Job Class Profile: Tax Auditor II

Point Band: Pay Level: **CG-37** 814-847

						Accountability		Development	Environmental	
		Interpersonal				& Decision		and	Working	Total
Factor	Knowledge	Skills	Physical Effort	Concentration	Complexity	Making	Impact	Leadership	Conditions	Points
Rating	6	5	2	4	5	5	5	3	2	
Points	280	83	13	19	150	108	103	64	21	841

JOB SUMMARY

The Tax Auditor II is responsible providing professional field audit services in the planning, controlling, organizing, co-ordinating and conducting of audits for large and complex business entities.

Key and Periodic Activities

- Plans, supervises and/or conducts comprehensive systems and compliance audits of large and complex business entities.
- Prepares an audit program subject to management review, including identifying problem areas.
- Responds and investigates taxpayer questions as they arise on various matters.
- Recommends improvements to existing audit approaches, techniques and procedures.
- Tests computerized accounting systems using computer assisted auditing techniques and reviews other internal financial system controls.
- Recommends specific courses of action as a result of audits performed.
- Prepares evidence for crown prosecutors and provides evidence in legal proceedings.
- May participate in large multi-jurisdictional tax audits of large complex multi-national corporations with auditors from other provinces and/or participate in underground economy investigations, including assisting government agencies and departments with joint-audit activities.
- May assist in the research and analysis of issues used to develop, negotiate, interpret and administer provincial legislation, regulations and agreements regarding provincial tax.

SKILL

Knowledge

General and Specific Knowledge:

- Auditing, taxation and related fields.
- Conducting complex financial audits and completing related documentation.
- Computerized accounting systems and related documentation.

Formal Education and/or Certification(s):

- Minimum: Undergraduate Degree in Commerce or Business supplemented by the completion of the fourth level of a recognized accounting program.

Years of Experience:

— Minimum: 2 to 3 years of experience.

Competencies:

- Considerable independence and initiative.
- Ability to respond to questions regarding taxation and auditing.
- Ability to work cohesively in multi-functional teams.

Interpersonal Skills

- A range of interpersonal skills are used to perform activities such as listening to information provided to ensure the audit is successfully executed; providing information and direction; conducting formal interviews, instructing/teaching/training; gaining the co-operation of others to complete work and solve problems; providing expert advice and dealing with upset or angry people face to face and on the phone. Skills are most frequently used to listen and provide support to customers/clients, receive direction or provide information to manager, and obtain audit advice from external professionals.
- Communications occur with employees, supervisors/managers, students/trainees and customers/clients/general public. Interactions also occur with other government employees/representatives, internal/external departmental executives, professional associations and professional advisors.
- Most significant contacts include the supervisor to provide an update on progress of various matters and to receive assignments and direction in dealing with complex items; taxpayers to request information, obtain audit information and to clarify issues which may arise; and business professionals/accountants to obtain audit evidence to complete the audit.

EFFORT

Physical Effort

- Work demands do not result in considerable fatigue, requiring periods of rest.
- There may be an occasional requirement to stand, walk, drive and lift or move objects such as file boxes up to 25 lbs.
- Constant fine finger/precision work and sitting while using a computer to perform audits is required.

Concentration

- Visual concentration is constant while preparing reports, spreadsheets, letters, briefing notes, and examining records and financial statements.
- **Auditory** concentration may include listening to client's requests and responses during formal interviews and listening to the manager.
- Additionally, may have to respond to time pressures and deadlines. Audits and report of findings must be performed within an allotted timeframe.
- Exact results and precision is required when preparing audit work papers and spreadsheets, which must be accurate.

Complexity

Tasks tend to be different but use related skills, with some complex problems for which limited

- guidelines and procedures exist.
- Regularly deals with problems that are defined and practical solutions found, however, at times problems require creative problem definition and analysis as problems presented are often highly technical.
- A typical complexity includes the requirement to determine the best approach for tax issues using applicable legislation. Complex audits are typically broader in scope with limited opportunity for standardized solutions.
- Tax acts, regulations, legislation, senior tax auditors, management, and previous files are available as reference.

RESPONSIBILITY

Accountability and Decision-Making

- Work is generally prescribed and controlled.
- Decisions are made with regards to the type of information to request, and the technique to use when completing an audit.
- Approval is required for tasks associated with educational funding, which organizations to audit, equipment/supplies purchases, travel approval and policy changes.
- Exercises a high degree of discretion when performing a field audit, including determining what source documents to examine, and how much evidence is required to confirm an assessment.

Impact

- Generally has impact on work area, department, outside the organization, and on customers/clients/general public.
- Resources impacted include processes and systems, information, finances, and corporate image.
- Work can either negatively or positively impact complex audits and the clients, which can cost the client or government money. Work involves participating in large multi-jurisdictional tax audits of large complex multi-national corporations with auditors from other provinces. Also participates in underground economy investigations, including assisting government agencies and departments with joint-audit activities.
- Inaccurate reporting may result in a financial loss to the province.
- Legislation, policies and procedures are in place, as well as internal controls, that minimize the impact of errors.

Development and Leadership of Others

- Not responsible for the supervision of staff.
- Provides on the job advice, guidance, direction, feedback, orientation to new employees, onthe-job training, delegating/allocating tasks and organizing, co-ordinating, reviewing/checking the work of colleagues, contractors and/or students. Additionally, may be required to be the lead auditor on a tax audit, and responsible for the assignments of duties performed by lower level auditors.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Environmental Working Conditions

— Occasionally exposed to undesirable working conditions at the client site, such as unusual/distracting noise, dirt/dust/filth/garbage, lack of privacy. Travel is required.