

Response Template: Proposed ISA 220 (Revised)

Note to Respondents:

- The questions below are from the exposure draft of proposed International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 220 (Revised), *Quality Management for an Audit of Financial Statements*, which is available at www.iaasb.org/quality-management.
- Respondents are asked to respond separately to each of the exposure drafts and the overall explanatory memorandum.
- We request that comment letters do not include tables as they are incompatible with the software we use to help analyze respondents' comments.

General Comments on Proposed ISA 220 (Revised)

[Please include here comments of a general nature and matters not covered by the questions below.]

Questions

- 1) Do you support the focus on the sufficient and appropriate involvement of the engagement partner (see particularly paragraphs 11–13 and 37 of ED-220), as part of taking overall responsibility for managing quality on the engagement? Does the proposed ISA appropriately reflect the role of other senior members of the engagement team, including other partners?

Response: **Yes, we do.**

- 2) Does ED-220 have appropriate linkages with the ISQMs? Do you support the requirements to follow the firm's policies and procedures and the material referring to when the engagement partner may depend on the firm's policies or procedures?

Response: **Yes, it has adequate links. A simple, practical guide would clearly support policies and procedures for small firms and individual professionals without employees, supporting the generation of a quality management culture.**

- 3) Do you support the material on the appropriate exercise of professional skepticism in managing quality at the engagement level? (See paragraph 7 and A27–A29 of ED-220)

Response: **Yes, we do.**

- 4) Does ED-220 deal adequately with the modern auditing environment, including the use of different audit delivery models and technology?

Response: **Yes, plus a simple, practical guide would support small firms and individual practicing professionals without employees.**

- 5) Do you support the revised requirements and guidance on direction, supervision and review? (See paragraphs 27–31 and A68–A80 of ED-220)

Response: **Yes, we do.**

- 6) Does ED-220, together with the overarching documentation requirements in ISA 230, include sufficient requirements and guidance on documentation?

Response: **Yes, it does.**

- 7) Is ED-220 appropriately scalable to engagements of different sizes and complexity, including through the focus on the nature and circumstances of the engagement in the requirements?

Response: Yes, plus a simple, practical guide would provide a better understanding of the approach based on the nature and circumstances of the assignments, especially for small firms and individual practicing professionals without employees.