
INDEPENDENT REGULATORY BOARD FOR AUDITORS
COMMITTEE FOR AUDITING STANDARDS

The IRBA Issues Conforming Amendments to the International Standards as a Result of the Revised IESBA Code and also the Updated Illustrative Auditor's Reports Following These Conforming Amendments

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IAASB - Conforming Amendments

On 9 July 2020, the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (IRBA) communicated that the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) had issued conforming amendments to the IAASB International Standards as a result of the revised International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' (IESBA) *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* (IESBA Code) effective as of 15 July 2020. The communique also noted that the IRBA Committee for Auditing Standards (CFAS) had recommended these conforming amendments to the IRBA Board.

Subsequently, at its meeting on 29 October 2020, the Board of the IRBA approved these conforming amendments for adoption, issue and prescription for use by registered auditors in South Africa.

These conforming amendments to the IAASB International Standards are limited to changes in response to the revised IESBA Code. These amendments also ensure that the IAASB International Standards can continue to be applied together with the IESBA Code.

These conforming amendments to the IAASB International Standards may be downloaded from the IRBA website at www.irba.co.za.

IRBA - Updated Illustrative Auditor's Reports

The IRBA has also issued, the updated illustrative auditor's reports for use by registered auditors. The updates arise from the conforming amendments to the IAASB International Standards.

The effect on the illustrative auditor's reports are as a result of the following amended paragraph in ISA 700 (Revised), *Forming an Opinion and Reporting on Financial Statements*:

ISA	Paragraph	Effect on the Illustrative Auditor's Report
ISA 700 (Revised)	Paragraph 40(b) For audits of financial statements of listed entities, state that the auditor provides those charged with governance with a statement that the auditor has complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence and communicates with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on the auditor's independence, and where	Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements ... We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable,

	<u>applicable, related safeguards actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.</u>	<u>related safeguards actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.</u>
ISA 800 (Revised), <i>Special Considerations - Audits of Financial Statements Prepared in Accordance With Special Purpose Frameworks</i>	ISA 700 (Revised), Paragraph 40(b) For audits of financial statements of listed entities, state that the auditor provides those charged with governance with a statement that the auditor has complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence and communicates with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on the auditor's independence, and where applicable, <u>related safeguards actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.</u>	Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements ... We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, <u>related safeguards actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.</u>
ISA 805 (Revised), <i>Special Considerations - Audits of Single Financial Statements and Specific Elements, Accounts or Items of a Financial Statement</i>	ISA 700 (Revised), Paragraph 40(b) For audits of financial statements of listed entities, state that the auditor provides those charged with governance with a statement that the auditor has complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence and communicates with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on the auditor's independence, and where applicable, <u>related safeguards actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.</u>	Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements ... We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, <u>related safeguards actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.</u>

Subsequently, the following auditor's reports have been updated as a result of the conforming amendments to the IAASB International Standards:

	Updated Illustrative Report	Relevant Page Numbers	Website Link
1.	SAAPS 3 (Revised May 2019), <i>Illustrative Reports</i>	Illustrative Report 1, pages 13-19. Illustrative Report 4, pages 28-34. Illustrative Report 5, pages 54-58. Illustrative Report 11, pages 83-88. Illustrative Report 12, pages 89-95.	Click here.
2.	Illustrative Mutual Banks Act Reports (Parts A-F)	PART A: Independent Auditor's Report on DI Returns, pages 3-6.	Click here.
3.	South African and Consolidated Operations - Revised Illustrative Regulatory Reports A-I	PART A: Independent [Auditor's/Auditors', <i>delete as appropriate</i>] Report on year-end BA Returns, pages 4-8.	Click here.

4.	Foreign Operations (BA 610 returns) - Revised Illustrative Regulatory Reports A-H	PART A: Independent [Auditor's/Auditors'] Report on the year-end BA 610 Return, pages 4-8.	Click here.
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Effective Date

The updated illustrative reports are effective as of 16 November 2020. Early adoption is allowed by the IRBA.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Standards Department by email at 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.