

**EXAMINABLE AUDITING PRONOUNCEMENTS
(AUDITING, ASSURANCE, AND RELATED SERVICES)
INITIAL TEST OF COMPETENCE, 2018**

This document clarifies the examinability of the following pronouncements in the Initial Test of Competence (ITC) for 2018 (ITC 2018), both for the January and June sittings:

- Audit and assurance related pronouncements as contained in volume 2A and B of the SAICA Student Handbook 2016/2017;
- 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 2016 – 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 2016/2017

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 2017 is therefore 31 December 2016.

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 2015 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.

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*, *South African Assurance Standards (SASAE)*, *South African Auditing Practice Statements (SAAPSS)*, *Circulars* and *Guides*.

The IAASB Pronouncements, issued up to 30 November 2016, are included in the **SAICA Student Handbook 2016/2017 Volume 2A**, except where otherwise indicated.

The SAICA Bylaws, Code of Professional Conduct, a number of SAICA Circulars, and the IRBA pronouncements relevant for the Auditing and Assurance competencies, are contained in the **SAICA Student Handbook 2016/2017 Volume 2B**.

SAICA Student Handbook 2016/2017 Volume 2C contains all applicable legislation of relevance to the Auditing and Assurance competencies, while **SAICA Handbook 2016/2017 Volume 2D** contains the King Report on Corporate Governance.

The **SAICA Student Handbook 2016/2017 Volume 2(A to D)** therefore includes all the previously mentioned pronouncements issued up to 30 November 2016 and is to be used by candidates for purposes of the **ITC 2018**.

Versions of standards and other documents to be examined:

Unlike previous years, this document does not set out each of the detailed standards / pronouncements in Volume 2 of the SAICA Student Handbook 2016/2017 (as issued by IAASB Dec 2016) to be assessed in the ITC examination. This is as this information, and the level these standards / pronouncements will be examinable, is now adequately described in the SAICA Competency framework (V9) – specifically in the “Strategy, Risk Management and Governance” and “Auditing and Assurance” competency areas. Going forward, these sections of the Competency Framework will also be updated where standards covering new concepts are issued (e.g. key audit matters).

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). Going forward therefore, this document will only clarify which version of that Standard or pronouncement will be examinable.

Therefore, for ITC 2018 the following is examinable:

Reference	Title	Version Examinable in ITC 2018
ISA 250	Consideration of laws and regulations in an audit of financial statements	ISA 250 (Revised) issued 5 October 2016
CPC	Code of Professional Conduct of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants 2016/2017	V 2016/2017 – still to be issued
King Report	The King IV report on corporate governance for South Africa, 2016	King IV issued on 1 November 2016

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