

Knowing what auditors look for is difficult if you're new to the process. Use this checklist to help you prepare for your audit.

Audit Period:

Auditor's Due Date:

I. General Planning

Required Primary Contact Preparation
Documentation Responsible Complete?

Engagement letter with a signed copy of your auditor's contract.

Meeting minutes of the Board and the financial committee for the period under review.

Organizational documents

including:

- Organizational chart
- Personnel manuals
- Company bylaws
- Articles of incorporation
- Details showing the flow of transactions through the company

Notes:

II. Core Financial Documentation

Required Documentation	Primary Contact Responsible	Preparation Complete?
Final trial balance		
General ledger		
Budget vs. actual variance analysis report		
Schedule of adjusting entries		
Assets (Balance Sheet)		
Required Documentation	Primary Contact Responsible	Preparation Complete?
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Documentation		-
Documentation Cash		-
Documentation Cash Accounts receivable		-
Documentation Cash Accounts receivable Inventory		-

Notes:

Liabilities & Equity (Balance Sheet)

Required Primary Contact Preparation

Documentation Responsible Complete?

Accounts payable

Debt agreements

Lease agreements

Accruals

Deferred revenue

Equity

Revenue & Expenses (Income Statement)

Required Primary Contact Preparation

Documentation Responsible Complete?

Top 10 customers by dollar amount (with invoices samples)

Top 10 vendors by dollar amount (with contracts)

Payroll reports and schedules

Legal invoices and correspondence for pending litigation

Unusual transactions and documentation

III. Compliance & Misc.

RequiredPrimary ContactPreparationDocumentationResponsibleComplete?

Tax filings of recent federal and state income returns

Insurance policies (copies of liability, property, and D&O policies)

Related party transactions (between company and owners, management, or affiliates)

Notes:



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