

Q. What are the different types of Audit?
Explain it.

Audit :- The term audit usually refers to a financial statement audit. A financial statement audit, is an objective examination and evaluation of the financial statement of an organization to make sure that the financial records are a fair and accurate representation of the transactions the claim to represent. The audit can be conducted internally by employees of the organization or externally by an outside Certified Public accountant (CPA) firm.

Understanding Audits :- Almost all companies receive a yearly audit of their financial statement, such as the income statement, balance sheet and cash flow statement. Lenders often require the result of an external audit annually as part of their debt covenants. For some companies, audits are legal requirement due to the compelling incentives to intentionally misstate financial information in an attempt to commit fraud.

Types of audits :-

- (i) External audits
- (ii) Internal audits

(i) External audits :- Audits performed by outside parties can be extremely helpful in removing any bias in reviewing the state of a company's financials. Financial audits seek to identify if there are any material misstatements in the financial statements. An unqualified, or clean, auditor's opinion provides financial statement users with confidence that the financials are both accurate and complete.

(ii) Internal audits :- Internal auditors are employed by the company or organization for whom they are performing an audit and the resulting audit report is given directly to management and the board of directors. Consultant auditors, while not employed internally, use the standards of the company they are auditing as opposed to separate set of standards.