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1. Scope and application		1. Scope and application	1.1 Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board Limited (APESB) issues professional standard APES 310 Conformity with Auditing and Assurance Standards (the Standard), which is effective from 01 January 2009.	The Scope & Application section is consistent with recently issued APESB standards. Section is consistent with APESB’s standard template.

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	<p>1.2 APES 310 sets the standards for Members in Public Practice involved in the conduct of Assurance Engagements and related services Engagements. The mandatory requirements of this Standard are in bold type, preceded or followed by discussion or explanations in grey type. APES 310 should be read in conjunction with other professional duties of Members, and any legal obligations that may apply.</p>	
1.1 This Standard is operative from 1 July 2006.	<p>1.3 Members in Australia shall follow the mandatory requirements of APES 310 when they provide audit and assurance services.</p>	Black letter
1.2 Compliance with this Standard is mandatory.	<p>1.4 Members practising outside of Australia shall follow the provisions of APES 310 to the extent to which they are not prevented from so doing by specific requirements of local regulations and/or laws.</p>	Black letter
	<p>1.5 Members shall be familiar with relevant professional standards and guidance notes when providing Professional Services. All Members shall comply with the fundamental principles outlined in the Code.</p>	Black letter
	<p>1.6 The Standard is not intended to detract from any responsibilities which may be imposed by law.</p>	Grey letter
	<p>1.7 All references to professional standards are references to those provisions as amended from time to time.</p>	Grey letter
	<p>1.8 In applying the requirements outlined in APES 310, Members should be guided not merely by the words but also by the spirit of the Standard and the Code.</p>	Grey letter
2. Objective	<p>1.2 APES 310 sets the standards for Members in the provision of quality and ethical auditing and assurance services. The mandatory requirements of this Standard are in bold type, preceded or followed by discussion or explanations in grey type. APES 310 should be read in conjunction with other professional duties of Members, and any legal obligations that may apply.</p>	Auditing & assurance is not a defined term in the standard. For clarity, both Audit and Assurance Engagements are defined terms.

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3. Definitions	2 Definitions	
3.1 For the purposes of this Standard:	For the purpose of this Standard:	
n/a	<p>Assurance Engagement means an Engagement in which a conclusion is expressed by a Member in Public Practice designed to enhance the degree of confidence of the intended users other than the responsible party about the outcome of the evaluation or measurement of a subject matter against criteria.</p> <p>This would include an Engagement in accordance with Framework for Assurance Engagements issued by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB) or in accordance with specific relevant standards for Assurance Engagements.</p>	Term not previously defined in standard. Definition adapted from APES 205.
<p>Auditing and Assurance Standards mean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · In relation to reports for reporting periods commencing on or after 1 July 2006: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o the AUASB Standards, as defined in the <i>Foreword to AUASB Pronouncements</i>, issued by the AUASB, and operative from the date specified in each standard; and o those standards issued by the AuASB which have not yet been revised and reissued (whether as standards or as guidance) by the AUASB, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the AUASB standards. 	<p>Auditing and Assurance Standards mean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) In relation to reports for reporting periods commencing on or after 1 July 2006: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. i. the AUASB Standards, as described in ASA 100 Preamble to AUASB Standards and the Foreword to AUASB Pronouncements, issued by the AUASB, and operative from the date specified in each standard; ; and ii. those standards issued by the AuASB which have not yet been revised and reissued (whether as standards or as guidance) by the AUASB, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the AUASB standards. 	<p>No change to text. Bullet points now numbered.</p> <p>Change to text to bring in ASA 100 which is a standard. Bullet points now numbered.</p> <p>No change to text. Bullet points now numbered.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · In relation to reports for reporting periods commencing prior to 1 July 2006, the Auditing and Assurance Standards issued by the AuASB on behalf of CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) In relation to reports for reporting periods commencing prior to 1 July 2006, the Auditing and Assurance Standards issued by the AuASB on behalf of CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. 	No change to text. Bullet points now numbered.
<p>Auditing and Assurance Guidance means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The Guidance Statements and other guidance publications, as defined in the <i>Foreword to AUASB Pronouncements</i>, issued by the AUASB. · The Auditing and Assurance Guidance Statements and other guidance publications issued by the AuASB on behalf of CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. 	<p>Auditing and Assurance Guidance means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Guidance Statements and other guidance publications, as defined in the <i>Foreword to AUASB Pronouncements</i>, issued by the AUASB. b) The Auditing and Assurance Guidance Statements and other guidance publications issued by the AuASB on behalf of CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. 	Bullet points now numbered and linked with "and". No change to text. Bullet points now numbered.
<p>AuASB means the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board which issued Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards up to 30 June 2004, under the auspices of the Australian Accounting Research Foundation, a joint venture of CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.</p>	<p>AuASB means the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board which issued Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards up to 30 June 2004, under the auspices of the Australian Accounting Research Foundation, a joint venture of CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.</p>	No change
<p>AUASB means the Australian statutory body called the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board that commenced operations on 1 July 2004.</p>	<p>AUASB means the Australian statutory body called the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board established under section 227A of the <i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001</i>.</p>	Updated for consistency with APES 205 definition.

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n/a	<p>Audit Engagement means an Assurance Engagement to provide a reasonable level of assurance that a financial report is free of material misstatement, such as an Engagement in accordance with Australian auditing standards. This includes a statutory audit which is an audit required by legislation or other regulation, and other audits conducted for the purposes of the Corporations Act.</p>	Term not previously defined in standard. Definition from APES 205.
n/a	<p>Code means APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.</p>	Term not previously defined in standard. Definition from APES 205.
	<p>Client means an individual, firm, entity or organisation to whom or to which Professional Services are provided by a Member in Public Practice in respect of Engagements of either a recurring or demand nature.</p>	Term not previously defined in standard. Definition from APES 205.
	<p>Engagement means an agreement, whether written or otherwise, between a Member in Public Practice and a Client relating to the provision of Professional Services by a Member in Public Practice. However, consultations with a prospective Client prior to such agreement are not part of an Engagement.</p>	Term not previously defined in standard. Definition from APES 205.
	<p>Financial Statements means a structured representation of historical financial information, which ordinarily includes explanatory notes, intended to communicate an entity's economic resources or obligations at a point in time or the changes therein for a period of time in accordance with a financial reporting framework. The term can refer to a complete set of Financial Statements, but it can also refer to a single financial statement, for example, a balance sheet, or a statement of revenue and expenses, and related explanatory notes. The requirements of the financial reporting framework determine the form and content of the Financial Statements and what constitutes a complete set of Financial Statements.</p> <p>For the purposes of this Standard, the term financial report is considered to be equivalent to Financial Statements.</p>	Term not previously defined in standard. Definition from APES 205.

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	<p>Firm means (a) a sole practitioner, partnership, corporation or other entity of professional accountants;</p> <p>(b) an entity that controls such parties;</p> <p>(c) an entity controlled by such parties; or</p> <p>(d) an Auditor-General's office or department.</p>	Term not previously defined in standard. Definition from APES 205.
<p>Member means: A member of a professional body that has adopted this Standard as applicable to their membership, as defined by that professional body.</p>	<p>Member means a member of a professional body that has adopted this Standard as applicable to their membership, as defined by that professional body.</p>	No change
	<p>Member in Public Practice means a Member, irrespective of functional classification (e.g. audit, tax, or consulting) in a Firm that provides Professional Services. The term is also used to refer to a Firm of Members in Public Practice and means a practice entity as defined by the applicable professional body.</p>	Term not previously defined in standard. Definition from APES 205.
	<p>Review Engagement means an Assurance Engagement, conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards applicable to review engagements, in which a Member in Public Practice expresses a conclusion on whether, on the basis of the procedures which do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, anything has come to the Member's attention that causes the Member to believe that the subject matter (financial report) is not prepared in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable criteria (an applicable financial reporting framework).</p>	Term not previously defined in standard. Definition from APES 205 adapted to suit circumstances other than financial reports.
PART 2 – THE STANDARDS		
n/a	3. Fundamental responsibilities of Members	Section not previously included in 410.

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n/a	Public interest 3.1 In accordance with Section 100.1 of the Code, Members in Public Practice shall observe and comply with their public interest obligations when they conduct Assurance Engagements for Clients.	Adapted from APES220
n/a	Independence 3.2 When engaged to perform an Assurance Engagement, a Member in Public Practice shall consider Section 290 Independence – Assurance Engagements of the Code.	Adapted from APES225
4. Auditing and Assurance Standards	4. Auditing and Assurance Standards	
4.1 Auditing and Assurance Standards contain basic principles and essential procedures, together with related guidance. Auditing and Assurance Standards apply in addition to ethical or legal requirements relevant to a particular engagement. Auditing and Assurance Standards are to be applied to all Australian financial report audits and are also to be applied, adapted where permitted and as necessary, to all other Australian audit engagements, review engagements, other assurance engagements, and related services engagements (whether of financial or non-financial information).	n/a	Introductory comments grey letter. Requirements changed to black letter. Text separated into 3 paragraphs for clarity. Defined terms now capitalised.
	4.1 Members in Public Practice shall comply with Auditing and Assurance Standards when engaged to perform Australian financial report audits.	Adapted from APES410
	4.2 A Member in Public Practice shall comply with Auditing and Assurance Standards when conducting all other Australian Audit Engagements, Review Engagements, other Assurance Engagements and related services Engagements (whether of financial or non-financial information).	Adapted from APES410

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4.2 In Auditing and Assurance Standards, the basic principles and essential procedures identified in bold-type (black lettering) are mandatory. They are to be complied with in the planning, conduct and reporting of audits, other assurance engagements and related services except where otherwise stated in the Auditing and Assurance Standard concerned.	n/a	Considered unnecessary as mandatory status of Auditing & Assurance Standards is explained within those standards.
4.2 cont. They need not be applied in relation to a matter forming part of the information subject to audit, other assurance engagement, or related service if that matter is not material. The basic principles and essential procedures are to be interpreted in the context of the explanatory text and other information contained in or appended to Auditing and Assurance Standards and Auditing and Assurance Guidance. The explanatory text and other information provide guidance and practical examples to assist the auditor in the application of the basic principles and essential procedures.	n/a	As above.
5. Auditing and Assurance Guidance	5. Auditing and Assurance Guidance	
5.1 Auditing and Assurance Guidance does not establish new Auditing and Assurance Standards and does not amend existing Auditing and Assurance Standards. Auditing and Assurance Guidance is not mandatory.	5.1 Members in Public Practice should follow relevant Auditing and Assurance Guidance Statements when conducting Assurance Engagements (whether of financial or non-financial information).	Grey letter. Text edited. Paragraph previously given a separate section, now included in section 4 of the standard.