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| **The International Auditing and Assurance Standards Boardˈs (IAASB) Revised International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) – Addressing Disclosures in the Audit of Financial Statements and Related Conforming Amendments**  Johannesburg / 18 November 2015  The Board of the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (IRBA) approved the following Revised IAASB pronouncements for adoption, issue and prescription by registered auditors in South Africa:   * ISA 200, *Overall Objectives of the Independent Auditor and the Conduct of an Audit in Accordance with International Standards on Auditing;* * ISA 210, *Agreeing the Terms of Audit Engagements;* * ISA 240, *The Auditor’s Responsibilities Relating to Fraud in an Audit of Financial Statements;* * ISA 260 (Revised), *Communication with Those Charged with Governance;* * ISA 300, *Planning an Audit of Financial Statements;* * ISA 315 (Revised), *Identifying and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement through Understanding the Entity and Its Environment;* * ISA 320, *Materiality in Planning and Performing an Audit;* * ISA 330, *The Auditor’s Responses to Assessed Risks;* * ISA 450, *Evaluation of Misstatements Identified during the Audit;* * ISA 700 (Revised), *Forming an Opinion and Reporting on Financial Statements;* and * Related Conforming Amendments to other ISAs.   The Revised ISAs are effective for audits of financial statements for periods ending on or after 15 December 2016.  The changes that have been made to the ISAs by the IAASB are intended to provide workable solutions for issues relating to the perceived need for auditors to address disclosures more explicitly as part of the financial statement audit. The IAASB believes that these changes to the ISAs will further contribute to high-quality audits and, through this, an enhanced focus on disclosures by preparers as well as higher-quality financial reporting.  Furthermore, the IAASB believes that the changes, mainly to application material in the ISAs in order to further support the proper application of the standardsˈ requirements, are an appropriate response to the concerns raised about the need to clarify the expectations of auditors when auditing financial statement disclosures.  The revised ISAs may be downloaded from the [IRBA website](http://www.irba.co.za/handbooks-of-international-standards/2014-handbook).  **Implementation guidance**  The following guidance materials are also available on the IAASB website:   * [At a glance: Addressing Disclosures in the Audit of Financial Statements](http://www.ifac.org/publications-resources/addressing-disclosures-audit-financial-statements): and * [A staff publication: Addressing Disclosures in the Audit of Financial Statements](http://www.ifac.org/publications-resources/addressing-disclosures-audit-financial-statements).   Should you have any further queries, please contact the Standards Department at +27 (0)87 940-8800 or send an email to [standards@irba.co.za](mailto:standards@irba.co.za).  **Imran Vanker**  **Director: Standards**  ***About the IRBA***  *The objective of the IRBA is to endeavour to protect the financial interests of the South African public and international investors in South Africa through the effective and appropriate regulation of audits conducted by registered auditors, in accordance with internationally recognised standards and processes.*  *The statutory responsibilities of the CFAS are to assist the IRBA to develop, maintain, adopt, issue or prescribe auditing pronouncements; consider relevant international changes by monitoring developments by other auditing standard-setting bodies and sharing information where requested; and promote and ensure the relevance of auditing pronouncements.* |