

CANADIAN AUDITING STANDARDS

CAS 700

forming an opinion and reporting on financial statements

SUPPLEMENT

This supplement sets out the previous wording of paragraphs that have been amended as a consequence of approving [CAS 240, *The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Fraud in an Audit of Financial Statements*](#).

11. In order to form that opinion, the auditor shall conclude as to whether the auditor has obtained reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. That conclusion shall take into account:
- (a) The auditor's conclusion, in accordance with [CAS 330, whether sufficient appropriate audit evidence has been obtained; 11](#)
 - (b) The auditor's conclusion, in accordance with [CAS 450, whether uncorrected misstatements are material, individually or in aggregate; 12 and](#)
 - (c) The evaluations required by paragraphs [12-15](#).
- C40. The Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of the auditor's report also shall: (Ref: [Para. A51](#))
- (a) State that the auditor communicates with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that the auditor identifies during the audit;

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(Ref: [Para. A19](#))

Illustration 1 – Auditor's Report on Financial Statements of a Listed Entity Prepared in Accordance with a Fair Presentation Framework

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Illustration 2 – Auditor's Report on Consolidated Financial Statements of a Listed Entity Prepared in Accordance with a Fair Presentation Framework

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Illustration 4 – Auditor's Report on Financial Statements of an Entity Other than a Listed Entity Prepared in Accordance with a General Purpose Compliance Framework

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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This supplement sets out the previous wording of paragraphs that have been amended as a consequence of approving [CAS 570, *Going Concern*](#).

29. Where applicable, the auditor shall report in accordance with [CAS 570. 13](#)
50. If the auditor is required by law or regulation of a specific jurisdiction to use a specific layout, or wording of the auditor's report, the auditor's report shall refer to Canadian generally accepted auditing standards only if the auditor's report includes, at a minimum, each of the following elements: (Ref: [Para. A71-A72](#))

- (f) Where applicable, a section that addresses, and is not inconsistent with, the reporting requirements in paragraph 22 of CAS 570.

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(Ref: Para. A19)

Illustration 1 – Auditor's Report on Financial Statements of a Listed Entity Prepared in Accordance with a Fair Presentation Framework

For purposes of this illustrative auditor's report, the following circumstances are assumed:

- Audit of a complete set of financial statements of a listed entity using a fair presentation framework. The audit is not a group audit (i.e., CAS 600 does not apply).
- The financial statements are prepared by management of the entity in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) (a general purpose framework).
- The terms of the audit engagement reflect the description of management's responsibility for the financial statements in CAS 210.
- The auditor has concluded an unmodified (i.e., "clean") opinion is appropriate based on the audit evidence obtained.
- The relevant ethical requirements that apply to the audit are those of Canada.
- Based on the audit evidence obtained, the auditor has concluded that a material uncertainty does not exist related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern in accordance with CAS 570.
- Key audit matters have been communicated in accordance with CAS 701.
- The auditor has obtained all of the other information prior to the date of the auditor's report and has not yet identified a material misstatement of the other information.
- Those responsible for oversight of the financial statements differ from those responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.
- In addition to the audit of the financial statements, the auditor has other reporting responsibilities required under local law.

Illustration 2 – Auditor's Report on Consolidated Financial Statements of a Listed Entity Prepared in Accordance with a Fair Presentation Framework

For purposes of this illustrative auditor's report, the following circumstances are assumed:

- Audit of a complete set of consolidated financial statements of a listed entity using a fair presentation framework. The audit is a group audit of an entity with subsidiaries (i.e., CAS 600 applies).
- The consolidated financial statements are prepared by management of the entity in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the IASB (a general purpose framework).
- The terms of the audit engagement reflect the description of management's responsibility for the consolidated financial statements in CAS 210.
- The auditor has concluded an unmodified (i.e., "clean") opinion is appropriate based on the audit evidence obtained.
- The relevant ethical requirements that apply to the audit are those of Canada.
- Based on the audit evidence obtained, the auditor has concluded that a material uncertainty does not exist related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern in accordance with CAS 570.
- Key audit matters have been communicated in accordance with CAS 701.
- The auditor has obtained all of the other information prior to the date of the auditor's report and has not identified a material misstatement of the other information.
- Those responsible for oversight of the consolidated financial statements differ from those responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements.
- In addition to the audit of the consolidated financial statements, the auditor has other reporting responsibilities required under local law.

Illustration 3 – Auditor's Report on Financial Statements of an Entity Other than a Listed Entity Prepared in Accordance with a Fair Presentation Framework

For purposes of this illustrative auditor's report, the following circumstances are assumed:

- Audit of a complete set of financial statements of an entity other than a listed entity using a fair presentation framework. The audit is not a group audit (i.e., CAS 600 does not apply).
- The financial statements are prepared by management of the entity in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the IASB (a general purpose framework).

- The terms of the audit engagement reflect the description of management's responsibility for the financial statements in CAS 210.
- The auditor has concluded an unmodified (i.e., "clean") opinion is appropriate based on the audit evidence obtained.
- The relevant ethical requirements that apply to the audit are those of Canada.
- Based on the audit evidence obtained, the auditor has concluded that a material uncertainty does not exist related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern in accordance with CAS 570.
- The auditor is not required, and has otherwise not decided, to communicate key audit matters in accordance with CAS 701.
- The auditor has obtained all of the other information prior to the date of the auditor's report and has not identified a material misstatement of the other information.
- Those responsible for oversight of the financial statements differ from those responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.
- The auditor has no other reporting responsibilities required under local law.
- The auditor elects to refer to the description of the auditor's responsibility included on a website of an appropriate authority.

Illustration 4 – Auditor's Report on Financial Statements of an Entity Other than a Listed Entity Prepared in Accordance with a General Purpose Compliance Framework

For purposes of this illustrative auditor's report, the following circumstances are assumed:

- Audit of a complete set of financial statements of an entity other than a listed entity required by law or regulation. The audit is not a group audit (i.e., CAS 600 does not apply).
- The financial statements are prepared by management of the entity in accordance with the Financial Reporting Framework (XYZ Law) of Jurisdiction X (i.e., a financial reporting framework, encompassing law or regulation, designed to meet the common financial information needs of a wide range of users, but which is not a fair presentation framework).
- The terms of the audit engagement reflect the description of management's responsibility for the financial statements in CAS 210.
- The auditor has concluded an unmodified (i.e., "clean") opinion is appropriate based on the audit evidence obtained.
- The relevant ethical requirements that apply to the audit are those of Canada.
- Based on the audit evidence obtained, the auditor has concluded that a material uncertainty does not exist related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern in accordance with CAS 570.
- The auditor is not required, and has otherwise not decided, to communicate key audit matters in accordance with CAS 701.
- The auditor has obtained all of the other information prior to the date of the auditor's report and has not identified a material misstatement of the other information.
- Those responsible for oversight of the financial statements differ from those responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.
- The auditor has no other reporting responsibilities required under local law.

SUPPLEMENT

This supplement sets out the previous wording of paragraphs that have been amended as a consequence of approving narrow-scope amendments to CAS 700, *Forming an Opinion and Reporting on Financial Statements*, and CAS 260, *Communication with Those Charged with Governance*.

28. The auditor's report shall include a section, directly following the Opinion section, with the heading "Basis for Opinion," that: (Ref: Para. A32)
 - (a) States that the audit was conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards; (Ref: Para. A33)
 - (b) Refers to the section of the auditor's report that describes the auditor's responsibilities under the CASs;
 - (c) Includes a statement that the auditor is independent of the entity in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to the audit, and has fulfilled the auditor's other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. The statement shall identify the jurisdiction of origin of the relevant ethical requirements or refer to the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* (IESBA Code); and (Ref: Para. CA34-A39)
 - (d) States whether the auditor believes that the audit evidence the auditor has obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for the auditor's opinion.
50. If the auditor is required by law or regulation of a specific jurisdiction to use a specific layout, or wording of the auditor's report, the auditor's report shall refer to Canadian generally accepted auditing standards only if the auditor's report includes, at a minimum, each of the following elements: (Ref: Para. A70-A71)
 - (e) A statement that the auditor is independent of the entity in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to the audit, and has fulfilled the auditor's other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these

requirements. The statement shall identify the jurisdiction of origin of the relevant ethical requirements or refer to the IESBA Code.

SUPPLEMENT

This supplement sets out the previous wording of paragraphs that have been amended as a consequence of revisions to IAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, which were published in Part 1 of the CPA Canada Handbook – Accounting in June 2021. The revisions require entities to disclose material accounting policy information rather than significant accounting policies.

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(Ref: Para. A19)

Illustrations of Independent Auditor's Reports on Financial Statements

Illustration 1

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of ABC Company (the Company), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 20X1, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

Illustration 2

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of ABC Company and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 20X1, and the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

Illustration 3

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of ABC Company (the Company), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 20X1, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

SUPPLEMENT

This supplement sets out the previous wording of paragraphs that have been amended as a consequence of approving CAS 600, *Special Considerations – Audits of Group Financial Statements (Including the Work of Component Auditors)*.

39. The Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of the auditor's report shall further: (Ref: Para. A50)

...

(c) When CAS 600 17 applies, further describe the auditor's responsibilities in a group audit engagement by stating that:

(i) The auditor's responsibilities are to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the group to express an opinion on the group financial statements;

(ii) The auditor is responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit; and

(iii) The auditor remains solely responsible for the auditor's opinion.

A38. In group audits when there are multiple sources of relevant ethical requirements, including those pertaining to independence, the reference in the auditor's report to the jurisdiction ordinarily relates to the relevant ethical requirements that are applicable to the group engagement team. This is because, in a group audit, component auditors are also subject to ethical requirements that are relevant to the group audit. 28

A39. The CASs do not establish specific independence or ethical requirements for auditors, including component auditors, and thus do not extend, or otherwise override, the independence requirements of the IESBA Code or other ethical requirements to which the group engagement team is subject, nor do the CASs require that the component auditor in all cases be subject to the same specific independence requirements that are applicable to the group engagement team. As a result, relevant ethical requirements, including those pertaining to independence, in a group audit situation may be complex. CAS 600 29 provides guidance for auditors in performing work on the financial information of a component for a group audit, including those situations where the component auditor does not meet the independence requirements that are relevant to the group audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ...
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

Footnotes

11. CAS 330, *The Auditor's Responses to Assessed Risks*, paragraph 26
12. CAS 450, *Evaluation of Misstatements Identified during the Audit*, paragraph 11
13. CAS 570, *Going Concern*, paragraphs 21-23
17. [CAS 600](#), *Special Considerations – Audits of Group Financial Statements (Including the Work of Component Auditors)*
28. CAS 600, paragraph [A37](#)
29. CAS 600, paragraphs [19-20](#)