

CPA Canada Handbook – Assurance

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(Note: New Handbook material or changes in existing material are identified in the Record of Changes.)

Preface to the CPA Canada Handbook – Assurance

The *Preface* has been revised to:

- clarify that compliance with the Canadian Standards on Assurance Engagements (CSAEs) relevant to an engagement will not necessarily result in compliance with the International Standards on Assurance Engagements (ISAEs) relevant to an engagement;
- include two new segments outlining CSAEs that include amendments to ISAEs and remove one segment that is no longer applicable; and
- include explanations of Canadian amendments made when adopting ISAEs as CSAEs.

CSAE 3000, Attestation Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information

This new Canadian Standard on Assurance Engagements replaces:

- STANDARDS FOR ASSURANCE ENGAGEMENTS OTHER THAN AUDITS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OTHER HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION, Section 5025;
- QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES FOR ASSURANCE ENGAGEMENTS OTHER THAN AUDITS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OTHER HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION, Section 5030;
- USE OF SPECIALISTS IN ASSURANCE ENGAGEMENTS OTHER THAN AUDITS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OTHER HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION, Section 5049; and
- USING THE WORK OF INTERNAL AUDIT IN ASSURANCE ENGAGEMENTS OTHER THAN AUDITS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OTHER HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION, Section 5050.

[CSAE 3000](#) is adopted from ISAE 3000, *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information*, which was issued in December 2013 by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

A practitioner in Canada performing an attestation engagement would need to comply with [CSAE 3000](#) and other Canadian standards that apply to the engagement. The AASB is not committed to adopting ISAE 3000. Therefore, CSAE 3000 contains Canadian amendments to address differences between ISAE 3000 and the applicable Canadian assurance standards. These differences include:

- narrowing the scope of [CSAE 3000](#) to address attestation engagements only;
- references to relevant ethical requirements; and
- terminology.

[CSAE 3000](#) is effective for attestation engagements where the assurance report is dated on or after June 30, 2017.

Editorial changes have been made to other standards as a consequence of the issuance of [CSAE 3000](#).

CSAE 3001, Direct Engagements

This new Canadian Standard on Assurance Engagements replaces:

- STANDARDS FOR ASSURANCE ENGAGEMENTS OTHER THAN AUDITS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OTHER HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION, Section 5025;
- QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES FOR ASSURANCE ENGAGEMENTS OTHER THAN AUDITS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OTHER HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION, Section 5030;
- USE OF SPECIALISTS IN ASSURANCE ENGAGEMENTS OTHER THAN AUDITS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OTHER HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION, Section 5049; and
- USING THE WORK OF INTERNAL AUDIT IN ASSURANCE ENGAGEMENTS OTHER THAN AUDITS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OTHER HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION, Section 5050.

[CSAE 3001](#) sets out requirements related to planning, performing and reporting on direct engagements. Differences in wording between [CSAE 3000](#) and CSAE 3001 relate only to differences between the performance of an attestation engagement and the performance of a direct engagement.

[CSAE 3001](#) is effective for direct engagements where the assurance report is dated on or after June 30, 2017.

CSAE 3410, Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements

[CSAE 3410](#) was adopted from ISAE 3410. CSAE 3410 contained Canadian amendments to address differences in terminology between ISAE 3000 and the applicable Canadian assurance standards. These differences included:

- requirements relating to agreeing to a change in the scope of the engagement and assessing the appropriateness of the subject matter; and
- terminology.

With the issuance of [CSAE 3000](#) and withdrawal of the applicable Canadian assurance standards, these differences no longer exist. [CSAE 3410](#) has been revised to remove these amendments.

Paragraph [C76](#) has been amended to include additional reporting requirements as a result of the issuance of [CSAE 3000](#).

The amended requirements are effective for assurance engagements on greenhouse gas statements where the report is dated on or after June 30, 2017.

CSAE 3416, Reporting on Controls at a Service Organization

Paragraphs 52 and 53 have been amended to include additional reporting requirements as a result of the issuance of [CSAE 3000](#).

The amended requirements are effective for service auditors' reports dated on or after June 30, 2017.

Section 7170, Auditor's Consent to the Use of the Auditor's Report Included in a Business Acquisition Report

This new Section replaces AUDITOR'S CONSENT TO THE USE OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT IN CONNECTION WITH DESIGNATED DOCUMENTS, Section 7500.

Section [7170](#) sets out new requirements relating to:

- the auditor's responsibilities in responding to requests to consent to the use of the auditor's report on the audited financial statements of the acquired business that are to be included in a business acquisition report issued by the acquirer; and
- the format and content of the auditor's consent.

Section [7170](#) is effective for an auditor's consent to the use of the auditor's report in a business acquisition report issued on or after June 1, 2016.

Editorial changes have been made to other standards as a consequence of the issuance of Section [7170](#).

Section PS 5300, Auditing for Compliance with Legislative and Related Authorities in the Public Sector

Paragraph 13 has been amended to include additional reporting requirements as a result of the issuance of [CSAE 3000](#).

The amended requirement is effective for reports dated on or after June 30, 2017.

Section PS 5400, Value-for-Money Auditing in the Public Sector

Paragraph 12 has been amended to include additional reporting requirements as a result of the issuance of [CSAE 3000](#).

The amended requirement is effective for reports dated on or after June 30, 2017.

Recently Replaced Pronouncements Still in Effect

To give Handbook users continued access to Sections 5025, 5030, 5049 and 5050 until [CSAEs 3000](#) and [3001](#) come into effect, these Sections have been refiled under "Recently Replaced Pronouncements Still in Effect." (Sections 5025, 5030, 5049 and 5050 will be withdrawn after sufficient time has elapsed to allow practitioners to complete their engagements.)

To give Handbook users continued access to Section 7500 until Section [7170](#) comes into effect, this Section has been refiled under "Recently Replaced Pronouncements Still in Effect." (Section 7500 will be withdrawn after sufficient time has elapsed.)

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