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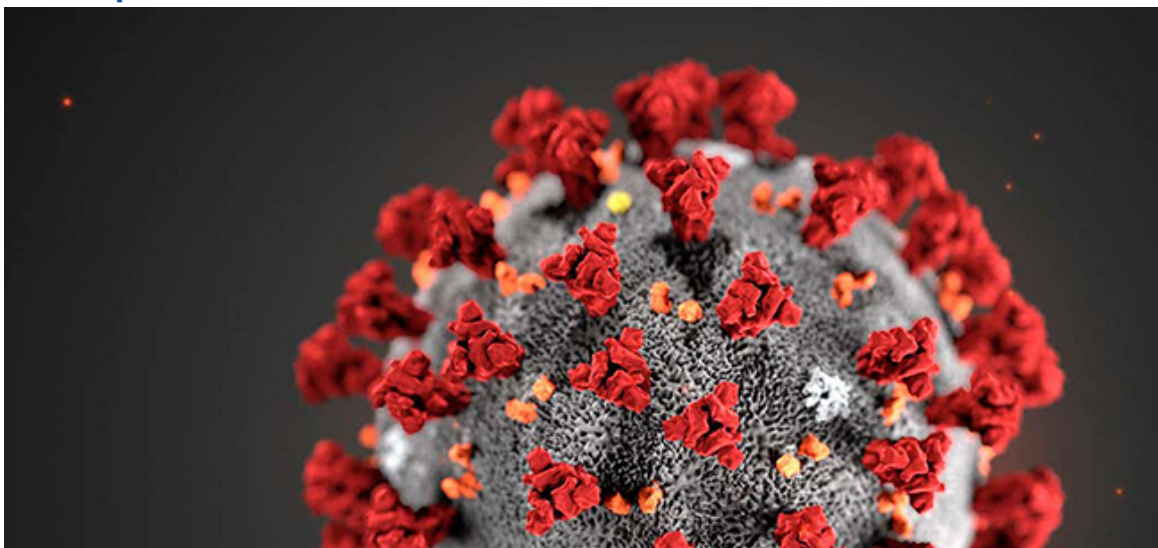
ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING DEVELOPMENTS

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Hot Topics



Tasmanian Audit Office COVID-19 Communications Newsfeed

Over recent months the Office has been issuing updates dealing with the implications and impacts of COVID-19.

Topics discussed include:

- Governance controls
- Financial Statement impacts
- Valuation of non-financial assets
- Accounting for breaches of debt covenants
- Financial Statement submission deadlines
- Local Government underlying result calculations

- Impact of COVID-19 on financial statement audit reports
- Staff working from home.

Ensure you stay up-to-date with the latest information by referring to our COVID-19 Communication page on our website regularly - www.audit.tas.gov.au/publication-category/covid-19-communications/

The Impact of COVID-19 on Going Concern and Related Assessments - Joint Publication by the AASB and AUASB

COVID-19 is having an unprecedented impact on the economic outlook for the Australian and global economy. For the first time, many entities will be required to consider their solvency and ability to continue operating as a going concern in more detail.

The AASB and AUASB have released a new **publication** which provides an overview of directors' and management's:

- duties in relation to assessments of solvency and going concern, how these concepts interact and how these may be impacted by COVID-19; and
- responsibilities to assess whether the going concern basis of preparation is appropriate and how this impacts the preparation of and the disclosures in their financial statements.

This publication has also been prepared to assist auditors by providing an overview of an auditor's obligations in relation to going concern and directors' declarations of solvency, as part of their overall responsibilities when conducting an audit of the financial report.

AASB and AUASB Joint FAQ March 2020: The Impact of Coronavirus on Financial Reporting and the Auditor's Considerations

The AASB and AUASB have released a joint FAQ '**The Impact of Coronavirus on Financial Reporting and the Auditor's Considerations**' to help inform preparers of financial statements and auditors, about some of the key financial reporting and auditing considerations, and impacts arising from COVID-19.

It is important that the entity's management and those charged with governance (TCWG) liaise with their auditors to discuss and assess the impact of COVID-19 at an early stage of the financial and auditing process. The FAQ provides key considerations for both preparers and the auditors of financial statements.

Preparers of financial statements should be considering:

- whether the impacts of COVID-19 will be material to the entity
- potential adjustments to the financial statements in the year of reporting and after the reporting period ends
- disclosures that might be required.

Auditors of financial statements should be considering:

- whether TCWG have performed a risk assessment of COVID-19 on the entity's financial statements, including whether the entity should use a going concern basis of accounting
- the sufficiency of the disclosures in the financial statements and any impacts on the auditor's report
- limitation of travel to entity premises and the potential scope limitation in performing the audit work.

Additional guidance on emerging risks is also contained in the AASB-AUASB Bulletin '**Climate-related and other emerging risks disclosures: assessing financial statement materiality using AASB/IASB Practice Statement 2**'.

ASIC issues audit inspection findings for the 12 months to 30 June 2019

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) recently released its Audit inspection report for 2018-19 (the Report). ASIC inspections focus on audits of financial reports of public interest entities prepared under the *Corporations Act 2001*. ASIC found auditors did not obtain reasonable assurance that the financial report as a whole was free from material misstatement in 26 per cent of the 207 key audit areas that it reviewed on a risk basis across 58 audit files in the 12 months to 30 June 2019. This compares to 24 per cent across 347 key audit areas for the 18 months to 30 June 2018.

ASIC reported audit quality issues in the following key areas:

- asset values, particularly impairment of non-financial assets
- revenue and receivables
- investments and financial instruments
- inventory and cost of sales
- expenses and payables
- taxation
- using the work of experts and other auditors
- journal entry testing
- enhanced audit reports.

ASIC's report highlighted new regulatory initiatives to be undertaken to improve audit quality such as:

- utilising its Office of Enforcement to undertake enforcement actions against auditors for defective audits and auditor independence issues under a 'why not litigate' approach
- reviewing conflicts of interest, culture, talent, governance and accountability at audit firms
- reviewing the effectiveness of root cause analysis conducted by audit firms
- including additional statistics within the Report for transparency purposes.

ASIC's report also highlighted:

- the role of audit firms to continue improving audit quality
- the role of directors and audit committees to ensure financial reports provide timely, useful and meaningful information.

Interim report from Parliamentary Inquiry into Regulation of Auditing in Australia

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services (the Committee) recently released the **Regulation of Auditing in Australia: Interim Report** (Interim Report).

The Interim Report proposed ten **recommendations**, as summarised below:

1. The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) to review and revise the manner in which it publicly reports the periodic findings of its audit inspection program, including the grading of the severity of audit deficiencies, by the end of 2020-21.
2. The Australian Government to legislate, by the end of 2020-21, the requirement for ASIC to publish individual audit firm inspection results (following implementation of recommendation 1).
3. ASIC and the Financial Reporting Council (FRC), by the end of 2020-21, to introduce under Australian standards:
 - a) defined audit and non-audit categories and associated fee disclosures
 - b) a list of prohibited non-audit services.
4. The *Corporations Act 2001* (Corps Act) be amended to require auditors confirm, in an auditor's independence declaration, they have not provided prohibited non-audit services.
5. The Australian Professional Ethics and Standards Board to consider revising its code of ethics (APES 110) to stop partner incentives to sell non-audit work to audit clients.
6. The FRC to oversee implementation of Australian standards, by the end of 2020-21, requiring audited entities to disclose audit firm tenure and lead audit partner tenure in financial reports.
7. The Corps Act be amended to require companies to undertake a public tender for auditors every 10 years or to explain why in their annual reports if they did not do so. This process would be

implemented by 2022 for any company with the same auditor for a continuous period of ten years since 2012.

8. The FRC to oversee a review, reporting by the end of 2020-21, of the sufficiency and effectiveness of reporting requirements under existing Australian standards relating to the prevention and detection of fraud and management's assessment of going concern.
9. The Corps Act be amended so companies required to have their financial reports audited under the Corps Act must establish and maintain an internal control framework for financial reporting.
10. The changes will also require external auditors to report on management's assessment of the effectiveness of that framework.
11. The Australian Government to take action to make digital financial reporting standard practice in Australia.

As the inquiry has been extended, the final report from the Committee is not due until September 2020.

Accounting Updates

AASB 2020-4 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards- Covid-19 – Related Rent Concessions [AASB 16]

The Australian Accounting Standards Board issued **AASB 2020-4 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Covid-19 – Related Rent Concessions** to amend AASB 16 to provide practical expedient that permits leases not to assess whether rent concessions that occur as a direct consequence of the covid-19 pandemic and meet specified conditions are lease modifications and , instead to account for those rent concessions as if they were not lease modification.

This Standard applies to annual periods beginning on or after 1 June 2020. Earlier application is permitted, including in financial statements not authorised for issue at the date this Standard was issued.

AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amendments

The Australian Accounting Standards Board issued **AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amendments** to amend the following:

- a) AASB 1 to simplify the application of AASB 1 by a subsidiary that becomes a first-time adopter after its parent in relation to the measurement of cumulative translation differences;
- b) AASB 3 to update a reference to the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting without changing the accounting requirements for business combinations;
- c) AASB 9 to clarify the fees an entity includes when assessing whether the terms of a new or modified financial liability are substantially different from the terms of the original financial liability;
- d) AASB 116 to require an entity to recognise the sales proceeds from selling items produced while preparing property, plant and equipment for its intended use and the related cost in profit or loss, instead of deducting the amounts received from the cost of the asset;
- e) AASB 137 to specify the costs that an entity includes when assessing whether a contract will be loss-making; and
- f) AASB 141 to remove the requirement to exclude cash flows from taxation when measuring fair value, thereby aligning the fair value measurement requirements in AASB 141 with those in other Australian Accounting Standards

This Standard applies to annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022. Earlier application of the amendments to individual Standards is permitted.

AASB 1060 General purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities (Appendix C)

The Australian Accounting Standards Board issued **AASB 1060 General purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities (Appendix C)** to set out a new, separate disclosure Standards to be applied by all entities that are reporting under Tier 2 of the Differential Reporting Framework in AASB 1053.

The Standard does not change:

- Which entities are permitted to apply Tier 2 reporting requirements; and
- The recognition and measurement requirements of Tier 2, which are the same as for Tier 1.

This Standard applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2021, with earlier application permitted.

AASB 2020-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Removal of Special Purpose Financial Statements for Certain For-Profit Private Sector Entities

The Australian Accounting Standards Board issued **AASB 2020-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Removal of Special Purpose Financial Statements for Certain For-Profit Private Sector Entities** to amend the following standards and the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting so that they apply explicitly to: a) For profit private sector entities that are required by legislation to prepare financial statements that comply with either Australian Accounting Standards or accounting standards (with the previous limitations to entities with public accountability removed); and b) other for-profit private sector entities that are required only by their constituting document or another document to prepare financial statements that comply with Australian Accounting Standards, provided that the relevant document was created or amended on or after 1 July 2021.

- the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting (May 2019);
- the Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements (July 2004);
- Statement of Accounting Concepts SAC 1 Definition of the Reporting Entity (August 1990);
- AASB 1 First-time Adoption of Australian Accounting Standards (July 2015);
- AASB 10 Consolidated Financial Statements (July 2015);
- AASB 1048 Interpretation of Standards (December 2017);
- AASB 1053 Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards (June 2010); and
- AASB 1057 Application of Australian Accounting Standards (July 2015);

This Standard applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2021, with earlier application permitted.

AASB 2020-1 – Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

The Australian Accounting Standards Board issued **AASB 2020-1 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current'** to amend AASB 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements' to clarify requirements for the presentation of liabilities in the statement of financial position. These clarifications include:

- that a liability is classified as non-current if an entity has a right at the end of the reporting period to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting period
- the meaning of 'settlement' of a liability.

AASB 2019-8 – Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Class of Right-of-Use Assets arising under Concessionary Leases

The Australian Accounting Standards Board issued **AASB 2019-8 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Class of Right-of-Use Assets arising under Concessionary Leases'** to clarify the approach to be taken by not-for-profit entities for right-of-use assets arising from concessionary leases.

The Standard amends AASB 16 'Leases' and AASB 1049 'Whole of Government and General Government Sector Financial Reporting' to:

- specify that not-for-profit entities' right-of-use (ROU) assets arising from concessionary leases can be treated as a separate class of ROU assets to ROU assets arising under other leases for the purposes of AASB 16.

This approach does not apply by analogy to distinguish sub-classes of other assets as separate classes of assets.

- provide an option for a Whole of Government (WoG) and General Government Sector (GGS) to measure ROU assets arising under concessionary leases at cost or fair value in subsequent measurements.

This option does not extend to entities outside WoG or GGS, such as local governments as these entities are not required by current accounting standards to adopt a fair value approach.

The amending Standard applies to annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. Earlier application is permitted provided AASB 1058 'Income of Not-for-Profit Entities' is also applied for the same period.

AASB staff FAQs – updates relating to research grants

The AASB has recently updated 'AASB Staff FAQs: **AASB 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers', AASB 1058 'Income of Not-for-Profit Entities' and AASB 16 'Leases'** (the FAQ).

The FAQ includes three new questions and one updated question relating to accounting for research grants.

Australian update – Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB)

Topics discussed included:

AASB Meeting Highlights – 11 June 2020

- ED 297 Removal of SPFS and ED 295 GPFS – Simplified Disclosures for FP and NFP Tier 2 Entities
- How informative are Australian firms' earnings?
- IPSASB update
- Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current
- Fair Value Measurement for NFP Entities
- ED 291 Not-for-Profit Entity Definition and Guidance

AASB Meeting Highlights – 4 May 2020

- minimum disclosures for SPFS referring to Australian accounting standards for for-profit Private Sector Entities
- primary financial statements
- coronavirus impact on financial reporting – additional guidance
- not-for-profit entity definition and guidance

AASB Meeting Highlights – 5-6 March 2020

- removal of SPFS and introduction of simplified disclosures for for-profit and not-for-profit (NFP)
- classification of liabilities as current or non-current
- concessionary leases of private sector NFP entities
- fair value measurement for NFP entities
- NFP entity definition and guidance (ED 291).

Latest **news**, **accounting standards** and **work-in-progress documents** from the AASB included:

- The Impact of COVID-19 on Going Concern and Related Assessments - Joint Publication by the AASB and AUASB* – *Report* (21 May 2020)

- Modifications to Australian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Entities – *Staff Paper Update* (29 April 2020)
- Exposure Draft 300 Amendment to Australian Accounting Standards - Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions (27 April 2020)
- Interest Rate Benchmark Reform — Phase 2 (14 April 2020)
- IASB guidance – application of IFRS 9 in the light of coronavirus uncertainty – *Guidance* (30 March 2020)
- AASB and IASB consult on ways to help investors hold companies to account for acquisitions and on goodwill accounting – *Consultation* (26 March 2020)
- 'Key facts' documents to explain removal of SPFS and the new simplified disclosure standard – *Report* (26 March 2020)
- AASB 2020-2 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Removal of Special Purpose Financial Statements for Certain For-Profit Private Sector Entities' – *Accounting standard* (19 March 2020)
- AASB 1060 'General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities' – *Accounting standard* (19 March 2020)
- AASB–AUASB Joint FAQ March 2020 'The Impact of Coronavirus on Financial Reporting and the Auditor's Considerations'* – *Report* (17 March 2020)
- AASB 2020-1 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current' – *Accounting standard* (12 March 2020)

* For more information see the *Hot Topics* section above.

International Update – International Accounting Standards Board (IASB)

Topics discussed included:

IASB Meeting Highlights – 23-25 June 2020

- classification of liabilities as current or non-current
- disclosure initiative – accounting policies
- disclosure initiative – targeted standards-level review of disclosures
- extractive activities
- IBOR reform and the effects on financial reporting – phase 2
- maintenance and consistent application.

IASB Meeting Highlights – 20-21 May 2020

- amendments to IFRS 17 'Insurance Contracts'
- management commentary
- research programme update
- maintenance and consistent application
- IBOR Reform and the effects on financial reporting - phase 2
- disclosure initiative - accounting policies

IASB Meeting Highlights – 15 May 2020

- supplementary IASB meeting: Covid-19 – related matters

IASB Meeting Highlights – 21-23 April 2020

- amendments to IFRS 17 'Insurance Contracts'
- financial instruments with characteristics of equity
- post-implementation reviews of IFRS 10, IFRS 11 and IFRS 12
- maintenance and consistent application
- management commentary
- review of the IFRS for SMEs standard
- disclosure initiative - subsidiaries that are SMEs

IASB Meeting Highlights – 17 and 19 March 2020

- amendments to IFRS 17 'Insurance Contracts'
- rate-regulated activities
- management commentary.

International Update – International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Foundation

Latest **news** from the IFRS Foundation included:

- June IASB meeting papers and agenda now available (16 June 2020)
- June 2020 IFRS Interpretation and Due Process Oversight Committees - meeting papers and agendas available (5 June 2020)
- IASB issues amendment to IFRS Standard on leases to help lessees accounting for covid-19-related rent concessions (28 May 2020)
- May 2020 IASB Update available and work plan updated (22 May 2020)
- Sustainability reporting and its relevance to the IFRS Foundation (13 May 2020)
- IASB proposes deferring IAS 1 amendments' effective date due to covid019 (4 May 2020)
- April 2020 IASB Update available and work plan updated (24 April 2020)
- IASB consults on amendment to leases Standard to help companies with covid-19-related rent concessions (24 April 2020)
- IASB amends work plan and proposes amendments to IFRS 16 (17 April 2020)
- Due Process Oversight Committee - meeting report now available (17 April 2020)
- April 2020 IFRS Interpretations Committee - meeting papers and agenda available (16 April 2020)
- Application of IFRS 16 in the light of the covid-19 uncertainty (10 April 2020)
- Application of IFRS 9 in the light of the coronavirus uncertainty (27 March 2020)
- March 2020 IASB update available and work plan updated (20 March 2020)

International Update – International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB)

Topics discussed included:

IPSASB Meeting Highlights – 23-26 June 2020

- ED 74 and 75 measurement – co-ordination of cross cutting issues
- conceptual framework – limited scope update
- measurement
- ED 76, IPSAS 17 update – co-ordination of cross cutting issues
- infrastructure
- heritage
- accounting for non-current assets held for sale
- leases – IFRS 16 alignment.

IPSASB Meeting Highlights – 10-13 March 2020

- IPSASB guidance: landscape discussion
- infrastructure
- IFAC update
- heritage
- measurement
- conceptual framework – limited scope update
- natural resources
- leases
- accounting for non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations in the public sector.

Recent **news** and issued **reports/publications** from the IPSASB included:

- New IPSASB staff Q&A addresses climate change (22 June 2020)
- How Accounting Transparency Can Help with the Tough Decisions Ahead After Covid-19 (24 April 2020)
- COVID-19: IPSASB Guidance, Resources to Maintain Strong PFM (6 April 2020)

- New report examines why accrual information is critical to the public sector (26 February 2020)
- IPSASB Issues Exposure Drafts on Revenue with or without performance obligations and Transfer expenses – stakeholder comments on Exposure Drafts 70, 71 and 72 sought by 15 September 2020 (21 February 2020)
- 2019 Handbook of International Public Sector Accounting Pronouncements (18 February 2020)
- Collective and Individual Services, Amendments to IPSAS 19 (31 January 2020)
- Improvements to IPSAS, 2019 (30 January 2020)

Audit Updates

Australian Update – Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB)

Topics discussed included:

AUASB Meeting Highlights – 9-10 June 2020

- GS 009 Auditing Self-Managed Superannuation Funds
- ISA 600 ED Consultation Paper
- ASRE 2410 Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independence Auditor of the Entity
- Review of ASRS 4400 Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagements
- IAASB Matters

AUASB Meeting Highlights – 26 May 2020

- Revised AUASB *Framework for Assurance Engagements* approved
- AUASB Framework and Process Update
- Review of AUASB Due Process for Standards and Exposure Draft based on an equivalent IAASB standard
- ASA 600 – Group Audits – Project Plan
- Coronavirus Guidance – Update and Matters for AUASB Discussion

AUASB Meeting Highlights – 21 April 2020

- Coronavirus guidance
- ASRE 2410 Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity
- GS 009 Auditing Self-managed Superannuation Funds
- Assurance framework publications

AUASB Meeting Highlights – 3 March 2020

- ASA 315 'Identifying and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement'
- GS 005 'Evaluating the Appropriateness of a Management's Expert's Work'
- GS 009 'Auditing Self-managed Superannuation Funds' and GS 012 'Prudential Reporting Requirements for Auditors of Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions (ADIs) and ADI Groups'
- interim report of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services inquiry into regulation of auditing in Australia
- presentation on December 2019 ASIC audit inspection results
- digital ASA standards prototype.

Latest **news** from the AUASB included:

- The Impact of COVID-19 on Going Concern and Related Assessments - Joint Publication by the AASB and AUASB* (21 May 2020)
- New AUASB Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on auditing accounting estimates and related disclosures in response to COVID-19 event (19 May 2020)
- Have your say on the future of the audit evidence standards (31 March 2020)
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for Auditors (31 March 2020)
- Extended External Reporting (EER) proposed IAASB unauthoritative guidance and AUASB consultation (18 March 2020)
- AASB–AUASB joint FAQ March 2020 'The impact of coronavirus on financial reporting and the auditor's considerations'* (17 March 2020)

- GS 005 'Evaluating the Appropriateness of a Management's Expert's Work' (17 March 2020)
- AUASB issues revised ASA 315 'Identifying and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement' (13 March 2020)

* For more information see the Hot Topics section above.

Ethics Updates

Australian Update – Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board (APESB)

Topics discussed included:

APESB Meeting – 25 June 2020

- proposed revisions to APES 305 'Terms of Engagement'
- Independence Guide and input to AUASB projects
- revised APES 110 Prohibitions
- proposed revisions to Part 4B of the Code
- update on Artificial Intelligence and Digital Technologies Project
- update on Whistleblowing project
- update on consultation regarding APES 230 Financial Planning Services
- update on the parliamentary inquiry into audit regulation

APESB Meeting Highlights – 6 March 2020

- update on outsourcing
- project proposal on artificial intelligence
- project proposal on whistleblowing
- key Issues in IESBA EDs
- update on the parliamentary inquiry into audit regulation
- update on revision of the auditor independence guide.

Latest **news** and **technical updates** from the APESB included:

- New Independence Guide - an essential tool for auditors (27 May 2020)
- IESBA's Exposure Drafts on Non-Assurance Services and Fees (2 April 2020)
- APESB invites stakeholder feedback on Draft Independence Guide – 5th edition (6 March 2020)
- APESB issues revised APES GN 41 'Management Representations' (4 March 2020)
- APESB issues revised APES GN 40 'Ethical Conflicts in the Workplace – Considerations for Members in Business' (4 March 2020)
- APESB issues revised APES GN 31 'Professional and Ethical Considerations relating to Low Doc Offering Sign-offs' (19 February 2020)
- APESB issues revised APES GN 30 'Outsourced Services' (19 February 2020)

International Update – International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA)

Topics discussed included:

IESBA Meeting Highlights – 8-12 & 15 June 2020

- final review – Role and mindset
- update – Tax planning
- update – IAASB-IESBA coordination
- full review - EQR objectivity
- IESBA Communications Plan
- engagement team/Group Audits (Issues)
- definitions of Listed Entity and PIE (Issues)
- final approval – Role and mindset
- technology (Issues)
- update - eCode

IESBA Meeting Highlights – 16-18 March 2020

- role and mindset
- tax planning and related services
- engagement team / group audits
- definition of listed entity and public interest entity
- technology
- PIE – public interest entities.

Latest **news** and **publications** from the IESBA included:

- IESBA Staff Release COVID-19 Q&As Highlighting Ethics & Independence Considerations (8 May 2020)
- IESBA technology initiative webinar on April 20 (30 March 2020)
- Global ethics board releases report exploring the ethical implications of technology for accountants (27 February 2020)
- IESBA proposes guidance to address the objectivity of engagement quality reviewers (30 January 2020)
- Global ethics board proposes significant revisions to international independence standards (21 January 2020)
- IESBA revises part 4B of the International Code of Ethics (3 January 2020)

ASIC, ACNC and ACAG

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)

Recent **speeches** and **media releases** included:

- Australian Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 – Opening statement
- 20-135MR ASIC amends financial advice and capital raisings COVID-19 instruments (12 June 2020)
- 20-131MR ASIC's Interim Corporate Plan for 2020-21 (11 June 2020)
- 20-116MR ASIC sets expectations for maintaining equity market resilience (14 May 2020)
- 20-093MR ASIC reports on corporate finance regulation – July to December 2019 (20 April 2020)
- 20-086MR Details of changes to ASIC regulatory work and priorities in light of COVID-19 (14 April 2020)
- 20-085MR ASIC grants relief to industry to provide affordable and timely financial advice during the COVID-19 pandemic (14 April 2020)
- 20-076MR ASIC provides information on funeral expenses reform (31 March 2020)
- 20-075MR Facilitating capital raisings during COVID-19 period (31 March 2020)
- 20-070MR ASIC recalibrates its regulatory priorities to focus on COVID-19 challenges (23 March 2020)
- 20-062MR ASIC takes steps to ensure equity market resiliency (16 March 2020)

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

Recent **news and media** included:

- NSW Supreme Court rules on bushfire fundraising money (2 June 2020)
- Data shows charity sector was robust heading into bushfire crisis and pandemic (27 May 2020)
- ACNC welcomes ANAO performance report and agrees with all recommendations (31 March 2020)
- Charity regulator extends reporting deadlines to assist charities (26 March 2020)
- Government's Response to the ACNC Legislation Review (6 March 2020)
- Supporting charities responding to the bushfires (21 February 2020)

Australasian Council of Auditor-Generals (ACAG)

ACAG recently made submissions to the:

- Financial Reporting Council on financial reporting and auditing issues and consequent regulatory implications of COVID-19
- AASB on termination of convenience clauses.

TAO client information

The below are all on our [resources page](#)

Change to Submission of Financial Statements Requirements:

- [Updated management certification to be provided by Those responsible for Financial Reporting at the time of Submission of Financial Statements](#)

COVID-19 Financial Reporting Impacts:

- [COVID-19 impacts on financial statements](#)
- [COVID-19 impacts on financial statement audit reports](#)
- [Impact of COVID-19 on valuations of non-financial assets](#)

Other information:

- [Updated template AASB 119 Employee entitlements 30 June 2020 \(Updated till June 2020\)](#)
- [Updated local government model financial statements for financial year 2020](#)

TAO Reports

- [Annual Plan of Work 2020-21](#)

Tabled reports in the 2019-20 financial year:

- [Procurement in Local Government](#)
- [University of Tasmania's management of student accommodation](#)
- [Tasmania Prison Service: use of resources](#)
- [Rostering of specialists in Tasmania's major hospitals](#)
- [Royal Hobart Hospital Redevelopment Project](#)

Auditor-General's Report on the Financial Statements of State entities:

2018-19

- Volume 1:
[State entities 31 December 2018](#)
- Volume 2:
[Audit of State entities and audited subsidiaries of State entities 2018-19](#)

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