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Appendix [2 of the Preface](#) has been revised to include a new circumstance where Canadian amendments have been made to not adopt certain International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) conforming amendments. In December 2023, the IAASB issued *International Standard on Auditing for Audits of Financial Statements of Less Complex Entities* (ISA for LCE). As a result of issuing the ISA for LCE, the IAASB made conforming amendments to the following IAASB standards that the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AASB) has adopted as Canadian standards.

- International Standard on Quality Management (ISQM) 1, *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements*, paragraphs A1, A8, A83 and A85;
- ISQM 2, *Engagement Quality Reviews*, paragraph A0A;
- International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000, *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information*, paragraph 1; and
- International Auditing Practice Note 1000, *Special Considerations in Auditing Financial Instruments*, paragraph 7.

Since the AASB has not adopted the ISA for LCE, there is no need for conforming amendments to Canadian standards. The wording in the International standards provide options (i.e., an assurance engagement may be conducted using ISAs, the ISA for LCE or ISAEs). Practitioners performing engagements in accordance with Canadian standards do not have the same options. Therefore, for this Canadian amendment only, the paragraphs have not been marked with a “C” and the IAASB wording is not shown in square brackets in the equivalent Canadian standard.

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