

# *Risks and Prevention in Economic Responsibility Audit*

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**Abstract:** Carrying out economic responsibility audit can promote the sustainable, rapid, coordinated and healthy development of modern social economy, and its importance is self-evident. With the continuous development of economic responsibility audit, we should also objectively look at and understand the risks of economic responsibility audit, take positive countermeasures to prevent and avoid these risks, and strive to minimize the risk coefficient, so as to ensure that economic responsibility audit can play a greater role.

## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1 Insufficient Collection of Audit Data and Low Accuracy**

Economic responsibility audit includes three aspects: financial audit, audit evaluation and Economic Responsibility Evaluation: first, audit and review the financial status of the departments and units where the auditees belong; Secondly, it uses relevant methods to accurately evaluate the business performance of the departments and units where the auditees belong; Finally, make a comprehensive evaluation of the economic responsibility of the auditees according to the evaluation results obtained in the first two aspects[1]. Obviously, the above-mentioned economic responsibility audit content is mainly based on the financial information provided by the auditees to make evaluation and judgment, and its authenticity and accuracy are affected by the financial data provided. Therefore, only the auditees provide true and accurate financial information, the economic responsibility audit results can be accurate and objective. However, looking at the current general situation of enterprise development in China, many enterprises take very hidden means to hide their actual costs and profits. These false financial data are obviously not conducive to the economic responsibility audit of the auditees, which is easy to make deviations and omissions in the results of economic responsibility audit, and then lose the original intention and significance of economic responsibility audit. In addition, when collecting financial and other related materials, auditors can easily collect them according to their own subjective judgment, which makes the collection and screening results of materials and evidence not rigorous enough and distorted, which affects the audit results of the economic responsibility of the auditees, and also loses the basis and reference value for their responsibility judgment and investigation. In addition, the audit results often lack supervision and tracking. Due to the lack of corresponding review procedures, sometimes there will be adverse consequences due to the negligence of auditors.

### **1.2 The Ability Level of Auditors Being Not High**

In order to make a fair, objective and accurate judgment and evaluation of economic responsibility audit, auditors are bound to be required to have professional knowledge and skills and a high level of comprehensive quality. Unfortunately, many auditors fail to meet these requirements, mainly for the following two reasons: first, auditors' professional knowledge and skills are not solid enough, and they do not update and learn their own knowledge reserves in time according to the changes of audit environment and requirements, so they are unable to take correct methods to deal with and solve the new situation in the process of economic responsibility audit in time New issues[2]; In addition, economic responsibility audit covers a wide range and involves many fields, which requires auditors to have attempts in many fields, including audit professional knowledge, accounting, computer and law. In addition to understanding the financial and accounting management systems in different fields and mastering the audit ability under different management modes, Auditors are also required to have good language communication and written expression skills.

### **1.3 The Independence of Economic Responsibility Audit Bring Not Guaranteed**

There is an important premise for economic responsibility audit, that is to ensure the independence of audit, so as to ensure that the economic responsibility audit is objective and fair from process to result. However, in the actual audit process, the leaders of the audited unit may use their own power or prestige to interfere with the specific audit work. Some auditors will also be biased in the audit process due to personal factors, such as being threatened by the leaders of the audited unit or receiving some benefits, so that they can not be objective and fair in the audit evaluation of economic responsibility. In this way, if the independence of economic responsibility audit cannot be guaranteed, the economic responsibility audit results made under the influence of human factors will lose their original purpose and can not promote the orderly development of socialist economy.

## **2. Risk Prevention Measures of Economic Responsibility Audit**

### **2.1 Comprehensively Collect Audit Materials and Improve Their Accuracy**

In the process of economic responsibility audit, on the one hand, we should pay attention to the comprehensive collection of audit data, including the specific post arrangement of the audited unit, personnel situation, financial management, asset supervision and *other* data, and at the same time, we should also focus on the careful review of relevant accounting decisions, revenue and expenditure, profit and loss, accounts, etc[3]. only when we collect comprehensive and sufficient audit related data, In order to effectively support the whole economic responsibility audit. On the other hand, while comprehensively collecting audit data, we should also ensure the accuracy of these audit data. The important basis of economic responsibility audit is the financial information provided by the audited units and personnel. Therefore, in the review process, we should pay attention to screening and eliminating false financial information to ensure the authenticity and effectiveness of the information used. In addition, if the audit content is controversial, in addition to listening to the explanations of the auditee, you can also investigate and understand all the Department personnel of the auditee.

### **2.2 Omnidirectional and Multi-Level Definition**

The rewards and punishments of leaders and future personnel appointment are directly affected by the results of economic responsibility audit. Therefore, the economic responsibility of audit

results must be clearly defined. In order to more accurately and objectively define the ownership of economic responsibility, a better way is to adopt an all-round and multi-level definition method. The so-called all-round and multi-level definition of economic responsibility in the process of economic responsibility audit is mainly reflected in the following aspects: first, when auditors comprehensively and accurately collect relevant audit materials, they can directly define some obvious and clear ownership of economic responsibility, which can be used as the basis for subsequent definition. Second, if the problem of economic responsibility is found in the audit process, but the ownership of this economic responsibility cannot be clearly defined for the time being, you can first consult and understand other departments of the auditee, such as personnel management department, internal audit department and Assessment Department of the auditee. The advantage of this is that the internal personnel of the audited unit are familiar with the actual work of the unit and understand the causes and consequences of the whole thing.

### **2.3 Improving the Professional Skills and Literacy of Auditors**

In order to ensure the scientificity and impartiality of economic responsibility audit, we must first improve the professional skills and literacy of auditors. First of all, auditors are required to have corresponding certificates before they can take up their posts. For some responsible persons in important positions, requirements such as grade title certificate or certified public accountant certificate are also required, so as to ensure that the professional skills of auditors are qualified and qualified[4]. Secondly, auditors are required to update their knowledge in time according to the changes of audit environment. The audit department needs to pay attention to the construction of audit team, strengthen the professional training of auditors, improve the professional level and professional ethics of auditors through continuous learning and communication, and strictly prevent auditors from subjectively and arbitrarily auditing according to audit rules and procedures. At the same time, with the rapid development of network information technology in today's society, auditors should constantly learn modern information technology and use information technology to constantly broaden new sources of audit information. In the actual audit process, we should learn to rely on the strength of the masses and brainstorm, so as to obtain more authentic and complete audit materials and minimize the risk of false acceptance and omission of economic responsibility audit.

### **2.4 Guaranteeing the Independence of Economic Responsibility Audit**

Only by ensuring the independence of economic responsibility audit can we effectively give play to the purpose and effect of economic responsibility audit and play the role of escort for socialist economic construction. To ensure the independence of economic responsibility audit, we should start from two aspects. First, for auditors, they should adhere to their own professional ethics, strictly demand themselves, be not afraid of the intimidation and threat of the leadership of the auditee, nor accept bribes from the leadership of the auditee, do business and do their own work well[5]; More importantly, the independence of economic responsibility audit should be supported by the state, laws and policies. Through rigid policy provisions, the leadership of the audited unit must objectively and fairly explain the true financial information of the unit, and provide relevant financial data to facilitate the verification of auditors. At the same time, the leadership of the audited entity shall not use its power and prestige to interfere with the audit process and intimidate auditors.

## **3. Conclusion**

The emergence of economic responsibility audit is not only the embodiment of the requirements

for the orderly and good development of China's modern socialist economic construction, but also the necessary guarantee for the implementation of the scientific outlook on development and the reform of the political system. Economic responsibility audit is conducive to strengthening the management and supervision of the economic behavior of the main leading cadres of the party and government and the leaders of state-owned enterprises. It can help us accurately obtain economic information and understand the actual situation of economic operation. More importantly, it is conducive to the leading cadres to comprehensively establish a scientific outlook on development and a correct outlook on political achievements by objectively evaluating the economic responsibilities of the leading cadres. In addition, by strengthening the restriction and supervision on the exercise of power by leading cadres, it has also made important contributions to promoting the construction of Party style, clean government and anti-corruption.

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