

# External audit

## Definition

An external audit is an [audit](#) carried out by an external party.

## Note

The external party is called a certification institute (CI)

## Relations

External audit	is child of	<a href="#">audit</a>
External audit	certifies	<a href="#">management system</a>
External audit	succeeds an	<a href="#">internal audit</a>

## Reference(s)

ISO 19011. Guidelines for audits of management systems.

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