

## Official Enrolment Guide & Full Syllabus

### Globally Certified KYC Specialist (GO-AKS)

The Gold Standard in KYC Certification

Issued by:

The Global Association of Certified KYC Specialists  
(Global-AKS)

A globally recognized KYC certification designed for compliance professionals, trusted by employers in 180+ countries.



**ONRIGA Gold-tier Accredited | Recognized in 180+ Countries**  
**| American CBM Association Recognized**

## THE DEFINITIVE KYC AUTHORITY

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The GO-AKS – Globally Certified KYC Specialist is a globally recognized, gold-standard KYC certification focused exclusively on KYC excellence. Unlike generic AML programs, GO-AKS delivers specialized, 100% focused KYC mastery recognized as a benchmark for KYC professionals worldwide.

### WORLD-CLASS DISTINCTIONS

Featured by ComplyFocus  
Among top KYC certifications  
(2021–2025)

ONRIGA Gold-tier Accredited  
Highest compliance education  
standard

180+ Country Recognition  
Global professional acceptance

Pure KYC Focus  
Specialized curriculum dedicated  
to KYC

Banking-Grade Curriculum  
Developed from global banking  
operations

### UNIQUE POSITIONING IN THE MARKET

While numerous certifications exist for AML, GO-AKS stands apart as a specialized program dedicated exclusively to KYC excellence. This focused approach has earned recognition as a leading KYC credential.

## THE GLOBAL STANDARD-SETTER

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The Global Association of Certified KYC Specialists (Global AKS) is a leading authority dedicated to KYC excellence. We are a recognized standard for KYC professional development globally.

### OUR MISSION & IMPACT

To establish and maintain high global standards in KYC practice through:

- Industry-Aligned Certification: Programs validated by financial institutions
- Accreditation Excellence: ONRIGA Gold-tier and American CBM recognition
- Global Network Building: 100,000+ professionals engaged worldwide
- Continuous Advancement: Evolving with global regulatory requirements

### INDUSTRY RECOGNITION

- Leading KYC-Focused Certification with ONRIGA Gold-tier accreditation
- Featured among top KYC certifications by industry platforms
- Specialized Pure KYC Focus in a market with mixed AML/KYC programs
- Practical Curriculum: Developed from actual KYC operations

# Why GO-AKS is the Gold Standard

## COMPARATIVE INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP

ASPECT	GO-AKS CERTIFICATION	OTHER PROGRAMS
Focus Area	✓ Exclusive KYC Focus – Specialized in KYC mastery	✗ Often mixed AML/KYC content
Accreditation	✓ ONRIGA Gold-tier – High accreditation level	✗ Variable accreditation levels
Industry Recognition	✓ Featured by ComplyFocus among top certifications	✗ Less industry visibility
Curriculum Source	✓ Global Banking Operations – Practical KYC workflows	✗ Often theoretical content
Global Recognition	✓ 180+ Countries – Wide professional acceptance	✗ Often regional recognition

## AWARDS & INDUSTRY RECOGNITION

Featured among Top KYC  
Certifications  
ComplyFocus (2021–2025)

ONRIGA Gold-tier Accreditation  
High compliance education  
standard

Highly Rated  
Recommended by compliance  
professionals worldwide

Industry Recognition  
Featured in compliance education  
directories

## THE GO-AKS DIFFERENCE

GO-AKS is not another AML certification—it is a specialized KYC certification. In a market with AML-focused programs, GO-AKS delivers:

1. Pure KYC Mastery: Focused content on KYC, CDD, EDD, and KYC-specific workflows
2. Banking-Grade Curriculum: Developed from actual KYC operations
3. High Accreditation: ONRIGA Gold-tier represents quality compliance education
4. Industry Recognition: Featured by leading compliance platforms (ComplyFocus)
5. Global Professional Network: Join professionals worldwide

## PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATIONS

### ONRIGA GOLD-TIER ACCREDITATION

- Accreditation Level: GOLD (High Tier)
- Accreditation ID: ONR-EC-GLD-2013-788dc6
- Official Verification: <https://onriga.org/accreditations/onr-ec-gld-2013-788dc6/>

What Gold-tier Means:

- Curriculum meets global regulatory expectations
- Exam integrity and assessment rigor
- Governance transparency and quality assurance
- Professional recognition and credibility

### AMERICAN CBM ASSOCIATION RECOGNITION

- Recognition Status: Full Accreditation
- Verification Portal: <https://americacbm.org/accreditation/>
- Industry Significance: Confirms alignment with compliance standards

## GLOBAL RECOGNITION FOOTPRINT

180+ Countries  
Professionals engaged worldwide

Global Professional Acceptance  
Recognized in major financial  
centers

Industry Platforms  
Listed on compliance education  
directories

Professional Networks  
Accepted across compliance  
communities

# Career Opportunities & Global Mobility

## HIGH DEMAND FOR KYC PROFESSIONALS WORLDWIDE

Global regulatory bodies are enforcing stricter KYC/CDD requirements, creating increased demand for skilled compliance professionals. GO-AKS graduates find opportunities in:

✓ Investment Banks – Global and regional financial institutions

✓ Global KYC Hubs – BPO/KPO/Shared Services centers

✓ Fintechs & Digital Banking – Emerging financial technology companies

✓ Payment Companies – PSPs, Remittance Firms, Payment Processors

✓ Regulated Cryptocurrency Exchanges – VASPs (Virtual Asset Service Providers)

✓ Corporate Compliance & Risk Teams – Multinational corporations

## GLOBAL EMPLOYABILITY & PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

A GO-AKS credential enhances your professional profile with global recognition through its ONRIGA Gold-tier accreditation. Professionals with specialized KYC certifications often experience:

- Faster career progression in compliance roles
- Enhanced professional credibility with employers
- Broader career opportunities across financial sectors
- Increased marketability in competitive job markets

*KYC roles are regulation-driven, and employers value candidates with externally accredited certifications, particularly ONRIGA Gold-tier credentials like GO-AKS.*

## WHY EMPLOYERS VALUE GO-AKS GRADUATES

1. Specialized KYC Focus – Dedicated to end-to-end KYC, not diluted content
2. Practical Skills – Understanding of corporate structures and UBO identification
3. Workflow Alignment – Skills matching actual onboarding workflows
4. Verification Trust – Credential ID with online verification builds confidence
5. Quality Standards – ONRIGA Gold-tier accreditation signals quality
6. Industry Relevance – Curriculum reflecting current regulatory requirements

# The GO-AKS Certification Program

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The GO-AKS – Globally Certified KYC Specialist is a leading KYC certification, providing comprehensive mastery of:

✓ Corporate & Individual KYC – Complete lifecycle management

✓ Customer Due Diligence (CDD) & Enhanced Due Diligence (EDD) – Risk-based approaches

✓ Beneficial Ownership Identification – UBO verification methodologies

✓ Sanctions, PEP & Adverse Media Screening – Compliance requirements

✓ KYC Documentation Mastery – Corporate structures and requirements

✓ Regulatory Compliance – Framework implementation

✓ Risk-Based KYC Assessment – Geographic, industry, and entity risk evaluation

✓ End-to-End KYC Lifecycle – Onboarding to ongoing monitoring

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- Format: 100% online, self-paced learning
- Duration: Recommended 6-8 weeks study time
- Access: Lifetime material access
- Support: Comprehensive study materials and mock exams

## WHO SHOULD ENROLL

### KYC & COMPLIANCE PROFESSIONALS

- KYC Analysts / Specialists seeking formal certification
- CDD/EDD Professionals requiring structured knowledge
- Compliance Officers needing KYC specialization
- Financial Crime Analysts expanding into KYC
- Sanctions Screening Specialists enhancing KYC understanding

## CAREER ADVANCEMENT ADVANTAGES

### GLOBAL CREDIBILITY & RECOGNITION

- 180+ Country Acceptance: Wide professional recognition
- Industry Recognition: Featured among top certifications
- Accreditation Quality: ONRIGA Gold-tier credential
- Professional Differentiation: Specialized KYC focus

### SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT

- Practical Application: Real banking KYC workflows
- Comprehensive Coverage: End-to-end KYC lifecycle
- Regulatory Alignment: Global compliance standards
- Risk Management: KYC risk assessment skills

### PROGRAM FEATURES & SUPPORT

- Lifetime Access: No expiration on study materials
- Digital Credentials: Certificate with unique credential ID and online verification
- Global Network: Access to professionals worldwide
- Continuous Updates: Curriculum refreshed with industry feedback
- Verification Portal: Employers can verify credential authenticity

## VALUE PROPOSITIONS

1. Specialized KYC Certification with high accreditation level
2. Industry Recognition by compliance platforms
3. Practical Banking Curriculum from actual operations
4. Complete KYC Coverage (not mixed content)



## STEP-BY-STEP ENROLLMENT GUIDE

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### 1 ENROLLMENT & PAYMENT

1. Visit: [www.globalaks.com](http://www.globalaks.com)
2. Select: GO-AKS – Globally Certified KYC Specialist
3. Add to Cart: Complete checkout process
4. Payment: Secure online payment (all taxes included)
5. Confirmation: Immediate enrollment confirmation

### 2 COURSE ACCESS & SETUP

- Login Credentials: Sent via email within 15 minutes
- Student Portal: Access via [globalaks.com](http://globalaks.com)
- Immediate Access: Download e-booklet and access materials
- Technical Support: Available for platform assistance

### 3 STUDY & PREPARATION

- Study Materials: Comprehensive e-booklet (full syllabus)
- Mock Exams: 2 practice attempts included
- Flexible Schedule: Self-paced, study anytime
- Recommended Timeline: 6-8 weeks preparation
- Support Resources: Answer explanations and study guides

## CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION STRUCTURE

### EXAM FORMAT & LOGISTICS

Question Type  
Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs)

Total Questions  
100 comprehensive KYC questions

Exam Duration  
90 minutes

Delivery Mode  
Online, self-proctored

Accessibility  
Available 24/7 from anywhere with internet

Question Coverage  
Based on complete syllabus

### SCORING SYSTEM & PASSING REQUIREMENTS

- Passing Score: 85% (industry standard)
- Scoring Breakdown:
  - ✓ Correct Answer: +1 point
  - ✗ Incorrect Answer: 0 points (no penalty)
  - Skipped Question: -1 point (encourages completion)
- Minimum to Pass: 85 out of 100 questions correctly answered
- Result Notification: Immediate upon completion

### EXAM ATTEMPTS POLICY

- Included Attempts: 2 final exam attempts
- Additional Attempts: \$19 USD per additional attempt
- Mock Exams: 2 free practice attempts included
- Retake Process: Email [support@globalaks.com](mailto:support@globalaks.com) for additional attempts
- Attempt Flexibility: No time limit on using included attempts

## PREPARATION & SUPPORT

Study E-Booklet  
Complete syllabus coverage

Mock Exams  
2 full-length practice tests with solutions

Unlimited Review  
Lifetime access to all study materials

Exam Readiness

# Certification & Renewal Policy

## CERTIFICATION ISSUANCE

### UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

- Digital Certificate: Issued within 24 hours of passing
- Credential ID: Unique verification code for authentication
- Verification Portal: Accessible at [globalaks.com/verify-certificate](https://globalaks.com/verify-certificate)
- Digital Badge: Shareable on professional profiles
- Certificate Format: Professional PDF with security features

## RENEWAL POLICY FOR ACTIVE STATUS

### CERTIFICATION VALIDITY PERIOD

- Initial Validity: 2 years from certification date
- Renewal Cycle: Every 2 years to maintain active status
- Grace Period: 2 months post-expiry for standard renewal

## RENEWAL OPTIONS & FEES

### STANDARD RENEWAL

Within 2 months of expiry date

- Renewal Fee: 25% of original certification fee
- Process: Simple online renewal, no exam required
- Benefits Maintained:
  - Active credential status
  - Continued verification listing
  - Graduate directory inclusion
  - Updated curriculum access

### LATE RENEWAL

After 2-month grace period

- Renewal Fee: 50% of original certification fee
- Process: Simple online renewal, no exam required
- Status Restoration:
  - Credential reactivated
  - Verification listing reinstated
  - Graduate directory re-inclusion

### EXPIRED CERTIFICATION

- Status: Automatically marked as "Lapsed"
- Visibility Impact:
  - Removed from active graduate directory so employers will not be able to verify credentials.
  - Verification shows "Not Found" to employers
  - Not listed as active certified professional

# Partnership & Referral Program

## REFERRAL BENEFITS FOR CERTIFIED PROFESSIONALS

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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Commission Rate: 10% on each successful referral enrollment
- Eligibility: All GO-AKS certified professionals automatically eligible
- Process: Use personalized referral code or partner portal
- Payout Schedule: Regular commission disbursement cycles

### PARTNER ADVANTAGES

- Revenue Generation: Offset or recover certification costs
- Network Expansion: Build professional referral network
- Industry Influence: Contribute to KYC excellence globally
- Recognition Opportunities: Featured partner status
- Professional Growth: Enhance industry presence and connections

## COMPLETE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

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The GO-AKS curriculum provides comprehensive coverage of all KYC aspects, from fundamentals to advanced techniques. Below is the complete syllabus structure:

### 1 MODULE 1: FOUNDATIONS OF KYC & AML

1. Introduction to Corporate KYC
  - Fundamentals and objectives of corporate KYC
  - Importance in financial crime prevention
2. Introduction to Anti-Money Laundering
  - AML basics and framework integration
  - Relationship with KYC and CFT
3. The Process of Money Laundering
  - Three-stage model: Placement, Layering, Integration
  - KYC's role in disrupting money laundering chains
4. Importance of KYC in Investment Banking
  - High-risk client and product considerations
  - Regulatory expectations for investment banking

### 2 MODULE 2: REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS

5. Regulatory Landscape
  - Global KYC & AML regulatory overview
  - National vs. supranational frameworks
6. Regulatory Landscape: A Comparative Overview
  - Jurisdictional differences and risk tolerance variations
7. Benefits and Challenges of KYC
  - Risk mitigation and reputational protection
  - Data quality and client outreach challenges

### 3 MODULE 3: THE KYC PROCESS

8. The KYC Process
  - End-to-end lifecycle from onboarding to exit
9. Customer Onboarding and Risk Assessment
  - Initial risk rating methodologies
  - Country, industry, and product risk factors
10. KYC Documentation Requirements
  - Individual vs. corporate documentation standards
  - Special entity requirements

# Comprehensive Syllabus (Continued)

## 5 MODULE 5: GLOBAL REGULATORY INSTITUTIONS

14. Regulatory Frameworks by Region
  - Regional differences and practical impacts
15. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)
  - Role and KYC expectations
16. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)
  - Functions and reporting requirements
17. Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)
  - Sanctions implementation and screening
18. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA)
  - Compliance requirements and documentation

## 6 MODULE 6: GLOBAL REGULATORY INSTITUTIONS (CONTINUED)

19. Introduction to EU AML Directives
  - EU framework evolution and implementation
20. UN Sanctions
  - Global sanctions framework and compliance
21. The USA PATRIOT Act
  - Requirements and KYC implications
22. Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
  - Global standards and recommendations
23. The Wolfsberg Group
  - Private banking standards and guidelines
24. The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision
  - International banking standards

# Comprehensive Syllabus (Continued)

## 7 MODULE 7: CORPORATE STRUCTURES & ENTITY TYPES

### 25. KYC for Different Corporate Structures and Entity Types

- Private Limited Companies
- Regulated Entities
- Public Listed Entities
- Investment Fund Entities
- Trust Entities
- Limited Partnerships
- Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)
- Government Entities
- Charities and Non-Profit Organizations
- Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)
- Private Individual

## 8 MODULE 8: KYC ATTRIBUTES MASTERY

### 26. KYC Attributes

- Legal Name
- Previous Names
- Trade/Business Names
- Company Registration Number
- Incorporation Date
- Legal Form
- Entity Status
- Registered Address
- Constitution Document
- Principal Place of Business
- Nature of Business
- Source of Funds
- Source of Wealth
- Names of Directors
- Name of Shareholders and UBOs
- Source of Wealth of UBOs
- ID&V of UBOs
- ID&V of C-suites if there is no UBO
- Proof of Regulation
- Proof of Listing
- Identification of the Investment Manager

# Comprehensive Syllabus (Continued)

## 8 MODULE 8: KYC ATTRIBUTES MASTERY (CONTINUED)

### 26. KYC Attributes (Continued)

- Identification of the Administrator
- Purpose of the Trust
- Names of Trustee
- Name of Beneficiaries
- ID&V of Beneficiaries
- ID&V of Settlor
- Names of Limited Partners
- Names of General Partners
- Source of Wealth of Limited Partner
- ID&V of Limited Partner
- Names of LLP Members
- Names of Designated Members
- Name of Sponsor/Originator

## 9 MODULE 9: RISK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGIES

- 27. Introduction to Risk Assessment in KYC/AML
- 28. Geographic Risk Factors in KYC/AML
- 29. Industry Risk Factors in KYC/AML
- 30. Entity Type Risk Factors in KYC/AML
- 31. Screening Risk Factors in KYC/AML
- 32. Product and Service Risk in KYC/AML



# Comprehensive Syllabus (Continued)

## 10 MODULE 10: ADVANCED MONEY LAUNDERING METHODS

### 33. Advanced Money Laundering Methods

- Trade-Based Money Laundering (TBML)
- Use of Virtual Currencies
- Real Estate Laundering
- Shell Companies and Trusts
- Layering Through Financial Markets
- Use of Gambling and Casinos
- Trade of High-Value Goods
- Insurance Products and Premium Laundering
- Complicit Professionals and Gatekeepers
- Leveraging New Payment Methods and Fintech

## 11 MODULE 11: FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ANALYSIS

### 34. Analysis of Financial Institutions

- In-depth Review of Banking and Financial Institutions in AML
- Risks and Challenges in Non-Bank Financial Sectors
- Role of Specialized Industries and Professions in Financial Crimes

# Comprehensive Syllabus (Continued)

## 12 MODULE 12: SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES & REPORTING

### 35. Suspicious Activities and Reporting

- Advanced Decision-Making in SARs Filing
- Innovations in SAR Investigations
- Practical Workshops on Monitoring and Reporting

## 13 MODULE 13: TERRORIST FINANCING

### 36. Understanding and Combating Terrorist Financing

- Analysing Terrorism Financing Relationships
- Advanced Detection Techniques
- Regulatory and Cooperative Strategies

## 14 MODULE 14: FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES

### 37. Future of AML/KYC Technologies

- Cryptocurrencies and AML/KYC Challenges
- Fintech Innovations and Future Solutions

### 38. Leveraging Technology and Automation in KYC

- Enhancing Customer Identification Programs (CIP)
- Streamlining Sanctions Screening
- Enhancing Due Diligence with AI and ML
- Advancing KYC Data Management and Analytics

# Comprehensive Syllabus (Continued)

## 15 MODULE 15: FUTURE OF CORPORATE KYC

### 39. The Future of Corporate KYC - Embracing Real-Time Compliance

- Perpetual KYC: Beyond Onboarding
- Event-Driven KYC and Continuous Monitoring

## 16 MODULE 16: COMPREHENSIVE GLOSSARY

### 40. Complete AML/KYC Terminology

- Anti-money Laundering and Counter-financing of Terrorism Program
- Arrest Warrant
- Cash-intensive Business
- Asset Protection and Trusts (APTs)
- Bank Draft, Cash Deposits, Cashier's Check
- Bank Secrecy and BSA
- Basel Committee
- Bearer Share
- Correspondent Banking
- Criminal Proceeds
- Beneficial Owner and Beneficiary
- Cross-border considerations
- Currency-related terms
- Custodian and Custody
- Customer Due Diligence (CDD) and Enhanced Due Diligence (EDD)
- Freeze orders
- Gatekeepers
- Grantor
- Human Smuggling and Trafficking
- IMF
- Know Your Customer (KYC)
- Layering
- Money Laundering and MLRO
- Money Order and MSB
- Nonprofit Organizations (NPO)

# Comprehensive Glossary (Continued)

## 16 MODULE 16: COMPREHENSIVE GLOSSARY (CONTINUED)

### 40. Complete AML/KYC Terminology (Continued)

- Offshore terms
- Originator
- Placement
- Ponzi and Pyramid Schemes
- Private Banking and PIC
- Red Flag
- Regulatory Agency
- Remittance Services
- Reputational Risk
- Respondent Bank
- Risk-Based Approach
- Settlers
- Shell Bank
- Smurfing and Structuring
- Sting Operation
- Subpoena
- Suspicious Activity and SAR/STR
- Tax Haven
- Terrorist Financing

#### Note:

This glossary provides foundational understanding of key terms used in global KYC/AML compliance. Mastery of these terms is essential for professional certification and practical application in compliance roles.

## SUPPORT CHANNELS

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Primary Email  
[support@globalaks.com](mailto:support@globalaks.com)

Website  
[www.globalaks.com](http://www.globalaks.com)

Verification Portal  
[globalaks.com/verify-certificate](http://globalaks.com/verify-certificate)

Response Time  
24-48 hours for all inquiries

### TECHNICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

- Platform Access: Login and password assistance
- Exam Technical Issues: Immediate troubleshooting support
- Certificate Delivery: Digital certificate issuance support
- Payment & Billing: Transaction and invoice queries
- General Inquiries: Program information and guidance

### OPERATIONAL HOURS

- Support Availability: Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM EST (Eastern Standard Time)
- Emergency Support: Critical exam-related issues addressed promptly
- Response Commitment: All emails addressed within 48 hours

## YOUR JOURNEY TO KYC EXCELLENCE

The GO-AKS – Globally Certified KYC Specialist represents more than a certification—it represents membership in a global community of KYC professionals. As a globally recognized KYC certification, this credential enhances your professional authority in KYC practice.

### WHY THIS MATTERS NOW

- Regulatory Requirements: Global KYC standards continue to evolve
- Career Advancement: Specialized KYC expertise enhances professional opportunities
- Global Recognition: 180+ country acceptance broadens career possibilities
- Professional Community: Join professionals engaged in compliance excellence
- Future-Ready Skills: Master evolving KYC technologies and methodologies

### YOUR PATH FORWARD

1. Enroll Today: Begin your journey toward KYC specialization
2. Master Comprehensive Curriculum: Access banking-grade KYC knowledge
3. Achieve Certification: Earn a recognized KYC credential
4. Advance Your Career: Join professionals worldwide
5. Maintain Excellence: Continuous learning through renewal and updates

### FINAL MESSAGE

*In a compliance landscape with varied programs, GO-AKS stands apart as a specialized, focused KYC certification recognized for its quality. This isn't just another credential—it is a globally recognized KYC qualification that sets a high standard for the profession.*

Your expertise matters. The compliance community welcomes your contribution.

## Global Association of Certified KYC Specialists

Global Presence | Professional Recognition

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