

Dear Q&A

I am not an internal auditor, but have a friend who is. In discussions with my friend, internal auditing sounds like a career that interests me, especially as the skills required to be an internal auditor seem to be transferrable between corporate organisations and the public sector, plus across different industries.

Can you offer some ideas about how I might break into an internal audit career?

Answer

Firstly, to better understand what internal auditing is about, read the free IIA-Australia publication '[Internal Audit in Australia](#)':

Some ideas:

1. IIA-Australia [professional development](#)
 - '[Fundamentals of Internal Auditing](#)' is a popular introductory training course:
2. [Certifications](#)
3. [Graduate Certificate in Internal Auditing](#)
4. The IIA-Australia has periodic member meetings in most capital cities which are open to non members; this can be an opportunity to meet with internal auditors and to learn about internal auditing.
5. The IIA-Australia has webinars available about internal auditing and other topics: <https://www.iaa.org.au/professional-development/Webinars.aspx>
6. Speak with the Internal Audit function at the organisation where you work about what you would need to do to get a job there.
7. Speak with the Internal Audit function at the organisation where you work about possibly working on an audit to get experience.
8. Some organisations have an audit liaison officer network, where each business unit appoints a staff member to be their point-of-contact with Internal Audit; perhaps see if this may be something you could do.
9. Look through our jobs board at <http://jobs.iaa.org.au/> to see what jobs are available