

## Specialist Course - IT Governance

The following details a brief outline of the objective of the course, who should attend, general comments on the course, length of course, the course content and likely presenters.

### Objective

To increase the understanding of IT (including communication technology) governance and the Board oversight requirements on this and increase the confidence of the Directors around the Board table.

### Outcome

At the end of the course a successful participant will:

- Understand the role of the board in dealing IT areas
- Be capable of identifying the correct focus and level of detail for the board to be involved in
- Understand the means by which the board can control and monitor IT projects and on going operation
- Be capable of assessing the adequacy of IT risk management and resource allocation strategy.

### Who should attend?

This course is aimed at all Directors who wish to become more aware of IT and its role within the governance structure on Boards.

### General Comments

IT governance is moving up the corporate agenda as information technology becomes more embedded within an organisation. Poor experiences with all of the major areas of IT performance – alignment with strategy, allocation of resources, delivery of value, risk management and performance measurement – amongst NZ corporates including Crown companies suggests that this area is one of weakness and worthy of focus. The Crown companies and many New Zealand companies have infrastructure and IT related projects as a part of the business in these companies.

Many Directors do not have experience in this area, yet there are a number of strategic decisions and a high level of risk associated with IT.

### Length of Course

Half day.

### Content

Sessions will cover:

- *Strategic Alignment*  
This module focuses on the leadership of an organisation structure and processes required to ensure that IT reflects the organisation strategies and objectives.
- *Value Delivery*  
This module focuses on the basic principles of project management and the necessity for monitoring and review.
- *Risk Management of IT*  
This module focuses on the safeguarding of ITS and data recovery.