

A Study on Internal Auditing Practices at BDO

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Abstract

Internal auditing plays a critical role in enhancing organizational governance, risk management, and internal control mechanisms. This research paper presents a comprehensive study of internal auditing practices at BDO, one of the world's leading professional services firms. The study is based on practical exposure gained during the Summer Internship Programme and aims to analyze the internal audit framework, methodologies, tools, and challenges faced by auditors at BDO. The paper highlights how internal auditing contributes to operational efficiency, regulatory compliance, and value creation for clients.

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1. Introduction

Internal auditing has emerged as a vital function to ensure transparency, accountability, and effective governance. BDO is a global professional services firm providing audit, tax, and advisory services. During the Summer Internship Programme, practical exposure to BDO's internal auditing practices provided valuable insights into professional audit methodologies and compliance standards.

2. Objectives of the Study

- To understand the concept of internal auditing
- To study internal audit practices followed by BDO
- To analyze the risk-based audit approach
- To understand the role of internal auditing in corporate governance

3. Research Methodology

The study is based on primary data collected during the internship through observation and interaction with audit professionals, along with secondary data from company manuals, audit standards, and published articles.

4. Internal Auditing at BDO

BDO follows a structured risk-based internal audit approach aligned with international standards such as those issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). The audit process includes planning, risk assessment, execution, reporting, and follow-up.

5. Findings

- Strong focus on risk assessment
- Use of advanced audit tools and documentation techniques
- Emphasis on compliance and governance

6. Conclusion

Internal auditing at BDO adds significant value to organizations by strengthening internal controls, improving efficiency, and ensuring compliance. The internship provided practical exposure and enhanced professional understanding of internal audit functions.

References

- Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Standards
- BDO Internal Audit Manuals
- Audit and Assurance Textbooks