

Examination Documentation Modules

The Examination Documentation (ED) Modules are an examination tool used by FDIC examiners since 1997 to carry out the forward-looking, risk-focused examination program. The program includes a set of Primary and Supplemental Examination Documentation Modules (ED Modules) that address the major functional areas of a financial institution. Primary ED Module procedures, and most Supplemental ED Module Procedures, are separated into three distinct tiers: Core Analysis, Expanded Analysis and Impact Analysis.

The Core Analysis includes procedures to be considered, but not necessarily performed at a given examination, based on the applicability of the ED Module to the institution's business model, risk profile, and complexity of operations. The Expanded Analysis includes procedures to be considered for the areas that present the greatest degree of risk to the institution when the Core Analysis review identifies significant deficiencies or weaknesses. If the Expanded Analysis shows that risks are material or the activity is not adequately managed, then examiners consider the Impact Analysis to assess the financial impact of the deficiencies or weaknesses and to determine whether any enforcement action may be necessary.

Reference Modules are also available for examiners use in evaluating significant business lines or conducting technical reviews. Reference Modules contain only one tier: Core Analysis.

Examination Procedures in ED Modules may not address every risk consideration. Examiners have the discretion to perform and document additional examination procedures to assess risk.