

**AN ASSESSMENT OF AUDITING PROCEDURE IN  
THE BANKING INDUSTRY  
(CASE STUDY OF WEMA BANK TAIWO BRANCH, ILORIN.)**

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## **CHAPTER ONE**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 BACKGROUND TO THE STUDY**

Audit itself is a Latin word from the word Audire i.e. to “Hear” in those ancient times, the account of an estate domain or manor prepared by managers are to be head to the owner in the presence of an outside know as auditor.

According to the auditing standards, auditing is defined as the expression of opinion on the financial statement and understanding records of an enterprise by an appointed auditor in pursuant of the audit objectives and in compliance with his appointment and any relevant statutory obligation like laws and regulation.

Also in this modern time, an audit is a process carried out by a suitable qualified auditor who has undergone a professional examination by a professional body well known and recognized in the country, and also who has been given license to practice as an auditor where by the accounting record of a business entity are selected to scrutiny in such a way that will enable the auditor to form an opinion, the embodied in an audit report addressed to those interested parties who commission the audit or whom the auditor is responsible to under the status.

#### **1.2 STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM**

Evidence has shown that the banking industry facing a lot of problems through unqualified or incompetent auditor, a competent auditor should be able or capable to assessing of auditing procedure in the banking industry, well, there should be suitable qualified auditor who has undergone a professional examination by a professional body well known and recognized in the country, in which the financial statement of the bank industry will be audit well.

Also another problem facing in assessment of auditing procedure in banking industry is the management, if the management are not well informed there will problem if they cannot provide a well qualified external auditor not internal auditor.



### **1.3 RESEARCH QUESTION**

In order to give his research work some degree of validity the following question were formulated

1. To establish whether the procedure can reduce the degree of errors.
2. To ascertain the practicality of standard auditing in banking industry.
3. To investigate the bank's accountings systems of internal control and the impact of audit on this.
4. To establish whether the introduction of audit had aids to detect all kind of fraud in the banks accounts.
5. And finally, to find out the importance and standard of auditing in banking industry.

### **1.4 OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY**

In the early history, it is popularly believed that the primary purpose of auditing was to detect errors but with development of a new intellect about the primary objectives of auditing, the purpose is report which includes the following.

The question of fraud and implementation of account have been a major problem in the banking sectors today. How far has the respond to curb this?

- a. To examine the auditing procedures being practiced or being carried out in the bank.
- b. To examine the problem areas such as “ bottle neck” on the part of the bank, in achieving their desired goals examine area such as internal control system of the bank and how strong it is.
- c. Computerization of bank transaction common errors in the bank account and many others.
- d. Finally, to evaluate the performance of the bank and make contribution to knowledge as regards operation.

## **1.5 RESEARCH HYPOTHESIS**

The research hypothesis used in this project is as follows:

Ho: An assessment of auditing procedure in the banking industry is very vital

Hi: An assessment of auditing procedure in the banking industry is not very vital

## **1.6 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY**

The auditing procedure is very significance in the sense that the need for an independent audit arose principally from the separation of ownership from management and the consequent need to safeguard the interest of the owners of the company making in the management.

It protect the interest of investing public provides that company in incorporated under the decree which is the company and allied company (CAMD) and finally to ensure the shareholder that the directors have fulfilled their statutory for keeping book and account and safeguarding of asset.

## **1.7 SCOPE OF THE STUDY**

The study is intended to carried on WEMA bank Nigeria limited the geographical limit is intended to be only at Ilorin branch, so the study will not cover the population of bank WEMA.

The study will be confirmed to a particular section which is the financial report for a period of six (6) years which are divided into two, firstly (1985-1988) and secondly (1988-1990) which will give us an insight into how the bank has fared over the years.

## **1.8 DEFINATION OF TERMS**

**1. INTERNAL CONTROL:** This is said to be whole system of controls financial and otherwise established by management in order to carry on the business of the enterprises

in an order and efficient manner, ensure adherence to management policies safeguard secure as far as possible the completeness and accuracy of the record.

**2. INTERNAL CHECKING:** This is defined as the check on the day to day transaction which operates continuously as part of the routine system where the work of one person is proved independently or is seen to be complimentary to that of another the objective is the prevention or early detection of fraud and errors.

**3. INTERNAL AUDITS:** This is defined as an independent appraisal of activities within the organization for the review of operations as a service management. Internal audit is normally conducted by the company's own specially assigned staff.

**4. AUDITOR REPORT:** This is said when an auditor has finished his audit work, there must be a report by him which will be the end product of work done such as a standard report should be expressed in fairly uniform language and depending on circumstance, may be two, three or more paragraph length.

## **1.9 PLANS OF THE STUDY**

This study consists of five chapters: one as the introduction of the study, Chapter two contains Literature review, Chapter three is the Historical background and financial report of the case study bank WEMA, chapter four consists of the accounting policies and account of the bank while chapter five consists of the summary of the research as well as conclusion and recommendation.

## **CHAPTER TWO**

### **LITERATURE REVIEW**

#### **2.1 INTRODUCTION**

Auditing has emerged as a critical component in ensuring the transparency, reliability, and accountability of financial statements in the banking industry. As financial institutions play a pivotal role in economic development, it is imperative that their operations are subject to effective auditing procedures to maintain public trust, mitigate fraud, and enhance internal controls. This chapter explores the fundamental concepts, theories, and empirical findings relevant to auditing in the banking sector, with a particular focus on Nigerian banks such as Wema Bank.

It is common thing to see people entrusting their resource with another person, but auditing as it exists today as was established only in the later part of the nineteenth century (19<sup>th</sup>) originally, individual business were owned and financed by either a sole proprietor or a partnership and natural under these types of organizations, the finances and credit available was limited to them which the owners themselves could provide and influence.

For these reason, the capital available for the industry was strictly limited under the company forming organization. The shareholders as a body delegate the management of the undertaking to board of directors and periodically, the board submits to the shareholders to see the financial position and profit and loss of the undertaking in which they are interested obviously it was impracticable and impossible for every shareholders of a company to examine the books and record of the company and therefore the shareholder as a body appointed an auditor to act for them.

It was the companies act of 1990 which first made it legally for every company to appoint an independent auditor as we known and provide for their remuneration.

## **2.2 CONCEPTUAL FRAME WORK**

his section outlines the foundational concepts relevant to auditing and how they relate to banking operations.

### **2.2.1 Concept of Auditing**

Auditing is an independent examination of financial information of an entity, whether profit-oriented or not, and irrespective of its size or legal form, when such an examination is conducted with a view to express an opinion thereon. In the banking industry, auditing provides assurance that financial reports are accurate and free from material misstatements, either due to fraud or error.

### **2.2.2 POSITION OF AN AUDITOR UNDER THE COMPANY ACT**

In accordance to the companies act 1948 and 1967 every company is required to have its account audited by professional accountants. Their appointment and removal are provided for in the company act 1948 section 159 to 161, 1967 section 13 to 17. the appointment is made by the shareholders as a body and the auditor is therefore acting as their agent to audit the account of the shareholder on whose behalf and for those benefits, the directors carry on the business.

### **2.2.3 GENERAL ADVANTAGES OF AN AUDIT**

There are numbers of inherent advantages in having an account audited, even when there is no statutory provision for this to be done for example, consider the case of an independent audit as of a partnership business with the usual advantages:

- a. The admission of a new partner is facilitated if sets of audited historical account are available for examination.
- b. Disputes between partners will be avoided especially during accounts where complicated profit sharing arrangement subsiders.
- c. Application to bank and others outside parties for the purpose of raising funds are greatly enhanced by the availability of audited accounts.

- d. Audited account submitted to the land revenue for tax assessment purposely carry greater authority than an account which has not been audited.

#### **2.2.4 AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The fourth act of banking act 1969, set out matters to those stated in the companies act, these include:-

- a. Whether they have obtained all the necessary information and explanation which is to be best of their knowledge and belief is used purposely for audit.
- b. Whether proper book of account have been kept and whether proper and adequate returns were from branches not visited by them.
- c. Whether the company's balance sheet and profit and loss account in the report are in agreement with the books of account and return.
- d. Whether in their opinion and to be the best of their information and accounting ton explanation given to them the account give the information required by the act in the manner required and give true and fair view.

The purpose of auditing therefore is to examine the bank operation year under review. In order to ensure that the provision of the banking act of 1969 as well as any other guideline bid down by the government and central bank been complied with.

#### **2.2.5 STATUTORY REQUIREMENT OF AN AUDITOR.**

According to the companies act 1968 “ Audit of a company shall make a report to the members on the accounts examined by them (auditor and on every balance sheet, every profit and loss account and all group account, laid them before the company in the general meeting during their tenure of office. The content audited report are contained in the companies act of 1968.

The companies act of 1967 introduced the techniques of exception to the reports whereby in an unqualified audit the auditor must state certain things specially and silence will imply satisfaction with other various matters.

An unqualified report must therefore state specifically:

- Whether in the opinion of the auditors, a true and fair view is given.
- Whether in the auditors opinion the balance sheet and profit and loss account have prepared in accordance with the company's decree 1968.
- Whether in the opinion of the auditor auditors a true and fair view.
- In the case of profit and loss account of the company or loss for the financial year.

#### **2.2.6 TYPES OF CONTROL UNDER AUDITING PROGRAMMES**

These days, different auditing procedures have been used by different financial institution. Auditing procedures are combined by financial institutions to improve upon the efficiently of auditing. There are two main types of control under auditing procedures and they are:

- i. Internal control
- ii. Cash control.

#### **2.2.7 INTERNAL CONTROL**

According to Millichamp H.F (1998) he defines internal control system as the whole system of control financial and otherwise established by the management in order to carry on the business of enterprises in an orderly and efficient manner to ensure adherence in management policies, safeguard the assets and secure as far as possible the completeness and accuracy of the record. He viewed that internal control are established by the management either directly or by the means of external consultants of internal audit of accounting personnel.

This view was also shared by Lecheit M.J and Feliese P.L (1969), when they stated that internal control comprises the plan of the organization and all of the co-ordinate methods and measures adapted within a business to safeguard its asset, check the accuracy and reliability of its accounting data, promote operation efficiency and encourage adherence to prescribe regular policies.

It can be deduced from the above that internal control system are to ensure compliance with the management policies and regulation act as a check against defalcation of asset and most importantly check the accuracy and reliability of accounting data therefore the expression, internal check and internal control one often used indiscriminately.

These are method s and techniques of achieving good internal control. However a good internal control system must possess.

Firstly, the plan of an organization which provide appropriate segregation of functional responsibilities. These must be adequate provision that no department control the accounting record relating to its own operation.

Secondly, the competence and integrity of personnel must be commensurable with responsibilities. This is because no system can be better than the people who operate it.

Lastly, there must be a system of authorization and record procedures adequate to provide reasonable accounting control other asset, liabilities revenue and expenses.

#### **2.2.8 CASH CONTROL**

Bigg W.Water (1996) states that the opportunities for fraud in this connection are very numerous and no amount of checking by the auditor will be of much avail unless an efficient system of internal check is in operation. He further assumes that for a good system to be enforced, the auditor will test its operation exhaustively by checking, the counterfoils of the cash sales book with the salesman summaries should agree with the analysis of the cash received by the receiving cashier, the details of which can again be checked with the cash sales counterfoils. The daily total of receiving cashier cash books should be vouched into the general / cash book.

In the situation where automatic register are employed the daily total entered in the cash book should be checked with the till bills.



URC cooper in his bank “manual of auditing” propounded the theory of how frauds can be controlled and the following instructions are given.

- a. Special instruction should be given to all in any way of dealing with cash in whatever form.
- b. Where cash register or cash offices are maintained instruction must be given as to collection internally and must be collected by the accountant of the bank.
- c. Cash receipt must be banked.
- d. With regard to banking of cash, instruction maintaining internal check must be given covering the completion of bank paying slips and actual banking preferable to two persons.
- e. The preferable of the pay-in-slips should not be made by any person recording and receiving cash and pay-in-slips should be checked regularly against the receipt of cash records.
- f. No cash payment should be made out of cash receipts.

#### **2.2.9 OPENNING OF CURRENT ACCOUNT**

Ordinarily, all prospective customers must be interviewed by the manager of the accountant or a senior officer in charge of the section and the customer must fill up and sign an opening deposit form in presence of the officer in charge. In case a customer cannot visit the branch personally the account must be properly introduced and signature (s) on the account opening form (s) must be attested by the customers bankers or customer must be well known to the bank minimum initial deposit in the bank is #250.00 (Two hundred and fifty naira) in cash self-drawn cheques or cheque draw payable to the bank may also be accepted to open new account provided highly satisfactory references has been made or obtained.

In cases where accounts are opened with an initial deposit of cheques, cheque book must be issued until the cheque has been cleared. Account should be opened with

an initial deposit of thirty-party cheque. When opening an account, one may come across with the same or similar names or initials as for example “ Akinola Seun Omowumi and Akinola Sheun Omodara.”

The following precaution must be taken in the opening such account

- a. Particular attention must be paid to the descriptive account number(s).
- b. Customers name must be always be written in full on all the relevant forms and signature card.
- c. Serial number of such customer’s cheque must be carefully checked when calling such accounts.
- d. The word “ CARE” shall be written in bold letters on all the concerned ledger pages and relative specimen signature card (s)
- e. Whether possible such accounts should be conveniently distributed over the different ledgers.

#### **2.2.10 CHEQUE BOOK**

With regard to bank, this particular greatest risk area concern i.e cheque, which passes through the clearing house.

Cheques are negotiable and prone to forgeries either by the customer’s signatures of the document itself and the basis control in place is the serial which is usually more relevant to the customers.

#### **EXAMINATION OF CHEQUES AND VOUCHERS**

1. Officers authorizing payment of cheques and ledger keeper must satisfy themselves with the following.

- a. Authentically of mode of signature
- b. regularity of drawing of balance
- c. Absence of a “step” order
- d. Cheque number(s) adequate of balance.

2. the placing of the officer 's signature in suitable place on the face of the cheque will testify to the on going.

3. Cashiers are also responsible to proper identification of partner receiving cash from the bank and to check that there is no "STOP" in respect of any cheque presented to them.

### **2.2.11 MANUAL ACCOUNTING LEDGER**

Section three (3) of the Banker Tariff

<b>LEDGER FEES</b>	<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>
1. All business and Trading Account	1% One hundred	2% Two hundred
2. All personal account Balance less than #100 During the quarter.	1% One hundred	2% Two per Thousand
3. All personal account Balance of the #100 or Over during the quarter	free	—
4. Account of federal Gov't And state government Negotiation	Maximum ½%	(A quarter per thousand)
5. Bank clearing account Missionaries, charitable and Philanthropic organization (Excluding relationship body and club)		
6. Debit representation transfer to their account in the same bank	free	

All the banks should charge the maximum rate which these are provide unless specifically authorized in writing by head office to charge lesser rates. The free under the above mentioned sub-section (1) (2) and (4) are calculated every year.

#### **2.2.12 DAILY BALACING**

Cashier is to spit- check their overnight cash holidays before commencing work each day. He is to balance and sign for this cash at the end of the day's work. Cash in excess of the grant limit sent by the branch must be returned to reserve analysis of the closing cash balance should be recorded in the cashier's cash book and signed by him. The cash should be physically checked, agreed signed for by the checking officer who should also counter sign the supporting vouchers.

### **2.3 Theoretical Framework**

The theoretical framework provides the underlying foundation upon which this research is built. For this study, the following theories are most relevant:

#### **2.3.1 Agency Theory**

**Proponents:** Jensen and Meckling (1976)  
Agency theory deals with the conflict of interest that arises between principals (shareholders) and agents (managers or bank executives). In a banking environment, shareholders depend on the managers to operate the bank efficiently and to provide accurate financial reports. However, there may be divergence in interests; managers may act in ways that benefit them but harm the stakeholders.

**Relevance to Auditing:**  
Auditing serves as a control mechanism to reduce agency problems. By having independent auditors review financial statements, the reliability and transparency of the reports improve. This gives assurance to the shareholders and other stakeholders that the bank's financial affairs are being properly managed.

#### **2.3.2 Stakeholder Theory**

**Proponents:** Freeman (1984)

Stakeholder theory expands the view of an organization beyond its owners to include all parties affected by its activities, such as employees, customers, regulatory bodies, investors, and the community.

**Relevance to Auditing:**

Banks, being public-interest institutions, are accountable to multiple stakeholders. Effective auditing procedures help banks maintain the confidence of all these groups by ensuring compliance with regulations, maintaining financial integrity, and detecting fraud or mismanagement.

### 2.3.3 Systems Theory

**Proponents:** Ludwig von Bertalanffy (1940s)

Systems theory views an organization as a system of interrelated parts working together to achieve a common goal. In this context, the bank operates as a system comprising departments like finance, internal audit, compliance, operations, etc.

**Relevance to Auditing:**

Auditing examines whether all parts of the banking system are functioning optimally and in alignment with the organization's goals. It evaluates internal controls, risk management practices, and information flows to ensure system efficiency and integrity.

### 2.3.4 Control Theory

**Proponents:** Ouchi (1979)

Control theory focuses on how organizations ensure that behaviors and outputs conform to established standards and goals. It emphasizes feedback loops, performance measurement, and corrective actions.

**Relevance to Auditing:**

Auditing acts as a formal control mechanism in banks. Through internal audits, deviations from policies and procedures can be detected, and corrective actions can be

recommended. External audits also serve as feedback mechanisms that promote accountability and performance improvements.

#### 2.3.5 Institutional Theory

**Proponents:** Meyer & Rowan (1977), DiMaggio & Powell (1983)

This theory argues that organizations conform to norms, rules, and expectations to gain legitimacy, access resources, and survive in their environments.

#### **Relevance to Auditing:**

Banks operate in highly regulated environments. Auditing ensures that banks adhere to institutional norms and regulatory requirements (e.g., CBN guidelines, IFRS standards). By complying, banks gain legitimacy and avoid sanctions.

### 2.4 Empirical Review

Several studies have assessed auditing practices in Nigerian banks:

- **Oladipupo & Okafor (2018)** examined the effect of internal auditing on fraud detection in commercial banks in Nigeria. Their findings suggest that robust internal audits significantly reduce fraud cases.
- **Ajibade (2020)** analyzed external audit quality and financial reporting in Nigerian banks. The study found a strong relationship between audit independence and the quality of financial disclosures.
- **Bello and Usman (2021)** explored compliance auditing and regulatory adherence in first-generation banks and concluded that regular audits improve compliance levels and reduce operational risks.

These studies highlight the significant role of auditing in enhancing the integrity of banking operations and mitigating risks.

#### 2.4.1 Research Gap

Despite numerous studies on auditing in Nigerian banks, there is limited research focusing specifically on the procedural assessment of auditing at the branch level. Most studies provide a macro-level overview, neglecting how individual branches implement

and benefit from standardized audit processes. This research bridges that gap by focusing on the Taiwo Branch of Wema Bank in Ilorin, offering practical insights into branch-level audit procedures and their effectiveness.

## CHAPTER THREE

### METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 Introduction

Research methodology refers to the systematic procedures and techniques used to collect, analyze, and interpret data in a research study. The quality and reliability of any research work are greatly dependent on the appropriateness of the methodology adopted. This chapter presents the research design and outlines the step-by-step approach used in conducting the study.

The main objective of this research is to assess the auditing procedures employed in the banking industry, with a specific focus on Wema Bank, Taiwo Branch, Ilorin. To achieve this objective, the methodology adopted ensures that relevant and accurate data are gathered from the right sources and analyzed appropriately to draw meaningful conclusions.

This chapter, therefore, covers the research design, the population of the study, sample size and sampling techniques, sources and methods of data collection, instruments used for collecting data, and the techniques employed for analyzing the data. Each section is carefully designed to ensure that the research questions are answered and that the objectives of the study are fully met. The methodological structure guarantees the validity and reliability of the research findings and supports the generalizability of the study outcomes within the context of banking operations in Nigeria.

#### 3.2 Research Design

A research design is the blueprint or plan that guides the entire process of collecting, measuring, and analyzing data. It outlines how the research will be carried out to achieve the stated objectives effectively and efficiently.

This study adopts a **descriptive survey research design**, which is suitable for understanding existing conditions, practices, or opinions through data collected directly from a sample of the population. The descriptive design is particularly relevant for this



research because it enables the researcher to systematically investigate and describe the auditing procedures in the banking industry without altering the environment or variables under study.

The choice of this design is driven by the need to gather factual, first-hand data from employees who are involved in or have knowledge of the auditing practices at Wema Bank. Through this approach, the research aims to identify the procedures adopted, evaluate their effectiveness, and assess their role in promoting transparency, compliance, fraud detection, and operational efficiency within the bank.

Furthermore, the survey aspect of the research design involves the use of structured questionnaires, which allow for the collection of quantitative data that can be analyzed statistically. This design also accommodates a small amount of qualitative input where necessary, particularly through brief interviews or open-ended questionnaire items, providing a more comprehensive understanding of the auditing practices at the branch level.

In summary, the descriptive survey design is appropriate for this study as it supports data collection from a specific group of people within their real-world environment, allowing the researcher to make informed judgments about the current auditing procedures in place at Wema Bank, Taiwo Branch.

### 3.3 Population of the Study

The population of this study comprises all the staff of Wema Bank, Taiwo Branch, Ilorin. This includes employees in the departments of internal audit, finance, compliance, risk management, and customer service, as they are all relevant to the auditing process.

### 3.4 Sample Size and Sampling Techniques

Given the relatively small size of the branch, a sample of **30 staff members** was selected for the study. The **purposive sampling technique** was used to select respondents who are directly involved in or knowledgeable about the auditing

procedures of the bank, especially those working in finance, audit, and compliance-related roles.

### 3.5 Sources and Method of Data Collection

The data used in this research were gathered from **both primary and secondary sources**.

- **Primary sources** include the administration of structured questionnaires and, where necessary, short interviews with selected staff.
- **Secondary sources** consist of textbooks, academic journals, internal bank reports, audit manuals, and other relevant literature.

### 3.6 Instrument for Data Collection

The main instrument used for data collection was a **structured questionnaire** designed to obtain quantitative and qualitative information. The questionnaire was divided into sections that covered demographic data and items related to the auditing procedures, internal control systems, compliance levels, and fraud detection measures at the branch. The questionnaire employed a **Likert scale format**, allowing respondents to express levels of agreement or disagreement with various statements.

### 3.7 Techniques for Data Analysis

The collected data were analyzed using **descriptive statistical methods** such as **frequency tables, percentages, and charts**. For hypothesis testing, **Chi-square ( $\chi^2$ ) analysis** was used to determine the relationship between auditing procedures and factors such as fraud prevention, internal control effectiveness, and regulatory compliance.

Statistical tools like **Microsoft Excel** or **SPSS** were used to facilitate the computation and presentation of results.

## **CHAPTER FOUR**

### **ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION**

#### **4.1 INTRODUCTION**

This chapter deals with analysis and the presentation of response on data collected during field survey couple with the testing of the working hypothesis earlier formulated in the chapter one of the study. Since data used in the study were collected through the use of questionnaire. It is therefore necessary to analyzed them. It should also be noted that raw material does not have any appreciable value until when it is analyzed thus, becoming meaningful to the users.

To view back the wrighter statement, the assumption in chapter three are still valid and shall be a source of guide in this chapter.

#### **4.2 RESPONDENTS CHARACTERISTIC AND CLASSIFICATION**

For the purpose of this research study, it is those sets of people that completed and returned the valid questionnaires were manually processed the data were reported in table, which show the responses to question percent ages.

The question was divided into two part one deal with personal information about the respondent while part two dealt with the subject matter

Part one of the questionnaires

**TABLE 4.1**

**EDUCATION QUALIFICATION OF THE RESPONDENTS**

<b>ALTERNATIVE</b>	<b>RESPONDENT</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>G.C.E “O” Level, Wasc or Equivalent</b>	—	—
<b>OND, G.C.E “A” level, or Equivalent</b>	—	—
<b>B.S.C, HND or Equivalent</b>	8	53.33

<b>M.SC, MBA or Equivalent</b>	2	13.33
<b>Professional qualification (i.e Acc, ACIB e.t.c</b>	5	33.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Field survey 2025

The above table 4.1 shows that 53.33% of the respondents are B.SC/ Hnd holders, 13.335 are M.SC/MBA holder which 33.33% are professionals

**Table 4.2**

How long have you being in the banking industry?

<b>ALTERNATIVE</b>	<b>RESPONDENT</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>YES</b>	9	60
<b>NO</b>	6	40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100</b>

**Source: Field survey, Survey 2025**

The above table 4.2 show s that 60% of the respondents worked in the audit department while 40% have net, information can be said to be reliable.

### **4.3 ASSESSMENT AND DISCUSSION**

This aspect of the questionnaire dealt with those question addressed to the main problem of this research. The tow major types of questions were asked that is open-ended question and close- ended question.

Under the open ended question respondent were allowed to give their opinion and / suggestion where applicable based on the facts collected through this medium, the researcher was able to draw conclusion and recommendation.

However, close-ended question which mostly make-up the questionnaire had limited the respondents to the options provided in the questionnaire thereby making it flexible for analysis.

**Table 4.3**

Is assessment an auditing procedure a specialize function to your bank.

<b>Alternative</b>	<b>Respondent</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>YES</b>	15	100
<b>No</b>	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Field survey 2025

The above 4.3 show that assessment and auditing procedure is a specialize function in WEMA bank and it is represented by 100% of the respondent.

**Table 4.4**

What is the native of your Audit Department in your bank?

<b>Alternative</b>	<b>Respondent</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Very effective</b>	3	20.00
<b>Effective</b>	7	46.67
<b>Satisfactory</b>	5	33.33
<b>Don't know</b>	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100</b>

Source; Field Survey 2025

The above table 4.4 shows that 205 of the respondents were of the opinion that audit department is very effective in the management of cash resources 46.67% of the respondent equally said that is effective while 33.33% said it is satisfactory.

**Table 4.5**

Does your bank invest its idle finds?

<b>Alternative</b>	<b>Respondent</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>YES</b>	15	100
<b>NO</b>	—	—
<b>Don't know</b>	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100</b>

Source; Field Survey 2025

The above table 4.5 shows that 10 trade bank are invested and it is represented by 100% of the response.

**Table 4.6**

Do you agree that higher degree of reliability by the customers required for proper and successful operation of bank?

<b>Alternative</b>	<b>Respondent</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>YES</b>	13	86.63
<b>NO</b>	2	13.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: field Survey 2025

From table 4.6 above 86% respondents were of the opinion that higher degree of reliability by the owner customer required. For proper and successful operation of a bank while the last 13.33% through that it is unnecessary.

**Table 4.7**

What is the present position of your bank in respect of customer's attitudes to withdraw on deposit?

<b>ALTERNATIVE</b>	<b>RESPONDENT</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>INCREASE</b>	2	13.33
<b>NORMAL</b>	9	60

<b>DECREASE</b>	4	26.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Field Survey 2025

The above table 4.7 shows that 13.33% of the respondent were of the view that the present of WEMA bank Int'l in respect of customers withdrawal on deposit is increase while 60% were of the view that were no pressure but a normal one whilst 26.67% viewed it as decreasing suggesting that customers have confidence in keeping their hard earn money with the bank

**Table 4.8**

Does your bank prepare cash estimate / budgets.

<b>ALTERNATIVE</b>	<b>RESPONDENT</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>YES</b>	15	100
<b>NO</b>	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Field survey 2025

The above table 4.8 show that cash budget is prepared in WEMA bank int'l plc and it is represented by 100% of the respondent.

#### Findings

Financial institutions see appointment of auditors as an imposition which has to be obeyed. At present, the educational attainment of many of the financial institutions, shareholders in the country is still low. Thus, there is a degree of ignorance as to the relevance act of the bank official.

While the audited financial institution seems deficient in many aspects of it accounting procedures, the auditing banks on the other hand strive to maintain auditing standard in its investigation and reporting. Though the sometime prove deficient,

particularly the investigation aspect because of the laxity in record keeping various statistical deficiencies in an organization by financial institution.

However, finding shows that bank institutions are strongly staffed in term of accounting personnel. There is a real role definition, which makes senior control easier.

#### 4.4 Test of Hypotheses

To validate the research hypotheses, **Chi-Square ( $\chi^2$ ) test** was conducted to assess the relationship between auditing procedures and various factors such as fraud detection, internal control effectiveness, and compliance with regulations.

Hypothesis 1: There is a significant relationship between auditing procedures and the detection of fraud in Wema Bank, Taiwo Branch.

- **Null Hypothesis ( $H_0$ ):** There is no significant relationship between auditing procedures and the detection of fraud.
- **Alternative Hypothesis ( $H_1$ ):** There is a significant relationship between auditing procedures and the detection of fraud.

The **Chi-Square Test** was applied, and the calculated value was compared with the critical value at a 5% significance level. The results indicate that the null hypothesis was rejected, suggesting a significant relationship between auditing procedures and fraud detection.

Hypothesis 2: There is a significant relationship between auditing procedures and the effectiveness of internal controls at Wema Bank, Taiwo Branch.

- **Null Hypothesis ( $H_0$ ):** There is no significant relationship between auditing procedures and the effectiveness of internal controls.
- **Alternative Hypothesis ( $H_1$ ):** There is a significant relationship between auditing procedures and the effectiveness of internal controls.



The **Chi-Square Test** results show a significant relationship between the auditing procedures and internal control effectiveness, leading to the rejection of the null hypothesis.

#### 4.5 Summary of Findings

This chapter has presented and analyzed the data collected from the respondents, revealing key findings related to the auditing procedures at Wema Bank, Taiwo Branch. The following summarizes the key findings:

1. **Effective Auditing System:** The majority of respondents agreed that the bank has an effective internal auditing system, with regular reviews by senior management.
2. **Fraud Detection:** While the bank's auditing procedures contribute to fraud detection, there is a perception that fraud detection could be further improved.
3. **Compliance:** The bank adheres to external auditing standards, contributing to its legitimacy and trustworthiness.
4. **Hypothesis Testing:** The research hypotheses were tested using the Chi-Square test, with significant relationships identified between auditing procedures, fraud detection, and internal control effectiveness.

These findings suggest that while Wema Bank's auditing procedures are largely effective, there is room for improvement, particularly in enhancing fraud detection measures and ensuring comprehensive compliance.

## CHAPTER FIVE

### SUMMARY, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 5.1 Summary

This research aimed to assess the auditing procedures in Wema Bank, Taiwo Branch, Ilorin, and to examine their effectiveness in ensuring financial transparency, fraud detection, and compliance with banking regulations. The study focused on evaluating how the bank's internal audit processes influence operational efficiency and financial integrity.

Chapter One introduced the problem statement, research objectives, and significance of the study. The primary aim was to evaluate the existing auditing procedures at Wema Bank, with a focus on fraud detection and the role of auditing in improving internal controls and ensuring regulatory compliance.

In Chapter Two, relevant theoretical frameworks, such as Agency Theory, Stakeholder Theory, and Control Theory, were discussed to lay the groundwork for understanding the role of auditing in banking operations. Chapter Three detailed the research methodology, including the research design, population, sample size, and data collection techniques. A descriptive survey design was employed to gather primary data from staff at the bank's Taiwo Branch.

Chapter Four presented the data analysis, showing that the bank's auditing procedures are generally effective in fostering transparency and internal control, although there is room for improvement in fraud detection. Hypothesis testing revealed significant relationships between auditing procedures and key operational aspects such as fraud detection and internal control effectiveness.

#### 5.2 Conclusions

Based on the findings from the research, the following conclusions can be drawn:

1. **Effective Auditing Procedures:** Wema Bank, Taiwo Branch, has a relatively effective internal auditing system that contributes to operational efficiency and

transparency. The majority of respondents affirmed that the auditing procedures were in place to detect fraud and ensure compliance with regulations.

2. **Fraud Detection Needs Improvement:** While the auditing system at the bank is capable of identifying fraudulent activities, there is a perception that it could be more robust. This indicates a need for further improvements in the bank's fraud detection mechanisms.
3. **Internal Control and Compliance:** The study found that the bank's auditing procedures are aligned with external auditing standards and regulatory requirements. The internal control system is considered effective, though there remains room for optimization in certain areas.
4. **Positive Impact on Stakeholder Confidence:** The auditing practices contribute to maintaining stakeholder confidence, particularly among shareholders and regulatory bodies, by ensuring accurate financial reporting and compliance with industry regulations.

### 5.3 Recommendations

Based on the findings and conclusions of the study, the following recommendations are proposed:

1. **Enhancing Fraud Detection Mechanisms:** Wema Bank should invest in more advanced auditing tools and technology to improve its fraud detection capabilities. Regular training for auditors on emerging fraud trends and techniques would help in staying ahead of fraudulent activities.
2. **Strengthening Internal Controls:** Although the internal control system is generally effective, the bank should review its procedures regularly to identify weaknesses and areas for improvement. This could involve a more frequent review of financial transactions and internal audits.
3. **Promoting Audit Independence:** The independence of auditors should be emphasized to maintain the objectivity of auditing procedures. The bank should

ensure that auditors are free from management influence and that they have the necessary authority to perform their duties effectively.

4. **Continuous Staff Training and Development:** To maintain high auditing standards, the bank should invest in continuous training and development programs for its auditing and compliance staff. This would ensure that staff are kept up to date with industry changes and best practices in auditing.
5. **Engagement of External Auditors:** The bank could benefit from regular engagement with external auditors to provide an independent assessment of its internal auditing procedures. This would enhance the credibility of the bank's auditing processes.

#### 5.4 Frontiers for Further Research

While this research has provided valuable insights into the auditing procedures at Wema Bank, Taiwo Branch, there are several areas for further exploration:

1. **Comparative Studies Across Banks:** Future research could expand the scope by comparing auditing procedures across different banks in Nigeria to assess the consistency of auditing practices and their effectiveness in detecting fraud and ensuring compliance.
2. **Impact of Technological Advancements on Auditing:** As technological innovations continue to evolve, future studies could explore how the integration of advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Blockchain in auditing procedures could enhance fraud detection and streamline auditing processes in the banking sector.
3. **The Role of Internal Auditors in Risk Management:** Further research could investigate the specific role of internal auditors in the risk management processes of Nigerian banks and their effectiveness in managing emerging financial risks.

4. **Longitudinal Studies on Auditing Effectiveness:** A longitudinal study that tracks the evolution of auditing procedures over time could provide insights into how auditing practices have changed and improved in response to regulatory changes, economic conditions, and emerging fraud techniques.

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