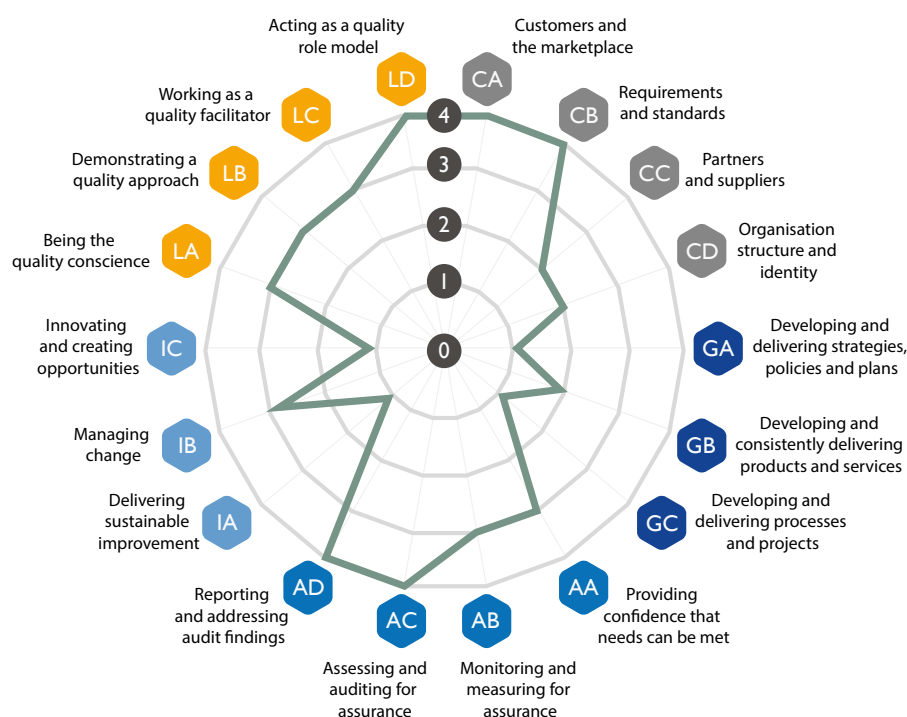


# Typical Competence Profile: Lead Auditor



This profile displays a summary of the competence of a typical **Lead Auditor**. It describes the typical tier of competence for each of the 18 components of The Profession Map across the five elements of **Context, Governance, Assurance, Improvement and Leadership**.

## Tiers of competence summary definitions

**Tier 1:** Basic understanding and application of quality concepts in simple, supervised tasks.

**Tier 2:** Consistent, independent application of quality knowledge and skills, contributing to more complex tasks with guidance.

**Tier 3:** Experienced in complex tasks, capable of supervising and training others, and developing new approaches.

**Tier 4:** Expert leadership and advisory level, solving complex problems, shaping strategy, and guiding organisational actions.

## What is a Lead Auditor?

A typical **Lead Auditor** is responsible for overseeing and conducting audits of management systems, including quality, information security, occupational health and safety, environment, and risk management.

A Lead Auditor leads on planning, executing, and reporting audits while ensuring compliance with relevant standards. They help drive organisational performance by identifying opportunities for improvement and ensuring effective corrective and preventive actions are implemented. Operating across multiple sites and industries, they apply their expertise to various systems, ensuring alignment with legislative and regulatory frameworks.

The Lead Auditor's role is critical for ensuring governance and assurance across management systems. They help organisations meet regulatory and standard requirements, improve processes, mitigate risks, and enhance operational effectiveness.



To discover more about job titles associated with the role of Lead Auditor, the typical activities they undertake, and what the tiers of competence mean, visit:  
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