

Practice notes

introduction to auditing and assurance standards practice notes

Auditing and assurance practice notes may include:

- Canadian Auditing Practice Notes (CAPNs);
- Canadian Review Engagement Practice Notes (CREPNs);
- Canadian Assurance Engagement Practice Notes (CAEPNs); and
- Canadian Related Services Practice Notes (CRSPNs) to serve the same purpose for OCSs.

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Practice Notes provide practical assistance to practitioners, and may be of use to firms in developing their training programs and internal guidance. For example, depending on the nature of the topic(s) covered, a CAPN may assist a financial statement auditor in:

- (a) obtaining an understanding of the circumstances of the entity, and in making judgments about the identification and assessment of risks of material misstatement;
- (b) making judgments about how to respond to assessed risks, including selection of procedures that may be appropriate in the circumstances; or
- (c) addressing reporting considerations, including forming an opinion on the financial statements and communicating with those charged with governance.

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