

## COURSE REFERENCE CODE

## ICS (Collection of Information from Open and Closed Sources Using the Internet)

### COURSE OVERVIEW

A fundamental role of any investigator is basic research into a subject or incident. In fact, many of the assignments undertaken will invariably commence with open source information collection. Invariably investigators will turn to the Internet as a first place to look, but it should be remembered that the usual search engines only access a small fraction of data available. Meta and mega search tools offer far more results, provided that the investigator takes the time to do a thorough search and also understands. The amount of information in the public domain is vast and knowing where to look and how to interpret what is out there, is crucial to the work product. Indeed, if the initial research is done poorly, then the whole investigation can suffer as a result.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

In this module the student will learn the techniques of using Internet research tools to understand and apply the following:

- Legal implications of research and data privacy issues within the Asia region;
- What is reliably available on the Internet;
- Obtaining information in relation to:
  - Persons;
  - Locations;
  - Businesses;
  - Property;
  - Assets;
  - Investments;
  - Events; and
  - Media reports.

### METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

This hands-on course takes a practical approach towards the use of Internet research tools. Using classroom and plenty of practical scenarios, culminating in a final practical exercise to allow instructors to assess understanding and application skills.

***On conclusion of the module participants will receive a comprehensive set of student notes and certificate of completion.***

COURSE DURATION	COURSE VALUE
1 day module	This module has been specifically designed to be of real practical value to anybody whose duties require them to have a solid understanding of the type of information that can be obtained using various components of the Internet, including those who are required to manage or supervise research personnel on a daily basis.