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LATEST ETHICS, AUDIT AND REPORTING NEWS UPDATE

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Welcome to the final edition of *LEARN Update* for 2017.

This publication provides a snapshot of changes to reporting, auditing and ethical standards applicable now or available for early adoption, as well as listing other developments within the accounting profession.

The objective of the update is to inform readers about new publications relevant to the period that have not been included in previous updates. We hope you find *LEARN Update* to be a valuable tool.

REPORTING

- [Podcast](#) on ATO guidance on lodging general purpose financial statements
- [INTHEBLACK article](#) on AASB 16 impact on novated leases
- [CPA Australia factsheet](#) now published on AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-profit Entities*

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- ASIC publishes December 2017 [financial reporting focus](#) areas
- Australian Accounting Standards effective for periods commencing 1 January 2017 include:
 - [AASB 2016-1](#) Amendments to AASB 12 *Income Taxes*
 - [AASB 2016-2](#) Amendments to AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*
 - [AASB 2017-2](#) Annual Improvements

Available for early adoption

- [AASB 1059](#) *Service Concession Arrangements: Grantors* (Public Sector). Effective for accounting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2019.
- [AASB 17](#) *Insurance Contracts*. Effective for accounting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2021.

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AUDIT AND ASSURANCE

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The following new standards are operative for assurance engagements commencing on or after 1 January 2018:

- [ASAE 3500 Performance Engagements \(2017\)](#)
- [ASAE 3100 Compliance Engagements \(2017\)](#)
- [ASA 250 Consideration of Laws and Regulations in an Audit of a Financial Report](#) and conforming amendments [ASA 2017-2 Amendments to Australian Auditing Standards](#) to:
 - [ASQC 1 Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, Other Assurance Engagements and Related Services Engagements \(Compiled\)](#)
 - [ASA 210 Agreeing the Terms of Audit Engagements \(Compiled\)](#)
 - [ASA 220 Quality Control for an Audit of a Financial Report and Other Historical Financial Information \(Compiled\)](#)
 - [ASA 240 The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Fraud in an Audit of a Financial Report \(Compiled\)](#)
 - [ASA 260 Communication With Those Charged With Governance \(Compiled\)](#)
 - [ASA 450 Evaluation of Misstatements Identified during the Audit \(Compiled\)](#)
 - [ASA 500 Audit Evidence \(Compiled\)](#)

The following revised standards are operative for assurance engagements commencing on or after 1 January 2018:

- [ASAE 3000 Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information \(Revised\)](#)
- [ASAE 3402 Assurance Reports on Controls at a Service Organisation \(Revised\)](#)
- [ASAE 3410 Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements \(Revised\)](#)

Available for early adoption

There are no standards available for early adoption.

New and revised guidance applicable now

There are no new guidance statements applicable now.

PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL STANDARDS

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The following Accounting Professional and Ethical Standard (APES) was revised and is effective from 1 January 2018:

- [Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants \(2017\)](#) – Incorporating Responding to Non-compliance with Laws and Regulations (NOCLAR) and Non-Assurance Services (NAS) amendments

contained in: [Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants due to revisions to IESBA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants](#).

The following guidance note was effective from September 2017:

- [APES GN 31 Professional and Ethical Considerations relating to Low Doc Offering Sign-offs](#)

NOCLAR resources:

- [Responding to Non-compliance with Laws and Regulations](#)
- [CPA Australia webinar recording: Responding to Non-compliance with Laws and Regulations](#)

Available for early adoption

Firms are required to incorporate appropriate amendments to their Risk Management Frameworks by 1 April 2018, with earlier adoption of this Standard permitted:

- [APES 325 Risk Management for Firms](#)

CONSULTATIONS AND SUBMISSIONS

View the current [consultations and submissions](#) made in 2017 by CPA Australia.

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