



Financial Institution Risk Assessments

Risk assessments measure exposure to critical compliance, financial and operating activities – both within a financial institution’s internal environment and those stemming from external events. Weaver’s disciplined approach to risk management helps financial institutions identify vulnerabilities and develop key strategies for risk mitigation.

A risk assessment for a financial institution measures and helps manage compliance, financial and operational risks associated with significant activities and events, both internal and external. While some risks are inherent to an institution, some may be eliminated or mitigated by identifying key risk indicators which prompt management action when certain criteria are met.

Upon identification and measurement of a financial institution’s risk universe and priorities, strategies are developed to establish effective internal controls and monitoring. These activities help create a strong internal control environment, including a secure information systems environment.

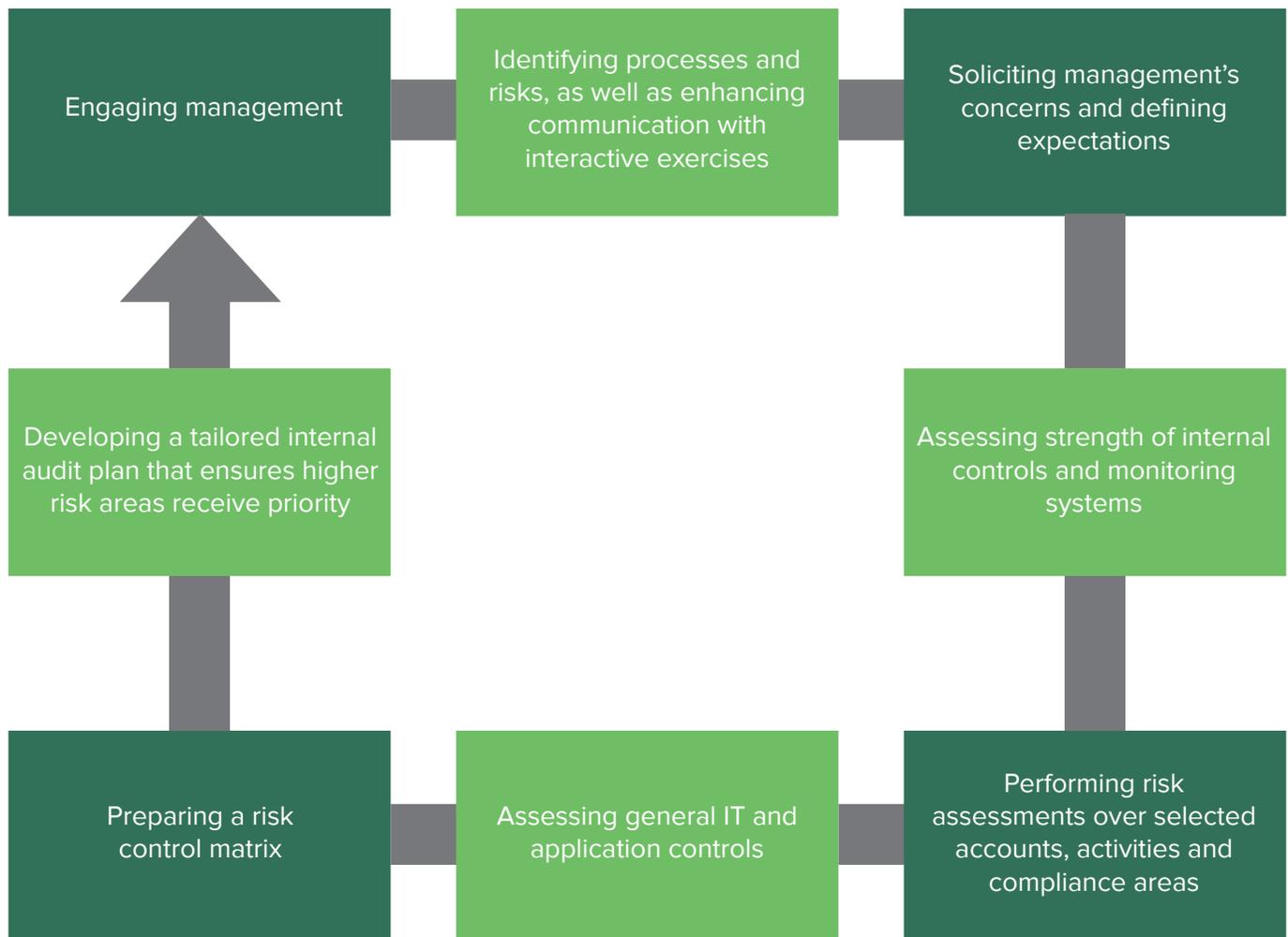
Numerous regulations and standard operating practices make a risk assessment not only advisable but critical for financial institutions in today’s operating environment. The following targeted risk assessments may be appropriate depending on an institutions operating environment:

- ▶ Regulatory compliance
- ▶ Enterprise risk management
- ▶ Internal audit
- ▶ Bank Secrecy Act (BSA)/Anti-Money Laundering (AML)
- ▶ Fair lending practices
- ▶ Remote Deposit Capture (RDC)
- ▶ Lending and credit administration function
- ▶ Sarbanes-Oxley/FDICIA compliance
- ▶ Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)
- ▶ Automated Clearing House (ACH)
- ▶ Information technology
- ▶ E-Banking (Internet banking)
- ▶ Information security/Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act
- ▶ Vendor management
- ▶ Lobby operations

The purpose of a risk assessment is to:



Weaver's Risk Assessment Approach:



Weaver assists financial institutions in achieving their risk management objectives by providing an independent, objective and disciplined approach to evaluating and improving the effectiveness of current practices.

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