

CIGIE Quality Standards for Inspections and Evaluations Course (Self-Paced)

This course provides a concise yet comprehensive look at the Blue Book standards, their relationship to GAGAS, and the quick-response methods that help inspection, evaluation, and audit teams work more efficiently, accurately, and in alignment with federal requirements.

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Course Outline

Module 1: Blue Book 2020

- Understand the purpose and applicability of the CIGIE Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation (Blue Book).
- Compare and contrast the Blue Book with the GAO's Yellow Book standards.
- Examine the seven Blue Book standards: Independence, Competence, Planning, Evidence Collection and Analysis, Reporting, Follow-up, and Quality Control.
- Understand how Blue Book standards provide flexibility and credibility in OIG operations.
- Learn how to align inspection activities with documented standards for accountability and transparency.

Module 2: Quick Response Techniques

- Recognize the increasing importance of timely audit and evaluation results.
- Identify situations that justify the use of quick response audits or evaluations.
- Learn techniques to limit audit objectives and scope for faster completion.
- Review best practices for framing audit/evaluation questions to yield actionable insights quickly.
- Explore real-world case scenarios to practice applying quick response methods effectively.