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| **INDEPENDENT REGULATORY BOARD FOR AUDITORS**  **COMMITTEE FOR AUDITOR ETHICS**    **Final Amendments to the IRBA Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors Responding to Non-Compliance with Laws and Regulations**  Johannesburg / 1 December 2016  The Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (IRBA) draws the attention of all registered auditors to changes to the IRBA Code of Professional Conduct (IRBA Code) for Registered Auditors Responding to Non-Compliance with Laws and Regulations (NOCLAR).  The IRBA adopted the amendments made to the IESBA Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), issued during 2016, following the issue of the final amendments on exposure in South Africa on 9 September 2016 for public comment (Board Notice 153 of 2016).  The amendments to the IRBA Code relating to NOCLAR resulted in the following main changes:   * An introduction of a framework for registered auditors to act in the public interest against non-compliance with laws and regulations; * An introduction of a proportional approach that recognises the different capacities and spheres of influence, and the different levels of public expectations, for the different types of professional services offered, and that scales the responsibilities accordingly; * A renewed emphasis on the tone at the top; and * A provision for an expanded auditors' 'toolkit' for the disclosure of serious, identified or suspected NOCLAR to an appropriate authority under the appropriate circumstances, without being limited by the ethical duty of confidentiality standing.   A Board Notice to be included in the Government Gazette will advise on the publication of the amendments to the IRBA Codepursuant to the provisions of Section 10(1)(a) of the Auditing Profession Act, 2005 (Act No. 26 of 2005).  **Effective Date**  The changes will be effective as of 15 July 2017. Early adoption is permitted.  The amendments to the IRBA Code may be downloaded from the [IRBA website](https://www.irba.co.za/guidance-to-ras/technical-guidance-for-auditors/ethics:-the-rules-and-the-code/the-rules-and-the-code).  Should you have any further queries, please 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 CFAE are to assist the IRBA to determine what constitutes improper conduct by registered auditors by developing rules and guidelines for professional ethics, including a code of professional conduct; to interact on any matter relating to its functions and powers with professional bodies and any other body or organ of state with an interest in the auditing profession; and to provide advice to registered auditors on matters of professional ethics and conduct.* |