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## **Overview of the Room Occupancy Tax Audits Process**

While every audit is unique, the audit process performed by the auditors of the Onondaga County Comptroller's Office will, in most cases, follow the sequence of steps below:

- <u>Step 1</u> Auditor reviews the establishment's front desk procedures for checking in guests.
- <u>Step 2</u> Auditor reviews reports provided for the audit (revenue, tax exempt, adjustments) by the establishment.
- <u>Step 3</u> Auditor performs audit.
- Step 4 Auditor asks questions that arise during the audit and gives the General Manager a list of any additional information and/or items that the auditor may need.
- <u>Step 5</u> Hotel is given two weeks to research the list of items and provide to auditor.
- <u>Step 6</u> Room Occupancy Tax audit report is completed. Copy is sent to the hotel/motel/B&B.