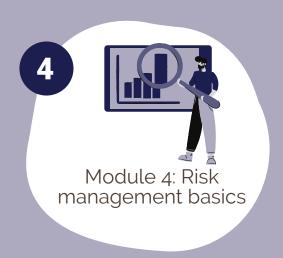
- What board minutes are and the legislative framework
- What makes a good board paper
- How to record conflicts of interest and manage dissenting views
- Explain how to circulate and manage board paper approvals



- The role of a Board Chair
- How a Chair is appointed or removed
- The key differences between an executive and non-executive Chair
- Key characteristics of a good Chair
- What a Senior Independent Director (or SID) does

### **BOARDROOM READINESS**

#### MODULE OUTLINES



In this module, you will cover:

- What risk means in the context of an organisation and why it matters.
- A basic **framework** for risk, in particular strategic and operational risks
- Discuss how risk may be managed in an organisation
- Describe the purpose of a risk register



- Why **effective** board meetings matter
- The process behind an effective board meeting
- How to prepare for a Board meeting
- How to manage a Board meeting well
- How to make an optimal impact during a Board meeting

## What our clients say

"I found the course incredibly interesting, and would feel confident if someone brought any of the topics up at work now (previously, I wouldn't fully understand what they were referring to!)

Young Manager
Private company (completing as part of an industry association partnership)

"I have just completed the first module. I have found it very useful. I like the subtle humour in this section."

CEO Founder
University spin-out (now venture funded)

"Governance360 have built a set of really practical, hands-on tools perfect for anyone looking to build a sustainable and resilient business."

John Cooke Entrepreneur in Residence Bruntwood Scitech (Birmingham)

## **OUR CREDENTIALS**



Rising Stars 2021 - the UK's most exciting competition for innovative, early-stage tech companies



Cohort member 2020-2021



CPD Standards Office -CPD accreditation provider 2020/2021



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# Solutions for Partners

QUICKLY SCALABLE SOLUTIONS





We already work with Universities, other education providers and those interested in helping develop confidence and skills in the boardrooms of tomorrow.

We provide metrics, insights and manage all of the admin and process with your clients. The platform can be activated within minutes and is therefore suitable for quickly scalable impact and delivery and underpinned by award-winning, CPD accredited content.

To enquire about how we can help you achieve your organisational aims, contact us at support@governance360.co.uk to set up a meeting today.



Build your skills

Build your confidence

Build your company