



# City of Tempe

## SENIOR TAX AUDITOR+

### JOB CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION

<i>Job Code:</i>	258	<i>Department:</i>	Financial Services
<i>Supervision Level:</i>	Non-Supervisor	<i>State Retirement Group:</i>	ASRS
<i>Status:</i>	Classified	<i>Market Group:</i>	Sr. Tax Auditor+
<i>Safety Sensitive / Drug Screen:</i>	No	<i>Physical:</i>	No

Click [here](#) for more job classification information including current salary range.

### DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the full journey level class within the Tax Auditor series. Employees within this class are distinguished from the Tax Auditor+ by the performance of the full range of duties as assigned, including reviewing materials; research and assembly of factual information; and transmitting management decisions. Employees at this level are capable of functioning independently and receive only occasional instruction or assistance as new or unusual situations arise, and are fully aware of the operating procedures and policies of the work unit. Positions in this class are flexibly staffed and are normally filled by advancement from Tax Auditor+, or, when filled from the outside, require prior financial experience, preferable in a public agency. Appointment to the higher class requires that the employee be performing the full range of duties assigned to the class.

### REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

Receives direction from the Tax Audit Supervisor or from other supervisory or management staff.  
Exercises technical supervision over lower level professional, technical, and clerical staff.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

<i>Experience:</i>	Three (3) years of property or tax-related auditing or public accounting experience, preferably in a municipal or public agency.
<i>Education:</i>	Equivalent to a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in accounting or auditing or directly related to the core functions of this position.
<i>License / Certification:</i>	Possession of a valid driver's license.

### ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

Essential job functions are the fundamental duties of a position: the things a person holding the job absolutely must be able to do.

To actively support and uphold the City's stated mission and values. To perform a variety of professional

auditing work involving private firms to determine compliance with established ordinances, policies, and procedures; to provide tax-payer assistance as requested; to promote uniform application of the tax code among cities; to promote the application of best practices related to audit techniques in the office and throughout the City.

## OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED

Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of all activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

- Conduct detailed examinations of taxpayer's books and records, including those of large and complex business operations, to determine accuracy of reported revenues and deductions in compliance with applicable Model City Tax Code and City of Tempe Tax Code provisions;
- Develop audit plans and procedures that are appropriate to the circumstances both in focus and scope;
- Ensure all audit work performed is in accordance with the multi-jurisdictional audit process and generally accepted auditing standards as applicable; document work performed, findings and conclusions in well-organized work papers;
- Evaluate a variety of complex accounting and tax reporting systems and unique business practices, determining the proper application of the law for each situation;
- Ensure effective communication and timely resolution of audit issues to taxpayer management, tax and business professionals, attorneys and certified public accountants;
- Coordinate with taxpayer management and/or representatives to avoid unnecessary disruption of taxpayer operations; and coordinate multi-jurisdictional audits with counterparts in participating cities and the State of Arizona.
- Conduct limited scope desk reviews of specific taxpayer reporting issues;
- Prepare formal assessments of additional tax due for presentation to taxpayer management, effectively communicating and documenting audit results;
- Analyze tax returns and taxpayer reporting histories to identify indications of non-compliance and/or other potential reporting issues and initiates appropriate follow-up with taxpayers;
- Generate audit leads: Plan, organize and implement programs to assess level of tax compliance and identify non-compliant taxpayers for education, desk or field audit, as appropriate;
- Respond to taxpayer inquiries and educate taxpayers on tax compliance through verbal and written communications;
- Maintain familiarity with City Tax Code, pertinent Federal, State and Local laws, applicable case law, and current issues in the business community;
- Maintain relationships with counterparts in other jurisdictions to facilitate taxpayer compliance and the exchange of information related to best business practices and audit techniques; participate in and contribute to training sessions and other meetings with counterparts in other jurisdictions;
- Assist in defense of protested audit assessments; work with management and legal council to identify applicable case law and relevant facts to formulate the City's position; assist in drafting of legal briefs;
- Maintain proficiency in various audit, accounting, and office software used in the position;

- Develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with other City departments;
- Assist in training and development of lower level clerical and professional staff;
- Participate in tax compliance and office policy and procedure projects;
- Perform related duties as assigned.

## PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Operate city vehicles;
- Work is performed in a general office environment with moderate noise;
- Operate a variety of standard office equipment including a computer, telephone, calculator, copy machine;
- Continuous and repetitive arm, hand and eye movement;
- May work in a stationary position for considerable periods of time;
- May lift and carry materials weighing up to 25 pounds;
- May require extensive reading and close vision work;
- May require working extended hours;
- May work alone for extended periods of time;
- May travel to/from meetings and various locations.

## COMPETENCIES

CLASSIFICATION LEVEL	INCLUDES	COMPETENCIES
Foundational	All Employees	Inclusion, Communication, Interpersonal Skills, Integrity, Professionalism, and Willingness to Learn
Non-Supervisory	In Addition >	Teamwork, Customer Service, Initiative, and Dependability / Reliability
Supervisory	In Addition >	Staffing, Monitoring Work, Delegating, Development / Mentoring, and Support Others
Manager	In Addition >	Preparing / Evaluating Budgets, Monitoring / Controlling Resources, and Motivating / Inspiring
Deputy Director	In Addition >	Entrepreneurship and Networking
Director	In Addition >	Organizational Vision

*For more information about the City of Tempe's competencies for all classifications:*

[City of Tempe, AZ : Competencies](#)

## JOB DESCRIPTION HISTORY

*Effective November 1988*

*Revised March 1999*

*Revised May 2000*

*Revised May 2001*

*Revised August 2010 (updated job duties, minimum qualifications, purpose statement, distinguishing characteristics)*

*Revised February 2011 (Driver's license requirement)*

*Revised December 2020 (update job title)*