

VOUCHING

Vouch (in simple English) mean it assert or confirm as a result of one's own experience the truth or accuracy of (something).

Vouching, widely recognized as “the backbone of auditing,” is a component of an audit seeking to authenticate the transactions recorded in a firm’s book of accounts. When an accounting transaction is vouched, it is tested and verified by presenting relevant documentary evidence.

Vouching is seeking to establish the accuracy of recorded transactions, vouching ensures that all the entries in the books of accounts come with the relevant evidence, including invoices, receipts, and others. Auditors confirm that the amounts mentioned in each transaction are truthful, disclosing the nature of a transaction, and its authorization.

Ronald A. Irish of Australia defines vouching as “Vouching” is a technical term which refers to the inspection by the auditor of documentary evidence supporting and substantiating a transaction.

Vouching is known as the essence of auditing.

Hence, the auditor has to be extremely careful while vouching. It’s purpose is to see that the financial transactions have been properly authorised, recorded and entered in the books of account. It means testing the truth of items recorded in the books of original entry.



A sign Post outside “Hotel”

We've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And

We've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill.

Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at our hotel.

And, if your dog will **vouch** for you, you're welcome to stay here, too." (I assume the same consideration would apply in the case of a cat.)



Purpose of Vouching

- 1) Look for proper evidence—depending on nature of transactions
- 2) Right Period
- 3) Correct and Appropriate Amount
- 4) Proper Classification of Capital vs Revenue
- 5) It should be for Purpose of business related activity.
- 6) Accuracy with regard to compliance of law.
- 7) Proper authorisations and check carry-out
- 8) No error or fraud within transactions
- 9) Properly presented and recorded in accounts
- 10) Properly debited under right head of accounting
- 11) It should be properly arranged.

Dr.		Profit & Loss Account (For the year ended...)		Cr.	
Particulars	Amount	Particulars	Amount	Particulars	Amount
To Gross loss b/d	Xxx	By Gross Profit b/d	Xxx		
To Salaries	Xxx	By Discount Received	Xxx		
To Office rent, rates and taxes	Xxx	By Commission Received	Xxx		
To Printing & stationery	Xxx	By Bank Interest	Xxx		
To Telephone expenses	Xxx	By Rent received	Xxx		
To Postage & telegram	Xxx	By Dividend on shares	Xxx		
To Discount Allowed	Xxx	By Interest earned on debentures	Xxx		
To Insurance	Xxx	By Profit on sale of asset	Xxx		
To Audit Fees	Xxx	By Net loss	Xxx		
To Electricity charges	Xxx				
To Repairs & renewals	Xxx				
To Depreciation	Xxx				
To Advertisement	Xxx				
To Carriage Outwards	Xxx				
To Bad Debts	Xxx				
To Provision for Bad debts	Xxx				
To Selling commission	Xxx				
To Bank Charges	Xxx				
To Interest on loans	Xxx				
To Loss on sale of asset	Xxx				
To Net Profit	Xxx				
	xxx				xxx

Balance Sheet			
ABC Company		ABC Company	
as at 31-Mar-2009		as at 31-Mar-2009	
Liabilities	Amount	Assets	Amount
Capital Account	24,00,000.00 363%	Fixed Assets	2,00,000.00 0.30%
Capital Account	24,00,000.00	Capital Goods	2,00,000.00
Loans (Liability)	12,00,000.00 1.81%	Current Assets	6,59,65,112.25 99.68%
Loan From Bank	12,00,000.00	Closing Stock	2,51,66,005.25
Current Liabilities	2,32,81,966.25 35.18%	Loans & Advances (Asset)	66,000.00
Duties & Taxes	1,34,586.75	Sundry Debtors	3,07,23,732.00
Sundry Creditors	2,31,22,704.50	Cash-in-Hand	74,53,050.00
CST Deferred Account	3,200.00	Bank Accounts	26,52,825.00
Interest Payable Account	16,275.00	CST Refund Granted Ac	2,000.00
Tax Deferred A/c	5,200.00	Entry Tax	3,500.00
Branch / Divisions	8,600.00 0.01%	Unadjusted Forex Gain/Loss	12,558.00
Branch/ Division	8,600.00		
Suspense A/c			
Refund Claim on Exports			
Profit & Loss A/c	3,52,87,164.08 53.17%		
Opening Balance	2,26,300.00		
Current Period	3,90,60,804.00		
Total	6,61,77,670.25 100%	Total	6,61,77,670.25 100%

Important points to be considered by auditors in vouching

1. Check whether the vouchers are printed, numbered and arranged in the order of the date of occurrence of transactions.
2. The entries in the books of accounts should also be numbered and the number and date should correlate with the concerned voucher.
3. The name of the person with whom the transaction is carried out, the details of the transaction and the amount involved should be clearly stated in the voucher. Indirect taxes charge should be separately stated.
4. All payments of Rs.500/- and above should be supported by a stamped voucher.
5. The transactions should be clearly **classified into revenue or capital transactions** and accordingly entered in the books of accounts.
6. The vouchers **should bear the signature of the authorizing officer**.
7. The transaction **should relate only to the business aspects of the organization** and transactions of **personal nature should not be recorded**.
8. Some transactions may be entered twice or some voucher may be used as an evidence for two different transactions entered in the books of accounts. So, the auditor **should stamp the vouchers already verified** by him to avoid such frauds.
9. Wherever necessary, the **supporting documents are to be attached with the vouchers**, so that the transaction can be verified in depth. If the supporting evidences are not available, the auditors **may ask for more information and explanation** concerning such transactions.
10. The auditor should **verify that the prepaid and outstanding amounts are duly accounted** for the period to which such transactions relate.
11. After completing the vouching, the **auditor may make a separate note of explanation** sought in support of the transactions. He shall also make out a list of missing vouchers.
12. An auditor should **ensure that the alterations made in the vouchers are duly authorized**.
13. While vouching, the auditors **should use different types of "tick marks"** which may be helpful for them for their future reference. Each mark made by them conveys different meanings which could be useful to them for future reference.
14. **Vouching should be continuous** and vouching for a specified period and for a specified nature of transactions should be done at a stretch and completed at one go which may reduce the chances of errors and frauds

RAVE INDIA LTD.

11/9, Jangpura, Bhogal, New Delhi-110014

GSTIN: 07AAFD8457JU3

PAN NO. AAACR1789Q

TAX INVOICE

PARTY'S DETAILS: M/S CONNECT MARKETING SARTIA VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110076 GSTIN: 07NNFD8457JU3	INVOICE NO.	92512 / 2017-18
	INVOICE DATE :	15-02-2018

Description of Goods	HSN CODE	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
TOTAL AMOUNT				
	Add: CGST		14%	-
	Add: SGST		14%	-
GRAND TOTAL				

Total Amount (INR - In Words):
Twenty Three Thousand Only

For RAVE INDIA LTD.

Authorised Signatory

Format of “Sales Invoice or Voucher” under GST regime.
For Purchaser same will be considered as “Purchase Invoice”
If Purchase is made from Unregistered Dealer –Prepare Payment
Voucher as follow:--

Assertions to be
evaluated :-

- Occurance
- Completeness
- Measurement
- Presentation and Disclosure
- Terms of sales
- Period to which transactions relates to.
- Nature of sales – Local or Export
- Reconciliation of Stock
- Cross verify whether payment received in time if credit sale is there.

ABC Jewellers								
Address :								
Company Logo		Tel: +91 257 123456 GSTIN: 27AAAA0000A1Z5						
Payment Voucher								
Voucher Number:			Details Of Supplier					
Voucher Date:			Name:					
Place of Supply:			Address:					
			GSTIN:					
State:		Code	State:		Code			
Description of Product/Service	HSN Codes	Taxable Value	CGST		SGST		Total Amount Paid	
			Rate	Amount	Rate	Amount		
				0		0	0	
				0		0	0	
				0		0	0	
				0		0	0	
Total		0		0		0	0	
Total Amount paid (In words)								
Certified that the particulars given above are true and correct					Total Amount before tax		0	
For ABC Jewellers			Authorised Signatory		Common Seal		Add: CGST	0
							Add: SGST	0
					Total Tax Amount (GST)		0	
					Total Amount After Tax		0	

Receipt Voucher –Which can be also expenses voucher for person who is making payment or if required he may prepare a Separate one.

		P.O. Box : 12345, Dubai - UAE. Tel : +971 4 1234567 Fax : +971 4 1234567 Email : info@abcinternational.com Website : abcinternational.com	
Receipt Voucher		Invoice No.	
Date		Amount	
Client's Name		_____	
Client's Contact Number		Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque <input type="checkbox"/>	
Payment Description/Details			

Receiver's Name		Receiver's Signature	

<h1>Payment Voucher</h1>		
PV No: _____		
Amount:	Date:	
Method of Payment		
Cash:	Check#:	
To:		
The Sum of:		
Being:		Payee:
_____		_____
Approved By:	Paid By:	Signature
_____	_____	_____
<i>Payment Voucher Template</i>		

Other Special Vouchers-

Gift or Prepaid Vouchers or Credit Card mileage Vouchers.



Bank cash receipt for giving "Letter of Undertaking" or giving guarantee and received commission for that.

Petty Cash Receipt

Date _____ No. _____

Amount \$ _____	
Description	
Charged to	
Received by	
Approved by	



Non -Cash Voucher (Example)

Name of the Party and Address

Voucher No. Date

	Amount in Rs.
Debit : Purchase A/c 100 Bulbs @ 30 per bulb	3000
Credit : Name of Creditor	3000

Signature of Manager

Signature of Accountant