# Standard on IA: 120 Internal Controls

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# Topics Discussed

- What is Internal Control
- Types of Internal Controls
   Entity Level

   Process Level
- Definition of Internal Control
- Three Categories of Internal Controls
- Examples of Internal Controls
- Risk Control Matrix
- Four Most Important Internal Controls
- Essential Elements of Internal Controls

#### IA To Do the Following

- Assess ICS for existence & operating efficiency
- Give independent assurance on ICs
- Report to Top Management



#### What is Internal Control

#### **Short Definition**

Systems and Procedures to mitigate Risks in Financial & Operational Areas



## Types of ICs

#### **Entity Level Controls (ELCs)**

- Code of Conduct
- Policies (Leave / Security / Safety / Whistle Blower)
- DOA
- Segregation of Duties
- Job Rotation

#### **Process Level Controls (PLCs)**

- Controls in Procurement Process (Vendors Selection Controls)
- Controls in Inventory Management (Minimum Order Level / EOQ)
- Controls in F & A Area (Budget Vs Actual, BRS / Cash Phy Verification )



### **Comprehensive Definition**

#### Standard on Auditing: 315

Control processes

Designed and implemented by Top Management & Functional Managers

To provide assurance about

Achievement of an entity's objectives

#### In relation to

- Reliability of financial reporting
- Effectiveness & efficiency of operations
- Safeguarding of assets
- Complying with laws and regulations.



### 3 Types of Internal Controls

**Preventive Controls** 

**Detective Controls** 

**Corrective Controls** 



### Identify the Type of Control

Control

Preventive

Detective

Corrective

Segregation of Duties

Reconciliation

Variance Analysis

Physical Access Control

**Employee Screening** 

Approval of Transaction

Confirmation of Balance







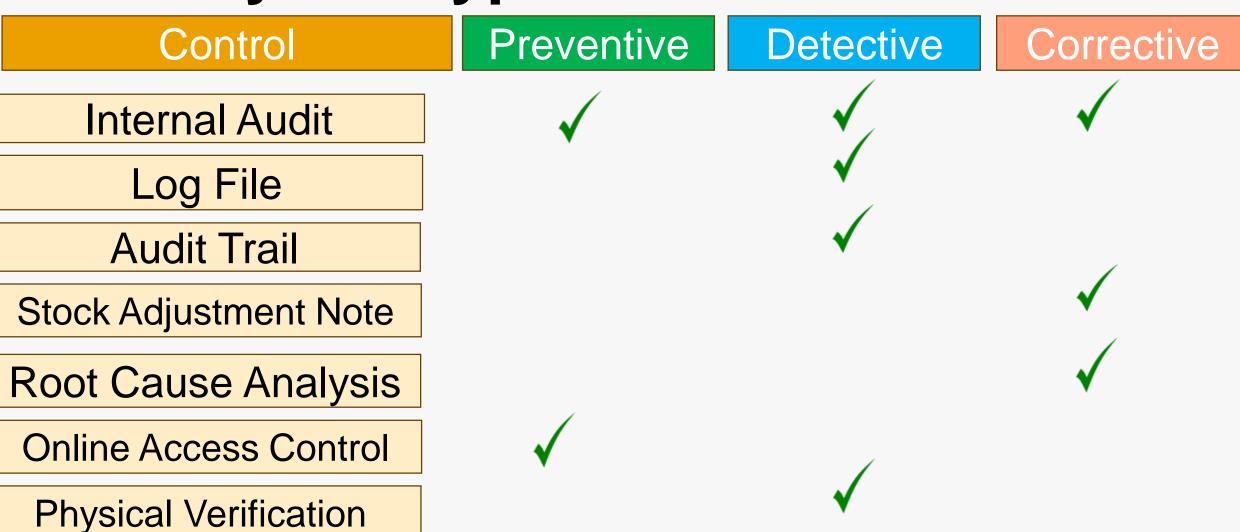








## Identify the Type of Control



### 4 Most Important Controls

Segregation of Duties

**Delegation of Authority** 

**Documentation** 

**Internal Audit** 



#### **Risk Control Matrix**

Process Area Risks Controls in Place Type of Control **Controls Tested Test Results** Risks Mitigated Residual Risks



#### **Essentials Elements of Internal Controls**

Cost of Control Taken into Consideration

Collusion would make controls ineffective

Top management should encourage implementation of IC

Top Management should have Zero Tolerance towards violation of IC

Severe punishment to be given to violators

### The Following to be Noted

## As per Section 134(5)(e) of Companies Act, 2013:

Responsibility for designing & implementing ICs rests with BOD.

#### SEBI Listing Agreement

#### LODR – Listing Obligation & Disclosure Requirements

Management has to evaluate the effectiveness of ICs on Financial Reporting

And Disclose to Auditors & ACB on Deficiencies in design & Operation of ICs.

## Rule 8(5)(viii) of Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014:-

Directors' Report to include details of adequacy of IFCs wrt Financial Statements.

## Section 143(3)(i) of Companies Act, 2013

SA has to report to Shareholders whether Company has adequate IFCs in place

And whether these are operating effectively.





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