



# Media release

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## Pacific Island auditors trained on revised government auditing standards

**Auckland, New Zealand:** The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) has partnered with the Graduate School USA to train government audit office staff in congressional-style jurisdictions to conduct performance audits to new standards from today.

Sixty-one staff (30 female, 31 male) from the government audit offices of American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), FSM Chuuk, FSM Kosrae, FSM Pohnpei, FSM Yap, Guam, the Marshall Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands and Palau are participating in the two part-day, online workshop from 28 to 29 November 2023.

These jurisdictions, concentrated in the North Pacific, are either American territories or are in 'free association' with the United States of America. As such, the government auditing standards they follow are American.

The course will cover the general standards for governmental auditing, such as ethical principles and quality control. It also includes the fieldwork and reporting standards for performance audits.

After an in-depth review of and update on the standards, participants will discuss the purpose and requirements of individual standards, with an emphasis on the recent changes.

PASAI Director (North), Doris Flores Brooks, was delighted by the response of PASAI members to the opportunity to learn about the revisions to the standards.

"We are pleased to be meeting the demand for training that is tailored to the needs of government auditors working in Congressional systems," she said.

PASAI is sponsoring the course being offered by the Graduate School USA through its Pacific Island and Virgin Island Training Initiatives (PITI-VITI) programme. Its Oregon-based instructor, Drummond Kahn, has trained Pacific Island auditors over many years.

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