



# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE FISCAL INTEGRITY ACT

## DETECTING FRAUD

Passed during the 130th General Assembly and enacted on March 23, 2015, the Fiscal Integrity Act raises the bar of accountability for fiscal officers across the state. The law helps deter accounting errors and fraud with increased training requirements and a new removal process for fiscal officers.

## Education Requirements

### *Newly Elected Fiscal Officers*

- 6 hours of initial education courses before commencing their term in office or within the first year in office; and
- An additional 18 hours of continuing education courses before the end of their first term in office. If the township fiscal officer is appointed to fill a vacancy, the total hours for training are based on the amount of time left in the unexpired term.

### *Re-Elected Fiscal Officers*

- 12 hours of continuing education courses before the end of each subsequent term in office, including 2 hours of ethics training.

### *Hired Fiscal Officers*

- Some fiscal officers are hired or on a permanent appointment. Hired officers are considered “incumbents” and are required to complete 12 hours of training over four years.

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## Training Opportunities

- Local Government Officials Conference – 13 credits
- Certified Public Records Training – 3 credits
- Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) Online Training Modules – 38 credits
- Ohio Township Association Annual Conference – 12.5 credits

**Register:** [ohioauditor.gov/trainings/registration](http://ohioauditor.gov/trainings/registration)

## Fiscal Integrity Portal

More than 1,200 fiscal officers currently use the Auditor of State’s Fiscal Integrity Portal to report and track their completed training-hour history. Follow the steps below to get started:

1. Visit [training.ohioauditor.gov](http://training.ohioauditor.gov)
2. Click “Login”
3. Click “Register as a new user” in the top left-hand corner
4. Complete the required fields and select “Register” at the bottom of the page
5. Confirm your account by clicking the link included in an confirmation email
6. You are now registered and can begin entering your training hours

**For more information:** [ohioauditor.gov/fiscalintegrity/default](http://ohioauditor.gov/fiscalintegrity/default)

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. I can’t find my desired training on the Fiscal Integrity Portal. How can this be resolved?**

**A.** When searching for your desired training, try entering only one or two keywords in the search box. The system can be sensitive when searching for trainings.

**Example:** For Certified Public Records Training, try searching, “Certified.”

**Q. While creating an account for the Fiscal Integrity Portal, I was unable to enter my exact start date and end-of-term date. The Portal gives a suggested end date. Why is that?**

**A.** With more than 2,000 fiscal officers currently holding office in the state, all with different term dates, the Auditor of State’s office designed the portal with the most frequently used term dates in mind—Start date: April 1, End Date: March 31. For training purposes, please use the start and end date provided by the Auditor’s office. This will not affect the term dates set by your entity.

**Q. Will online training be available through the Auditor of State’s office?**

**A.** No online training is being developed at this time, though it is a possibility in the future.