

CANADIAN STANDARD ON QUALITY MANAGEMENT

CSQM 1

quality management for firms that perform audits or reviews of financial statements, or other assurance or related services engagements

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.

A128. CAS 260 deals with the auditor's responsibility to communicate with those charged with governance in an audit of financial statements, and addresses the auditor's determination of the appropriate person(s) within the entity's governance structure with whom to communicate 19 and the communication process. 20 In some circumstances, it may be appropriate to communicate with those charged with governance of entities other than listed entities (or when performing other engagements), for example, entities that may have public interest or public accountability characteristics, such as:

- Entities that hold a significant amount of assets in a fiduciary capacity for a large number of stakeholders including financial institutions, such as certain banks, insurance companies, and pension funds.
- Entities with a high public profile, or whose management or owners have a high public profile.
- Entities with a large number and wide range of stakeholders.

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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).

A112. The firm may recognize and reinforce the responsibility of personnel and engagement teams to exchange information with the firm and with one another by establishing communication channels to facilitate communication across the firm.

Examples of communication among the firm, personnel and engagement teams

- The firm communicates the responsibility for implementing the firm's responses to personnel and engagement teams.
- The firm communicates changes to the system of quality management to personnel and engagement teams, to the extent that the changes are relevant to their responsibilities and enables personnel and engagement teams to take prompt and appropriate action in accordance with their responsibilities.
- The firm communicates information that is obtained during the firm's acceptance and continuance process that is relevant to engagement teams in planning and performing engagements.
- Engagement teams communicate to the firm information about:
 - The client that is obtained during the performance of an engagement that may have caused the firm to decline the client relationship or specific engagement had that information been known prior to accepting or continuing the client relationship or specific engagement.
 - The operation of the firm's responses (e.g., concerns about the firm's processes for assigning personnel to engagements), which in some cases, may indicate a deficiency in the firm's system of quality management.
- Engagement teams communicate information to the engagement quality reviewer or individuals providing consultation.
- Group engagement teams communicate matters to component auditors in accordance with the firm's policies or procedures, including matters related to quality management at the engagement level.
- The individual(s) assigned operational responsibility for compliance with independence requirements communicates to relevant personnel and engagement teams changes in the independence requirements and the firm's policies or procedures to address such changes.

Footnotes

19. CAS 260, *Communication with Those Charged with Governance*, paragraphs [11-13](#)

20. CAS 260, paragraphs 18-22

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