
INDEPENDENT REGULATORY BOARD FOR AUDITORS
COMMITTEE FOR AUDITING STANDARDS

Issue of Illustrative Regulatory Reports in terms of the Insurance Act

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The Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' (IRBA) Committee for Auditing Standards (CFAS) has approved the issue of the following *Illustrative Regulatory Reports in terms of the Insurance Act, 2017 (Act No. 18 of 2017) (the Act)* (illustrative regulatory reports), for use by registered auditors (auditors):

- Insurers (solo insurers);
- Insurance groups;
- Branches of foreign reinsurers; and
- Microinsurers.

In terms of Section 63 of the Act, the Prudential Authority (PA) may prescribe Prudential Standards on any matter that is required or permitted by the Act. As such, the PA has prescribed Prudential Standards that set out the regulatory framework for assessing the financial soundness of South African insurers, insurance groups, branches of foreign reinsurers and microinsurers (collectively referred to as insurers) from a regulatory perspective. Related to these Prudential Standards, the PA requires regulatory information be submitted using the Quantitative Reporting Templates, for the purposes of ongoing supervision of the insurers.

Furthermore, in terms of Section 47, read with Section 44 of the Act, the insurer must cause the information provided to the PA for regulatory purposes to be audited.

The PA published the Prudential Standards on Audit Requirements for Insurers, Insurance Groups, Branches of Foreign Reinsurers and Microinsurers in December 2021. The Prudential Standards are effective for financial years ending on or after 1 January 2022.

These Prudential Standards specify the information that must be audited in terms of Section 47 of the Act and also require certain information to be reviewed, as set out in Section 44(1), read with 62(1)(c).

Effective Date

These illustrative regulatory reports are effective for financial years ending on or after 1 January 2022.

They are available for downloading in Word and PDF formats from the IRBA website at www.irba.co.za.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Standards Department by emailing standards@irba.co.za.

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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; to consider relevant international changes by monitoring developments by other auditing standard-setting bodies and sharing information where requested; and to promote and ensure the relevance of auditing pronouncements.