



Canadian POS Company User Access Review Findings

User Access Review Findings

- Shiksha reviewed a total of 60 UARs and PARs. Of these we identified issues with 50 (83%) which would have led to reportable deficiencies if found by external Auditors.

| Reviewed | | | Failed UARs/PARs | Failed UARs/PARs excl. generic account issues | Reviewed | | | Issues Identified (excluding review of generic accounts) |
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| UAR | 18 | 14 (77%) | | 12 (67%) | UAR | 18 | | 19 Unique findings (excl. generic accounts) |
| PAR | 42 | 36 (86%) | | 23 (55%) | PAR | 42 | | 34 Unique findings (excl. generic accounts) |
| Total | 60 | 50 (83%) | | 35 (58%) | Total | 60 | | 53 Unique Findings (excl. generic accounts) |

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| Key Themes Identified | Impact (i.e. identified on X / Y / Z UARs/PARs) |
| Self review | In 6 UARs and 8 PARs, we identified users who had reviewed their own access |
| Corrective actions not being performed | In 4 UARs and 4 PARs, we identified instances where users flagged for removal were not removed prior to our review |
| Inappropriate reviewers | In 9 UARs and 6 PARs, we identified instances where the reviewer was not appropriate to be performing the review i.e the user's direct line Manager/Director did not review the role but a 3 rd personnel reviewed the role |
| Incomplete UARs | In 2 PARs we noted the UAR was not completed and had to be sent back to management to finish off |
| Lack of justification for privileged accounts | In 14 PARs we noted privileged access was not justified appropriately |
| Lack of review of generic accounts | In 10 UARs and 25 PARs, we noted the generic accounts were not reviewed or justified. |

Corrective items

- Types of corrective items performed to properly complete the UAR

| Corrective items | Details |
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| Rework following deficiencies identified | In total across all deficiency types, there were 88 findings in 36 PARs and 14 UARs identified requiring multiple re-evaluation of attributes following BPO rework. Excluding generic accounts, there were issues identified in 23 PARs and 12 UARs (35 total, 58%). |
| Privileged Account Justification | Each privileged user or elevated access role required obtaining sufficient justification to deem the account's appropriateness to hold the elevated role / access. This was often not documented in the UAR / PAR which required multiple follow-ups with control owners |
| Control Owners Knowledge of Process | Although educated on the process, some control owners did not take into account the impact of control failures (e.g. SOD conflicts, wrong approvers, incomplete user listings and UAR corrective actions). |
| Generic account testing | Most Control Owners did not know that generic accounts had to be tested and were not familiar on how to test these accounts The testing of generic users was absent in 10 UARs and 25 PARs, and it had to be redone by the Control Owners |

Next steps

- Takeaways and recommendations

| Key Themes Identified | Recommendations |
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| PAR and UAR process | Educate BPOs on the process and key testing attributes |
| Large volumes and detailed reviews | Implement a similar template throughout all review controls and leverage tools existing at LSPD (e.g. replicate Guillaume's macro on "history of edited cell" in all reviews) Consider automation of the process to extract the data and attributes to test |
| Risk related to external consultants | Business knowledge being limited, ensure to have a Management resource support the consultant in the process of review instead of a resource in Internal audit. Ensure the management resource reviews the work of the consultant (this would have helped with 3 self reviews not caught as part of the review process). |
| Identification by BPOs of exceptions | Consider populating a delegation matrix for backup reviewers Add a testing attribute over the justification of the review done by the backup resource |
| Timing of reviews | Opt to perform the reviews prior the period end to apply corrective measures following the process review |
| Post mortem | Ensure that results are shared with BPOs and lessons learned shared |