

Dear Q&A

I am a newly appointed chief audit executive without an internal audit background. What can I do to quickly get up to speed about all things internal audit?

Answer

While it is possible to manage an internal audit function without an internal audit background, it is useful to develop an understanding of internal audit in order to maximise your effectiveness in the role.

For an overview of internal audit in one brief publication refer 'Internal Audit in Australia' which can be found at: <https://www.iaa.org.au/technical-resources/publications/internal-audit-in-australia>

The IIA-Australia website has a lot of publicly available technical reference information: <https://www.iaa.org.au/technical-resources> with more Member Only content in the Website Library

The IIA-Australia offers a cost-effective 'First 100 Days Program' for new chief audit executives who come without an internal audit background. This centres around setting up the new chief audit executive for success within their first 100 days by providing key knowledge and support on:

- › Governance and assurance.
- › Internal audit essentials and good practice.
- › Working with the audit committee.
- › What it takes to be an effective chief audit executive.
- › Mentoring

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