

## **AICPA Peer Review Program Manual Update 00-9 (April 2014) Release Notes**

Unless otherwise noted, peer reviewers should adhere to the revised guidance, forms, and checklists for peer reviews commencing on or after April 1, 2014.

### **AICPA Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews and Related Interpretations (PRP sections 1000 and 2000)**

The following *Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews* (Standards), and related interpretations, have been conformed to recently approved guidance as described in the [February Alert No. 14-1](#) (related to the coordination of peer review and PCAOB inspections, and noncooperation revisions regarding the completeness of peer review scope):

- Standards paragraphs .06-.07, .103, .164, .208 (Appendix B) and .209-.226 (Appendices C-T)
- Interpretations No. 1-2 and 1-4 under “Use of the Standards”
- Interpretation No. 5h-1 under “Cooperating in a Peer Review”
- Interpretations No. 6-7 and 6-8 under “Engagements Performed and/or Reported Under International Standards”
- Interpretations No. 7-1 and 7-2 under “Engagements Under Peer Review”
- Interpretation No. 11-1 under “Peer Reviews To Be Administered by the National Peer Review Committee”
- Interpretation 14-1 under “Timing of Peer Reviews”
- Interpretation 25-1 under “Peer Review Documentation and Retention Policy”
- Interpretation 40-2 under “Other Planning Considerations”
- Interpretation 103-1 under “Election to Have a System Review”
- Interpretation No. 6-9 under “Engagements Subject to PCAOB Inspection” has been added.

Standards paragraph .14 was modified, and Interpretation 33-2 under “Qualifying for Service as a Peer Reviewer” was deleted, to conform to previously approved guidance.

### **Report Acceptance Body Handbook (PRP Section 3300)**

The following chapters and exhibits in the Report Acceptance Body (RAB) Handbook have been revised to conform to recently approved guidance as described in [Agenda Item 1.4](#) of the Peer Review Board’s January 2014 open session materials (related to changes in the SRM, Team Captain Checklist, Review Captain Checklist and Engagement Statistics Data Sheet):

- Chapter 2
  - Section IV-A-6
  - Section V-A-4
  - Exhibits 2-2 and 2-3 (Technical Reviewer’s Checklists) including deletion of Attachment 2 (Engagement Statistics Data Sheet) for each

- Chapter 3, Section II-A-5
- Chapter 5, Section III-A

### **Engagement Checklists (PRP Sections 20,000 and 23,000)**

*All* engagement checklists have been revised, with the exception of:

- 22,160 Supplemental Checklist for Review of Broker-Dealer Audit Engagements (to be updated later in 2014 to coincide with audit guide updates)
- Checklists with the suffix “A” signifying that they are for financial statements with periods ending before December 15, 2012

Three new checklists are now available:

- 22,400 FRF for SMEs™ Financial Reporting and Disclosure Checklist for System Reviews
- 22,500 IFRS Financial Reporting and Disclosure Checklist
- 23,700 FRF for SMEs™ Financial Reporting and Disclosure Checklist for Engagement Reviews

Besides being updated to the most current professional standards, the engagement checklists have a more logical flow and will make the review process go more smoothly. Some of the highlights include:

- A streamlined engagement profile focusing more on the high-risk engagement areas
- Rearranged questions to provide a logical engagement review flow
- Functional area questions were incorporated into the relevant sections of the checklist
- Redesign of the significant audit areas matrix to be more of a planning document than a summary document

### **Conforming Changes Made to Other Sections of the AICPA *Peer Review Program Manual***

The following sections of the AICPA *Peer Review Program Manual* also have been revised to conform to the previously referred to changes:

- PRP section 3100, *Supplemental Guidance*
- PRP section 3200, *Peer Review Alerts*
- PRP section 3600, *Guidance for Writing Letters on Corrective Actions and Implementation Plans by Outside Parties*
- PRP section 4100, *Instructions to Firms Having a System Review*
- PRP section 4800, *Summary Review Memorandum*
- PRP section 4900, *Team Captain Checklist*
- PRP section 6100, *Instructions to Firms Having an Engagement Review*
- PRP section 6200, *Instructions to Reviewers Performing Engagement Reviews*

- PRP section 6300, *Review Captain Summary* (formerly the Review Captain Checklist)
- PRP section 23,100 *Instructions for Use of Reviewer's Engagement Checklists – Engagement Reviews*

In addition, PRP section 6400, *Engagement Statistics Data Sheet* was deleted.