
INDEPENDENT REGULATORY BOARD FOR AUDITORS
COMMITTEE FOR AUDITING STANDARDS

Exposure Draft: Proposed South African Auditing Practice Statement (SAAPS) 3 (Revised 2019), *Illustrative Reports*

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The Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' (IRBA) Committee for Auditing Standards (CFAS) approved the issuing of the proposed South African Auditing Practice Statement (SAAPS) 3 (Revised 2019), *Illustrative Reports* (proposed SAAPS), on exposure in November 2018 for public comment by **28 February 2019**.

The proposed SAAPS is aimed at providing practical guidance to registered auditors who report on financial statements both for compliance with the International Standards on Auditing or the International Standards on Review Engagements, as applicable, and for the legal as well as regulatory requirements applicable to auditors and auditor reporting in South Africa, as related to the content and format of the auditor's report.

Section 3 of the Explanatory Memorandum in the proposed SAAPS contains a number of significant matters deliberated by the CFAS during the revision of the proposed SAAPS. Specific comments are requested from respondents on these matters.

These significant matters are as follows:

- New format of the proposed SAAPS;
- New or significantly amended illustrative auditor's or independent reviewer's reports included in the proposed SAAPS;
- Other information – new guidance;
- Other information – public sector perspective;
- IRBA *Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors*; and
- Financial Reporting Pronouncements issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council.

Proposed effective date

Depending on the comments received, the expectation is that the final SAAPS may be approved and issued by the CFAS in June 2019, with such approval and issue being noted at the subsequent meeting of the IRBA Board.

Following that, the proposed SAAPS will be effective immediately.

Request for comments

The CFAS welcomes comments on all matters addressed in the proposed SAAPS, especially those identified in the Request for Specific Comments section (Section 4) of the Explanatory Memorandum.

We invite registered auditors and other interested parties to submit any comments regarding the

proposed SAAPS to the IRBA by **28 February 2019**. Comments, in Word format, should be submitted by e-mail to standards@irba.co.za. All comments will be considered a matter of public record.

A copy of the exposure draft is available in PDF format and may be downloaded from the exposure drafts page on the [IRBA website](#).

Further implications of the Codes on the auditor's and assurance provider's reports

We ask that you remain alert for a communique expected to be issued in January 2019 that will further deal with the implications of the IRBA *Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors (Revised November 2018)* and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* on the auditor's and assurance provider's reports.

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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.