JULIAN MERCER

INTERNAL AUDITOR

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Internal Auditor with 6+ years planning and executing risk-based audits across finance, procurement, and IT controls. Tests controls to Sarbanes-Oxley standards, writes findings that management accepts, and follows through until remediation is verified.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Internal Auditor Apr 2024 - Present
Target, Minneapolis, MN

- Lead eight operational and financial audits a year covering procurement, inventory, and store cash handling across the U.S. network.
- Built the annual audit plan from a risk assessment of 60 processes, which the audit committee approved with only minor changes.
- Identified duplicate vendor payments through data analytics in ACL and SQL, supporting recovery of about $410K.
- Wrote audit reports with clear root causes and agreed action dates, and verified closure of 92% of findings on schedule.
- Coached two staff auditors on workpaper standards and sampling, cutting review notes per audit by about 30%.

Internal Auditor Apr 2022 - Mar 2024

- Completed store and distribution center audits of inventory counts and cash controls, reporting exceptions above tolerance to management.
- Tested key SOX controls over inventory valuation and vendor payments, documenting results for the external auditors.
- Drafted process narratives and flowcharts for four finance processes, helping control owners confirm where approvals sat.
- Followed up on open findings with owners every month, bringing overdue items down by about a third.

Internal Auditor Aug 2020 - Mar 2022
Cargill, Minneapolis, MN

- Tested key SOX controls over revenue, payroll, and fixed assets for three business units, documenting results for external auditors.
- Walked through order-to-cash processes with process owners and recommended two control redesigns that removed manual approvals.
- Performed site audits at six plants, reviewing inventory counts and safeguarding controls and reporting variances above tolerance.
- Reduced evidence requests to external auditors by consolidating control documentation into one shared repository.
- Trained process owners on control documentation expectations, reducing rework on audit evidence submissions.

CORE SKILLS

Internal controls | Audit planning | Risk-based auditing | SOX 404 testing | Control testing | Data analytics | ACL | SQL | Workpaper documentation | Fraud risk assessment | Process walkthroughs | Audit reporting | COSO framework | Excel | Stakeholder communication

EDUCATION

B.S. in Accounting, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) | Certified Public Accountant (CPA) | Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISC)