
INDEPENDENT REGULATORY BOARD FOR AUDITORS

STANDARDS DEPARTMENT

**Adoption of the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board's
2020 Handbooks of International Quality Control, Auditing, Review, Other Assurance, and
Related Services Pronouncements**

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The Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (IRBA) draws the attention of all registered auditors to Board Notice No. 146 of 2021 (Government Gazette No. 45500), titled "The Adoption of International Quality Control, Auditing, Review, Other Assurance, and Related Services Pronouncements in terms of the Auditing Profession Act 26 of 2005".

In relation to this, the IRBA hereby resolves to adopt, issue and prescribe the following publications known as the:

1. **Handbook of International Quality Control, Auditing, Review, Other Assurance, and Related Services Pronouncements, 2020 Edition Volume I, ISBN 978-1-60815-459-3.**
2. **Handbook of International Quality Control, Auditing, Review, Other Assurance, and Related Services Pronouncements, 2020 Edition Volume II, ISBN 978-1-60815-459-3.**
3. **Supplement to the Handbook of International Quality Control, Auditing, Review, Other Assurance, and Related Services Pronouncements, 2020 Edition Volume III, ISBN 978-1-60815-459-3.**

These abovementioned publications replace the following issues:

- **Handbook of International Quality Control, Auditing, Review, Other Assurance, and Related Services Pronouncements, 2018 Edition Volume I, ISBN 978-1-60815-389-3;**
- **Handbook of International Quality Control, Auditing, Review, Other Assurance, and Related Services Pronouncements, 2018 Edition Volume II, ISBN 978-1-60815-389-3; and**
- **Supplement to the Handbook of International Quality Control, Auditing, Review, Other Assurance, and Related Services Pronouncements, 2018 Edition Volume III, ISBN 978-1-60815-389-3.**

In these newly adopted publications, references to the IESBA Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants must be read in conjunction with the IRBA Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors (the Code). The Code has additional requirements for registered auditors in South Africa.

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By virtue of having adopted the three aforementioned publications, the Board deems them to have been prescribed without the publication of the entire books. As such, it hereby communicates their adoption to registered auditors and also makes them available on the [IRBA website](#). In addition, the Code and subsequent amendments are also available on the [IRBA website](#).

The South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) also publishes the IRBA auditing pronouncements in its *SAICA Student Handbook*.

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