



The Office of the Auditor General of B.C. issues reports for the Legislative Assembly that are independent and trusted. We contribute to greater government effectiveness and accountability. Our insights and recommendations encourage transparency and improvements in the B.C. public sector.

Daily, our activities are guided by the values of equality, diversity, and inclusion. We are committed to a supportive office culture that embraces flexible, hybrid approaches to work. We encourage and support personal growth through professional development and training.

If you are new to the OAG or if you are considering working here, this guide will give you a better sense of how we make a difference for the people of B.C.

We would love to hear from you!

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Auditor General of British Columbia

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OAGBC at a Glance

Top 5 ways our impact counts

1. B.C.'s auditor general is the source of independent, non-partisan assessments of government performance and financial statements.
2. The office works under the authority of the *Auditor General Act*. We report directly to all members of the Legislative Assembly and, by extension, the people of B.C.
3. Our independent reports give credible information to legislators to improve provincial government reporting, programs and services.
4. We produce frequent, accessible reports for the Legislative Assembly and we publicize them through the news media and our social media channels.
5. Our team values diversity, inclusion, and safety. We support each other.

Our people

The Office of the Auditor General's talented team comes from diverse backgrounds. Many of us are Chartered Professional Accountants. We also employ staff with expertise from a variety of other disciplines like public administration, law, education or environmental sciences.

We have a long and rewarding history of supporting student audit associates in their training for CPA/CA designations.

People who work here share a commitment to integrity, collaboration, and compassion. We cultivate an energetic and positive place to work, nurtured by curiosity and learning. As of March 31, 2022, the office had 125 full-time staff.

Our adaptations to the COVID-19 pandemic have now been applied to our new hybrid work policy. Whether you choose to work from the office or off-site, you'll find an emphasis on work-life balance for all staff and a respectful approach to getting the job done.

Our product

The auditor general may audit ministries, Crown corporations, universities, colleges, school districts and health authorities – more than 160 organizations controlled by or accountable to the provincial government. Our Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct supports our office culture which values the quality of the work we do. It also recognizes that our ethical principles underpin our credibility as an independent audit office. All of our audits meet standards set out by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada.

There are two main types of audits:

Financial statement audits include the annual audits of various government entities along with the annual audit of government's multi-billion-dollar summary financial statements – the largest audit in the province. These statements indicate the financial well-being of the Government of B.C. We provide our audit opinions and issue additional reports that take readers behind the scenes of the audit to share matters of interest.

Performance audits see if organizations or programs are effective, economical, and efficient. They cover a wide set of subjects and sectors, including:

- information technology
- transportation
- health care
- finance
- education
- environment
- governance



Our history

The *Auditor General Act* became law in 1976 and was revised in 2003. Before the act was passed, audit functions were not independent from government.

Erma Morrison was appointed the first auditor general in 1977 and remained in the role until 1986. She was succeeded by George Morfitt, B.C.'s longest-serving auditor general, from 1987 to the end of 1999. Michael A. Pickup, the current auditor general, was appointed by the legislature to an eight-year term in 2020.

Our logo was created in 2022 to convey the diversity of the province. The official colour is inspired by the camas lily, which is fundamental to the cultural identity of the Coast Salish people.

We have been located at 623 Fort St. in downtown Victoria since 2014.

