OLIVIA PETERSON

Government Senior Audit Associate

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United States, Washington, D.C. **Q**

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Highly skilled Senior Audit Associate specializing in government auditing. With a focus on regulatory compliance, financial reporting, and risk management, I provide assurance services to public sector entities to ensure transparency and accountability.

EDUCATION

Master of Public Administration (MPA)

University of Maryland at College Park / United States, Graduated: May 2014

Bachelor of Science in Accounting

University of Maryland at College Park / United States, Graduated: May 2012

Certifications

Certified Government Auditing Professiona-I / Institute of Internal Auditors, Certification Date: July 2016

SKILLS

•	Government auditing and	Expert
	compliance	

- Risk management and Expert
 internal controls
- Federal regulations and Expert financial reporting
- Legislative reporting and Expert communication
- Analytical thinking and Expert
 problem-solving skills

AWARDS

- Audit Excellence Award, GAO, December 2022
- Distinguished Service Award, American Institute of CPAs, January 2021

EXPERIENCE

2018 - Now

Senior Audit Associate

U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) / United States, Washington, D.C.

- Conduct financial audits of federal programs and agencies to ensure compliance with federal regulations.
- Perform detailed risk assessments to identify weaknesses and recommend improvements to internal controls and financial reporting practices.
- Prepare audit findings and communicate results to senior management and congressional committees.
- Collaborate with other government agencies to coordinate audits and ensure consistent reporting standards.

2014 - 2018

Audit Associate

State of Maryland, Office of Legislative Audits / United States, Annapolis, MD

- Assisted in auditing state agencies and programs, focusing on budget compliance and financial transparency.
- Performed testing of internal controls and provided recommendations for process improvements.
- Supported the preparation of comprehensive audit reports for state legislators and agency leadership.

CONFERENCES

- Government Accountability and Financial Auditing Symposium, National Association of Government Auditors, November 2024
- Advanced Public Sector Auditing Techniques, Institute of Internal Auditors, May 2023

PROFESSIONAL PHILOSOPHY

I am dedicated to fostering an environment of transparency in all audits, ensuring that financial operations are accountable and reflect the true financial health of public sector entities.

