

Audit Planning Memo

Use this template to document audit scope, materiality, risks, staffing, timing, and planned procedures.

Template Metadata

Field	Details
Category	Accounting & Audit
Owner	[Team or owner]
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Engagement Overview

Identify client, period under audit, reporting framework, audit standard, and engagement objectives.

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[Item or requirement]	[Describe the relevant detail, evidence, or decision]	[Owner]	[Open / Complete]
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Notes

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Scope and Deliverables

List entities, locations, accounts, disclosures, reports, and excluded areas.

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Materiality and Performance Materiality

Document benchmarks, thresholds, clearly trivial amount, and rationale for selected amounts.

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Risk Assessment

Summarize significant risks, fraud risks, control reliance strategy, and changes from prior year.

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Planned Audit Approach

Describe substantive procedures, control testing, analytics, sampling, specialists, and use of service organizations.

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Staffing and Timeline

Assign roles, milestones, interim and final fieldwork dates, and review responsibilities.

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Partner and Manager Approval

Capture planning conclusions, open items, and approval signoffs.

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