

EXAMINABLE AUDITING PRONOUNCEMENTS (AUDITING, ASSURANCE, AND RELATED SERVICES) INITIAL TEST OF COMPETENCE, 2023

This document clarifies the examinability of the following pronouncements in the Initial Test of Competence (ITC) for 2023 (ITC 2023), both for the first and second sittings:

- Audit and assurance related pronouncements as contained in volume 2A and 2B of the SAICA Student Handbook 2021/2022;
- SAICA and IRBA Codes of Professional Conduct;
- Companies Act;
- King Report and King Code of Governance for South Africa; and
- Auditing Profession Act.

This document should be read in conjunction with the Competency Framework – Detailed Guidance for Academic Programmes, issued in 2018 (V11) – specifically the “Strategy, Risk Management and Governance” and “Auditing and Assurance” competencies – to understand, amongst others, the levels at which these pronouncements may be assessed.

EXAMINABILITY OF PRONOUNCEMENTS IN SAICA STUDENT HANDBOOK 2021/2022

The cut-off date for examinable **auditing standards** as defined by the SAICA Initial Professional Development Committee is 31 December, 12 months prior to the ITC being written. The cut-off date for the ITC 2023 is therefore 31 December 2021.

The International Audit and Assurance Standards Board’s (IAASB’s) *International Quality Control, Auditing, Review, Other Assurance and Related Services Pronouncements* (hereafter referred to as “the IAASB’s International Standards”) are the authoritative standards issued by the IAASB and published in the IAASB 2020 Handbooks - Volumes I, II and III. The IAASB also issues Non-Authoritative Material as *International Practice Notes*. The IAASB’s International Standards and International Practice Notes continue to be adopted and prescribed by the IRBA and are to be applied by registered auditors in South Africa.

The IAASB Pronouncements, issued up to 31 December 2021, are included in the **SAICA Student Handbook 2021/2022 Volume 2A**, except where otherwise indicated.

In addition, pronouncements issued by the IRBA to be applied by auditors in South Africa include: the *IRBA Rules Regarding Improper Conduct and Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors (IRBA Code)*, *South African Auditing Practice Statements (SAAPSs)*, *Circulars* and *Guides*.

The SAICA Code of Professional Conduct, a few SAICA Circulars and Guides, the IRBA pronouncements, all applicable legislation and King Report on Corporate Governance relevant for purposes of the open-book ITC examinations, are contained in the **SAICA Student Handbook 2021/2022 Volume 2B**. Note that even though the IRBA Code is included in the

'knowledge reference list' of the SAICA Competency Framework, it is not reproduced in Volume 2B given its similarity to the SAICA Code of Professional Conduct (and in order to reduce the page count). The IRBA Code, however, remains examinable for purposes of ITC 2023.

The **SAICA Student Handbook 2021/2022 Volume 2** is recommended for use by candidates writing the **ITC 2023**. However, students with an earlier version of this handbook (i.e. 2020/2021 or 2019/2020) may use this version for the ITC 2023 instead. Only those candidates with the 2020/2021 (or 2019/2020) version may bring the "Supplement to Volume 2A" issued by SAICA in 2020/2021 into the ITC 2023.



Versions of standards and other documents to be examined:

This document does not set out each of the detailed standards / pronouncements in Volume 2 of the SAICA Student Handbook 2021/2022 to be assessed in the ITC examination. This information, and the level at which these standards / pronouncements will be examinable, is adequately described in the SAICA Competency framework (V11) – specifically in the “Strategy, Risk Management and Governance” and “Auditing and Assurance” competency areas.

The purpose of this document is rather to clarify the examinability of pronouncements where there have been recent amendments, and where there may be two different versions of a pronouncement in issue at a particular time (i.e. the old and new version). This document therefore serves to clarify which version of that Standard or pronouncement is examinable.

Therefore, for ITC 2023 the following is examinable:

Reference	Title	Version Examinable in ITC 2023
ISQM 1	Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements	ISQM 1 – issued December 2020
ISQM 2	Engagement Quality Reviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge level 1 (basic) 	ISQM 2 – issued December 2020
ISA 220	Quality Management for an Audit of Financial Statements	ISA 220 (Revised) – issued December 2020
ISA 315	Identifying and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement	ISA 315 (Revised 2019) – issued December 2019
ISRS 4400	Agreed-upon Procedures Engagements	ISRS 4400 (Revised) – issued April 2020
CPC - SAICA	Code of Professional Conduct (CPC) of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (Revised 2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CPC, ignoring the changes effective for December 2022, is examinable for ITC 2023. This means that the revisions to the CPC that will become effective from December 2022 (and are included at the end of the ET document) are NOT examinable. • Candidates who have the SAICA Student Handbook 2021/2022, will be allowed to bring a SAICA Student Handbook containing the “earlier version” of the CPC into ITC 2023. (however only one version of Volume 2B may be brought into the exam) 	V 2021 – issued December 2021
SAICA By-laws	Appendix 4 “Disciplinary Code and Procedures” Paragraphs 4 & 5	16 April 2020

Notes:

- The conforming and consequential amendments to other ISAs arising from the revisions to ISA315 and from the quality management projects are also examinable.
- The pronouncements superseded by the stated examinable pronouncements are not examinable in ITC 2023.