



What is the role of a County Auditor?

The County Auditor is the Chief Fiscal Officer of the county. The Auditor's General Accounting Department is the watchdog over all county funds and maintains the official records of all receipts, disbursements and fund balances.

How often are County Auditors elected?

In Ohio, all county-level elected officials are elected to four-year terms. County auditors are elected to these terms during gubernatorial election years.

Are there term limits?

No.

Is the County Auditor a partisan official?

Yes. The County Auditor runs as a member of a political party. Their party affiliation is listed on the ballot.

What are the responsibilities of County Auditors?

As the Chief Fiscal Officer of the County, the County Auditor is responsible for accounting the millions of dollars received each year by the county and for issuing payment for all county obligations. The County Auditor is also the bookkeeper for all county elected officials and many other county agencies. Additionally, the County Auditor establishes the real property value and calculates the property tax for every parcel of real estate within the county.

The Auditor has many other diverse responsibilities, including:

- Sealing gas pumps, scales and other measuring devices;
- Appraisal and assessment of property;
- Licensing dogs, vendors, and others;
- Calculating taxes and administering assessments;
- Administering tax exemptions for senior citizens, the disabled, charities, and churches; etc.
- Distributing money to schools and local governments;
- Managing the county's computer systems in some counties; and
- Chairing and/or voting on many local governmental boards.

What are the requirements to run for County Auditor?

- Candidates must be U.S. citizens, at least 18 years old, and be an Ohio resident and within the county they would like to represent.
- To obtain a spot on the ballot, County Auditor candidates must file a petition signed by 50 electors for major party candidates and 25 signatures for minor party candidates.