
INDEPENDENT REGULATORY BOARD FOR AUDITORS

COMMITTEE FOR AUDITING STANDARDS

**Proposed South African Auditing Practice Statement (SAAPS) 3 (Revised)
Illustrative Reports**

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The Committee for Auditing Standards ('CFAS') a statutory committee of the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors ('IRBA') approved the release of this **Proposed South African Auditing Practice Statement (SAAPS) 3 (Revised), Illustrative Reports** in November 2011, for exposure for public comment by **24 February 2011**. The *Proposed SAAPS 3 (Revised)* may be modified in light of comments received before being issued in final form and will replace the existing *SAAPS 3 Illustrative Reports*, that will be withdrawn on issue of *SAAPS 3 (Revised)*.

This proposed SAAPS 3 (Revised) has been revised to take account of the changes to the reporting standards arising from the clarity project of the International Audit and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) and subsequent revisions of the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and International Standards on Review Engagements (ISREs), and changes to comply with the requirements of the Companies Act, 2008 (as amended) (Companies Act), and the Companies Regulations, 2011, pursuant thereto.

The Proposed SAAPS 3 also incorporates, for the first time, the reporting requirements of the Public Audit Act (PAA) and the applicable requirements of the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA).

The **South African guidance in Part A** sets out an illustrative auditor's report (based on ISA 700) and an independent reviewer's report (based on ISRE 2400) on a complete set of general purpose financial statements prepared in accordance with a fair presentation framework and the requirements of the Companies Act, and the ISA 700 report to be used where the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) has opted not to perform the audit of a public sector entity.

The **illustrative reports in Part B** have been substantially increased and include reports that do not appear in the ISAs while excluding reports that are included in the ISAs.

The *Proposed SAAPS* has been developed by the CFAS Reports Standing Committee established for the purpose of developing new SAAPS, Guides Circulars etc. affecting reporting implications for auditors.

How to Comment

To ensure that all relevant stakeholders are consulted and to streamline the consultation process, interested and affected stakeholders are invited to submit written comments to the IRBA. All comments will be considered a matter of public record.

Written comments should be submitted to the IRBA by **24 February 2012** preferably by email to standards@irba.co.za, or on computer disk in MS **Word** format to:

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A copy of the exposure draft is available in PDF format (**attached to this mail**) and may be downloaded from the IRBA [website](#) in the new year. Should you have any other queries or experience any technical difficulties in downloading the documents please do not hesitate to contact the Standards Department at +27 (0)87 940 8800 or send an email to: standards@irba.co.za.

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