

Director Induction Roadmap

12-Month Program

Creating a comprehensive 12-month induction program for new directors is crucial for ensuring they are well-prepared to fulfill their roles and responsibilities.

Here's a detailed timeline and topics outline for the year-long induction program:

Month 1: Introduction and Orientation

- 1.1 Welcome Session with the CEO and Chair
- 1.2 Introduction to Company History, Mission, Vision and Values
- 1.3 Overview of Company Structure and Key Personnel
- 1.4 Induction Briefing: Board Portals and Communication Protocols
- 1.5 Personalised Onboarding Plan for New Directors
- 1.6 Scheduling of Site Visits to Key Company Locations
- 1.7 Scheduling of Meetings With Senior Operational Leaders
- 1.8 Board Mentor for New Director Induction
- 1.9 Building Judgement, Context and Confidence as a New Director
 - 1.9.1 The First Six Months of Mentoring
 - 1.9.2 Understanding the Organisation Beyond the Board Pack
 - 1.9.3 Questions to Ask Yourself
 - 1.9.4 How to Get the Most Value From Your Mentor in the First Six Months
 - 1.9.5 Helping You Read Material in Context
 - 1.9.6 Feedback That Builds Capability
 - 1.9.7 How Can a New Board Director Tell Whether the Mentor is a Good Fit?
 - 1.9.8 Signs of a Dysfunctional Mentor (at Board Level)

Month 2: Governance and Compliance

- 2.1 Understanding and Applying Core Governance Principles
 - 2.1.1 Introduction to Governance Principle #1: Accountability
 - 2.1.2 Governance Principle #2: Transparency
 - 2.1.3 Governance Principle #3: Integrity and Ethical Leadership
 - 2.1.4 Governance Principle #4: Strategic Stewardship
 - 2.1.5 Governance Principle #5: Risk and Performance Oversight
- 2.2.1 Introduction to the Company's Governance Framework and Board Charter
- 2.2.2 Understanding the Board Charter
- 2.2.3 Part 2 of the Key Elements That Define the Board Charter
- 2.2.4 Part 3 of the Key Elements that Define the Board Charter
- 2.2.5 Continuous Improvement and Review: Governance That Evolves With Purpose
- 2.3 Overview of Legal and Regulatory Obligations with a Focus on What Makes This Organisation and Sector Different
 - 2.3.1 Regulatory and Legal Requirements, Seen Through the Lens of Sector-Specific Nuances

Month 3: Strategic Overview

- 3.1 Strategic Overview
- 3.2 Review of the Company's Strategic Plan
- 3.3 Discussions on the Market Environment
- 3.4 Building a Deep Understanding of the Competitive Landscape
- 3.5 Introduction to Key Stakeholders (Shareholders, Regulators, etc.)
- 3.6 Understanding and Using the Vision
- 3.7 Using Vision-Based Questioning to Unlock Strategic Insight and Reframe Board Conversations

Month 4: Financial Acumen

- 4.1 Financial Acumen
- 4.2 Introduction to Financial Statements and Key Financial Metrics
- 4.3 Overview of the Company's Financial Performance
- 4.4 Overview of the Company's Budgeting Process
- 4.5 Governance Insights into How the Budget is Developed

Month 5: Risk Management in Governance

- 5.1 Risk Management in Governance
- 5.2 Getting to Know How the Organisation Manages Risk
- 5.3 An Overview of the Risk Management Framework
- 5.4 Get to Know the Risk Register
- 5.5 Integrating Risk Into Decision-Making

Month 6: From integration to mastery

- 6.1 From Integration to Mastery
- 6.2 Mastery is Different
- 6.3 Strengthen Your Next-Level Capability Before It Becomes Necessary
- 6.4 Reading the Boardroom: A Core Capability of Effective Directors
- 6.5 Interpreting Momentum: How Mentors Help Directors Govern the Pace
- 6.6 Chair-Adjacent Capability: Learning to See the System, Not Just the Issue
- 6.7 What Really Drives Board Decisions — And Why Mentors Matter
- 6.8 Integration and Future Positioning

Month 7: Integration: From Appointment to Responsibility

- 7.1 What a New Director Needs to Understand and Focus On
- 7.2 Moving From Knowing to Doing: The Art of Robust Decision Making
- 7.3 Decision-Making Under Ambiguity
- 7.4 Recognising Cognitive Bias and Decision Traps
- 7.5 Handling Surprise Events

Month 8: Boardroom Behavior and Director Conduct

- 8.1 Boardroom Behaviour and Director Conduct
- 8.2 Recognising and Responding to Poor Director Behaviour
- 8.3 Addressing Dysfunction Without Creating Conflict
- 8.4 Psychological Safety in Board Discussions
- 8.5 Handling Disagreement Between Directors
- 8.6 Maintaining Professionalism Under Pressure

Month 9: Engaging with Management and Staff

- 9.1 The Director–Executive Boundary
- 9.2 Getting the Most from Management Presentations
- 9.3 Engaging with Staff Who Present to the Board
- 9.4 Asking Questions That Reveal Insight
- 9.5 Recognising Management Signals
- 9.6 Informal Interactions with Executives

Month 10: Difficult Situations and Governance Pressure Points

- 10.1 When the Board Is Not Functioning Well
- 10.2 When Management Withholds or Filters Information
- 10.3 Handling Ethical Tension or Values Conflict
- 10.4 Crisis Behaviour in the Boardroom
- 10.5 Director Courage and Independence
- 10.6 Knowing When Issues Must Be Escalated and How To

Month 11: Preparing for Future Challenges and Opportunities

- 11.1 The true role of the board
- 11.2 The Fundamental Elements at the Heart of the Board's Role
- 11.3 The Difference Between Making a Decision and Making a Choice.
- 11.4 How Do You Know Whether You Are Operating from Choice or Decision?
- 11.5 How Do You Know If Your Organisation Is Creating the Future?

Month 12: Reflection, Review and Feedback-New Director

- Reflection with Board Mentor
- Identification of Next-Stage Capability Development
- Discussion with Chair, Governance Committee and CEO Reflecting on the First Year of Board Service
- Identification of Areas Where the Director's Expertise Can Be Leveraged More Deeply
- Alignment of Director Development with Future Board Needs

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