

Regional External Public Sector Audit Institution

Name of institution	Audit Scotland
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Position of the institution	<p>Audit Scotland provides the Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission with the services they need to help ensure that public bodies in Scotland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manage their money to the highest standards - Get the best possible value for public money. <p>The Auditor General is an independent crown appointment, made on the recommendation of the Scottish Parliament, to audit the Scottish Government, National Health Service and other bodies and report to Parliament on their financial health and performance.</p> <p>The Accounts Commission is an independent public body appointed by Scottish ministers to hold local government to account.</p>
Audit remit	<p>Audit Scotland gives independent assurance to the people of Scotland that public money is spent properly and provides value for money.</p> <p>We audit over 200 public bodies in Scotland including: central government and the Scottish Parliament (including police, fire, Scottish Water); National Health Service bodies; local government (councils); further education colleges; and various joint boards including health and social care.</p>
Internal organisation	<p>Audit Scotland is governed by a board, consisting of the Auditor General, the chair of the Accounts Commission, a non-executive board chair, and two non-executive members appointed by the Scottish Commission for Public Audit, a commission of the Scottish Parliament. Audit Scotland is structured into three main business groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audit Services - Performance Audit and Best Value - Corporate Services
Staff	Around 270 employees (full-time equivalent)
Total budget 2018	c£26.7 million (c 30 million euro)
President	Caroline Gardner, Auditor General and Accountable Officer

Region

Name of the region	Scotland
Official website	Not applicable
Capital city	Edinburgh
Area of the region	80,000 square km
Population	estimated 5.4 million
Lower administrative levels	<p>There are 224 public bodies in Scotland. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 75 Central government bodies and Scottish Parliament (including police, fire, Scottish Water)• 23 National Health Service bodies• 32 Councils (local government)• 73 Joint boards and committees (including 30 health integration boards)• 21 Further education colleges
Regional budget	Around £40 billion (45 billion euros) including local government
Debt	Not applicable – Scotland is in process of adopting further devolved powers.