

Plan at a glance

Why we do this plan

- This *Financial Statement Audit Coverage Plan* outlines how we determine which government entities' financial statements we will audit directly, and which will be audited by private sector auditing firms.
- As required by the *Auditor General Act*, our plan covers the next three fiscal years and is prepared for the consideration and approval of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

About the plan

The plan allows us the right depth and breadth of knowledge about the government to focus on risk areas.

Our audit will meet Canadian generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS) of Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada.

Standards require an appropriate understanding of the business processes of the government reporting entity to be able to assess that the information in the Summary Financial Statements is fairly presented.

Audit coverage

For the 138 government entities (external to central government), the Office of the Auditor General has one of three levels of involvement:

1. Auditing an entity directly, using office staff or contracting with an audit firm.
2. Performing oversight procedures, including attending meetings with the entity's auditor and the entity, and reviewing the auditor's work.
3. Limited involvement, mainly through written communications with the entity's auditor.

Appendix A outlines our level of audit involvement with each of the 138 government entities.

Highlighted changes since February 2023 plan (Approved by the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts on February 3, 2023)

- The British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch, which has been performed under contract by a private sector audit firm, has moved to oversight beginning with fiscal 2024.
- Direct auditor, for the first time, of British Columbia Housing Management Commission and Provincial Rental Housing Corporation beginning with fiscal 2026.
- Appendix B outlines detailed changes from the approved plan presented in February 2023.

Approvals requested

The Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts is requested to consider and approve:

1. *Financial Statement Audit Coverage Plan* for financial statement fiscal years ending in 2025, 2026 and 2027 ([Appendix A](#)).
2. Auditor General to continue as the appointed auditor for one government entity and its subsidiary where the engagement term exceeds five consecutive fiscal years ([Exhibit 5](#)).
3. Auditor General is appointed auditor for one entity outside the government reporting entity: the [Provincial Employees Community Services Fund](#).