

## Response to the IFAC Part 2, SMO Self-Assessment Questionnaire

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<b>IFAC Part 2 SMO Self-Assessment</b>			
1.	<b>SMO 1</b>		
1.1.	<b>Quality Assurance Program</b>		
1.1.1.	<i>Quality Assurance Review Program</i> In your jurisdiction is there a mandatory quality assurance review program in place for members of your organization performing audits of financial statements of listed companies?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input type="radio"/> No	
1.2.	<b>Responsibility for Quality Assurance - Overview</b>		
1.2.1.	<i>Responsibility for Quality Assurance</i> Within your jurisdiction, is your organization responsible for monitoring the quality of the work of your members performing audits of financial statements? Select the answer option that is most appropriate.	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes - for all audits of financial statements	A new law, in accordance with the Statutory Audit Directive of the European Union, has been adopted by parliament. This law has not yet been implemented. Under

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		<p>2○ Yes - for all audits except those of listed entities</p> <p>3○ Our organization shares responsibility for the quality assurance program with another body</p> <p>4○ No, responsibility for quality assurance for all audits rests with another body</p> <p>5○ Other (please describe)</p> <p>6○ Not applicable - no members of our organization perform audits of listed entities</p>	<p>this law, the WTA, the responsibility for monitoring organisations performing statutory audits, including financial statements of listed companies, will be with the AFM, the Dutch "financial markets authority". This is an independent government-agency.</p>
1.2.6.	<p><i>Quality Assurance (Member Body) All Audits - Scope</i></p> <p>What types of engagements are included in the scope of the quality assurance review program? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.</p>	<p>1☑ Financial statement audit - listed entities (minimum requirement)</p>	<p>All engagements are included, as the monitoring focusses on the organisation, its quality control en assurance, and compliance</p>

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		<p>2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial statement audit - audit of other than listed entities</p> <p>3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other services (e.g., review, compilation)</p> <p>4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insolvency</p> <p>5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)</p>	with regulations. As far as specific engagements are monitored the focus is on audits and other assurance-engagements
1.4.	<b>Member - Benchmarking</b>		
1.4.1.	<b>Quality Control Standards and Guidance</b>		
1.4.1.1.	<i>Quality Control Standards</i> Has your organization established and published quality control standards requiring firms to implement a system of quality control in accordance with International Standard on Quality Control 1?	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
1.4.1.3.	<i>Quality Control Standards - Name</i> State the name of the relevant quality control standards.	RKB1: Richtlijn Kwaliteitsbeheersing 1 (Statement on Quality Control 1)	
1.4.1.4.	<i>Other Quality Control Guidance</i> Has your organization established and published other quality control guidance to assist your members to understand the	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	

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	objectives of quality control and to implement and maintain appropriate systems of quality control?	2 <input type="radio"/> No	
1.4.1.5.	<i>Other Quality Control Guidance - Name</i> State the name of the other quality control guidance.	Handleiding kwaliteitstoetsing	
1.4.2.	<b>Design of the Quality Assurance Review Program</b>		
1.4.2.1.	<i>Subject of the QA Review Program</i> Who is the subject of the quality assurance review program?	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audit firm  2 <input type="checkbox"/> Partner	Under the new law, the WTA, the audit firm will be subject of the public oversight system, but individual accountants will be monitored as well, if and when their work is reviewed as part of the oversight.
1.4.2.2.	<i>Audit Firm</i> As the audit firm is the subject of the quality assurance review program, the quality assurance program should be designed, as required by SMO 1, to obtain reasonable assurance that:  - The firm has an adequate system of quality control relating to audits of financial	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	

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	<p>statements of listed entities (and of other entities or engagements that are also included in the scope of the review).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The firm complies with that system.</li> <li>- The firm and engagement teams have adhered to professional standards and regulatory and legal requirements in performing audits of financial statements selected for review.</li> </ul> <p>Does the quality assurance program contain all three of these elements?</p>	<p>2 <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
1.4.2.5.	<p><i>Publication of Scope</i></p> <p>Does your organization publish a description of the scope and design of its quality assurance review program?</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
1.4.2.7.	<p><i>Name of Documents</i></p> <p>Please name the published document(s) that describe the scope and design of the quality assurance review program.</p>	<p>Verordening op de kwaliteitstoetsing (Bylaw on quality assurance)</p>	
1.4.2.8.	<p><i>Location of Documents</i></p> <p>Please indicate where the document(s) that include details on the scope and design of the quality assurance program can be located (e.g., provide internet address or indicate</p>	<p><a href="http://www.nivra.nl/Downloads/0009V_Verordening_op_de_Kwaliteitstoetsing.pdf">http://www.nivra.nl/Downloads/0009V_Verordening_op_de_Kwaliteitstoetsing.pdf</a></p>	

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	that documents are available from your organization).	<p>and</p> <p><a href="http://www.nivra.nl/Downloads/handleiding_kwaliteitstoetsing/Hoofdstuk_1.pdf">http://www.nivra.nl/Downloads/handleiding_kwaliteitstoetsing/Hoofdstuk_1.pdf</a></p> <p>(this is just the first chapter, to find the entire handbook, you need to navigate on the www.nivra.nl website, no url is available)</p>	
1.4.3.	<b>Review Cycle</b>		
1.4.3.1.	<p><i>Selection Approach</i></p> <p>Please select the approach used to select subjects for quality assurance review. Select all the answer options that are appropriate.</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cycle approach</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Risk-based approach</p>	<p>Under the new law, the WTA, a risk-based approach will be implemented, with cyclic elements. The current system is a cycle approach, with risk based elements.</p>
1.4.3.2.	<p><i>Cycle Approach - Firm</i></p> <p>As the audit firm is the subject of the review, please indicate the maximum number of years in the review cycle:</p>	<p>1 <input type="radio"/> 1 year</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> 2 years</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> 3 years</p>	<p>For firms, working for Public Interest Entities, the cycle is 2 years, for other audit firms 4 years. The 6 year-cycle is only for those firms that do not perform audits and do not work for PIE's.</p>

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		<input type="radio"/> 4 years <input type="radio"/> 5 years <input checked="" type="radio"/> 6 or more years	
1.4.3.4.	<p><i>Cycle Greater Than Three Years</i>            As the review cycle is more than the three year cycle recommended by SMO1, please provide an explanation for adopting a longer cycle.</p>	<p>The choice of the cycle is based on efficiency, and risk. For audit firms working for PIE's a shorter cycle, 2 years, is being used. The 4 year-cycle for audit firms performing audits for other than PIE's, and the 6-year cycle for non audit firms not working for PIE's is considered to be adequate without being too much a burden on these firms.</p>	
1.4.4.	<b>Implementation of the Quality Assurance Program</b>		
1.4.4.1.	<p><i>Date of Implementation</i>            On what date did the quality assurance review program commence? (provide month/year)</p>	1/1/1996	
1.4.4.2.	<p><i>Number of Reviews - 2005</i>            How many quality assurance reviews were completed during the year ended December 31, 2005 (or other 12 month period ending in 2005)?</p>	243	reviews completed during the 12 months ended in July 2005
1.4.4.3.	<p><i>Number of Reviews - 2004</i>            How many quality assurance reviews were</p>	243	reviews completed during the

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	completed during the year ended December 31, 2004 (or other 12 month period ending in 2004)?		12 months ended in July 2004
1.4.4.4.	<i>Number of Reviews - 2003</i> How many quality assurance reviews were completed during the year ended December 31, 2003 (or other 12 month period ending in 2003)?	140	reviews completed during the 12 months ended in August 2003
1.4.5.	<b>Quality Assurance Review Team Procedures</b>		
1.4.5.1.	<i>Publication of Review Guidelines</i> Does your organization publish guidelines for procedures to be followed by quality assurance review teams?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input type="radio"/> No	
1.4.5.2.	<i>Name of Guidelines</i> State the name of the published document(s) that include the procedures required to be followed by quality assurance review teams.	Verordening kwaliteitstoetsing accountants (statement of review of quality of professional accountants in public practice)  and Handleiding Kwaliteitstoetsing (Manual on quality review) and Werkprogramma's (Workingprograms)	

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1.4.5.4.	<p><i>Location of Guidelines</i> How can the document(s) that include the procedures required to be followed by quality assurance review teams be located (e.g., provide internet address or indicate that documents are available from your organization)?</p>	www.nivra.nl	
1.4.5.5.	<p><i>Content of Guidelines</i> SMO 1 requires that the procedures to be performed during the quality assurance review include:</p> <p>a. An assessment of the system of quality control relating to audits of financial statements of listed entities (minimum requirement)</p> <p>b. Sufficient review of the quality control policies and procedures and reviews of engagement working papers to evaluate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The functioning of that system of quality control, and compliance with it; and</li> <li>- The compliance with professional standards and regulatory and legal requirements in respect of audits of financial statements</li> </ul> <p>c. Review of engagement working papers</p> <p>d. Specific requirements regarding documentation of the review</p>	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	

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	Does your quality assurance review program include requirements for all of these procedures?	2 <input type="radio"/> No	
1.4.5.7.	<p><i>Review of Engagement Working Papers</i> SMO 1 requires procedures to be performed for the review of engagement working papers, including the evaluation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The existence and effectiveness of the system of quality control implemented by the subject of the review;</li> <li>- Compliance with professional standards and regulatory and legal requirements in performing the engagement;</li> <li>- The sufficiency and appropriateness of evidence documented in the working papers; and</li> <li>- Whether the auditor's reports are appropriate in the circumstances.</li> </ul> <p>Does your quality assurance review program include requirements for all of these procedures?</p>	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	
		2 <input type="radio"/> No	
1.4.5.9.	<p><i>Documentation</i> Do the procedures to be performed by the quality assurance review team require documentation:</p>	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	

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	<p>- of evidence supporting the quality assurance review report; and</p> <p>- that establishes that the quality assurance review was carried out in accordance with the established guidelines.</p> <p>Are both of these requirements included in the quality assurance review program?</p>	2 <input type="radio"/> No	
1.4.6.	<b>The Quality Assurance Review Team</b>		
1.4.6.1.	<p><i>Skills and Competence</i></p> <p>Members of the quality assurance review team should have the necessary competencies to perform expected work. As required by SMO 1, these competencies should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appropriate professional education</li> <li>- Relevant professional experience</li> <li>- Specific training on performing quality assurance reviews</li> </ul> <p>Does the quality assurance review program require members of the quality assurance review team to have all three of these competencies?</p>	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	
		2 <input type="radio"/> No	
1.4.6.3.	<p><i>Certification/Credentials</i></p> <p>Are members of the quality assurance</p>	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	

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	review team required to possess certification or credentials issued by your organization to be eligible to serve as team members?	2 <input type="radio"/> No	
1.4.6.5.	<i>Quality Assurance Review Team Leader</i> Where more than one reviewer is used to conduct a review, is a quality assurance review team leader assigned for each quality assurance review assignment?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input type="radio"/> No	
1.4.6.7.	<i>QA Review Team Leader - Responsibilities</i> As required by SMO 1, the responsibilities of the quality assurance review team leader should include:  - Supervision of the quality assurance review. - Communication of the quality assurance review team's conclusions to the subject of the review. - Preparation of the quality assurance review report.  Does the quality assurance program place all these responsibilities on the review team leader?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes          2 <input type="radio"/> No	
1.4.6.9.	<i>Size of Quality Assurance Review Team</i> Please estimate the average number of	2	

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	reviewers included on a review team.		
1.4.7.	<b>Quality Assurance Confidentiality - QA Review Team</b>		
1.4.7.1.	<i>Exemption for QA Reviewers</i> Does your organization exempt members from professional client confidentiality requirements concerning audit engagement working papers for the purpose of quality assurance reviews?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input type="radio"/> No	
1.4.7.3.	<i>Confidentiality Requirements</i> Is the quality assurance review team required to follow professional confidentiality requirements similar to those established for professional accountants performing audits of financial statements?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input type="radio"/> No	
1.4.8.	<b>Ethical Requirements and QA Review Team</b>		
1.4.8.1.	<i>Fundamental Principles</i> Are the fundamental principles set out in the IFAC Code of Ethics (relevant national ethical requirements) considered in relation to the quality assurance review team's conduct of a review?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input type="radio"/> No	
1.4.8.3.	<i>Consideration of Independence</i> Quality assurance review team members are	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	

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	<p>expected to be independent of the member (i.e., the accountant or firm being reviewed) and the member's clients selected for review.</p> <p>Do those who select and approve a review team determine whether the independence of the quality assurance review team leader and each member of the quality assurance review team has been reasonably assured?</p>	2○ No	
1.4.8.5.	<p><i>Reciprocal Reviews</i></p> <p>Where the review is performed by team members from a single firm (e.g., a "peer review"), please indicate whether firms are permitted to perform reciprocal quality assurance reviews.</p>	<p>1○ Yes, reciprocal reviews are permitted</p> <p>2○ No, reciprocal reviews are not permitted</p> <p>3⊙ Not applicable - peer review is not used</p>	
1.4.9.	<b>Reporting</b>		
1.4.9.1.	<p><i>Quality Assurance Review Report</i></p> <p>Is the quality assurance review team leader required to issue a written quality assurance review report to the reviewed firm or partner upon completion of each quality assurance review assignment?</p>	<p>1⊙ Yes</p> <p>2○ No</p>	
1.4.9.3.	<p><i>Contents of Report</i></p> <p>As required by SMO 1, the quality assurance</p>	1⊙ Yes	

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	<p>review report should include the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The review guidelines (referred to in Question 1.4.5.1) utilized by the quality assurance review team.</li> <li>- Recommendations for areas of improvement at both firm wide and engagement level.</li> </ul> <p>Does the quality assurance program require both of these elements to be included in the report?</p>	<input type="radio"/> No	
1.4.9.5.	<p><i>Contents of Report - Firm</i></p> <p>As required by SMO 1, the quality assurance review report should include the following conclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Whether the firm's system of quality control has been designed to meet the requirements of the applicable quality control standards;</li> <li>- Whether the firm has complied with its system of quality control during the period under review; and</li> <li>- Reasons for reaching negative conclusions on either or both of the above.</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	

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	Does the quality assurance program require all of these elements to be included in the report?	2○ No	
1.4.9.8.	<i>Response to Reporting</i> Is the subject of the review required to provide a timely written response to the recommendations and conclusions of the quality assurance review report, including planned actions and expected time of completion or implementation?	1⊙ Yes	
		2○ No	
1.4.9.10.	<i>Reporting to the Public</i> Does your organization prepare and make available to the public (and upon request from regulatory authorities) an annual report summarizing the results of the quality assurance review program?	1⊙ Yes	
		2○ No	
1.4.10.	<b>Corrective and Disciplinary Actions</b>		
1.4.10.1.	<i>Corrective Actions Required</i> Does your organization require each of its members to make appropriate corrections to its system of quality control, or in its compliance with policies and procedures?	1⊙ Yes	
		2○ No	
1.4.10.3.	<i>Disciplinary Actions</i> If one of your members subsequently fails to demonstrate compliance with professional standards and regulatory and legal	1⊙ Yes	

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	requirements, do you take appropriate disciplinary action?	2 <input type="radio"/> No	
1.4.10.5.	<i>Linkage with Disciplinary Actions</i> Does your organization clearly establish a link between less than satisfactory results of quality assurance reviews and the initiation of corrective and disciplinary actions under its disciplinary system?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input type="radio"/> No	
2.	<b>SMO 2</b>		
2.1.	<i>MB Membership Requirements</i> Which of the following are required for individuals to be admitted as members in your organization? Select all the options that are appropriate.	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete a program of professional accountancy education  2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete a practical experience requirement 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Complete a final assessment of the individual's professional capabilities and competencies 4 <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above	To become a member of the institute one has to show credentials both for the theoretical education and for the practical experience. There is no final assessment covering both area's.
2.2.	<i>Continuous Professional Development</i> Is there a requirement for your members to develop and maintain competence through	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	

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	continuous professional development (CPD)?	2 <input type="radio"/> No	
<b>2.3.</b>	<b>Professional Accountancy Education</b>		
2.3.1.	<p><i>Professional Accountancy Education Program</i> Who delivers the professional accountancy education program for your members? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.</p>	<p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Our organization</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Another IFAC member body</p> <p>3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Universities</p> <p>4 <input type="checkbox"/> Approved training institutions</p> <p>5 <input type="checkbox"/> Government bodies</p> <p>6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other organizations</p>	
2.3.2.	<p><i>Describe Other Organizations</i> Where your response in question 2.3.1 indicates another IFAC member body, universities, approved training institutions, and / or other organizations deliver the professional accountancy education program, describe these organizations and their legal authority to deliver the program. (Include the name of the other IFAC member body where relevant).</p>	<p>The accountancy education program is delivered by a number of Dutch (academic) universities, all under final responsibility of the Dutch government. The first phase of the program is also delivered by a number of professional universities. Oversight is done by an Independent Examination Board. The education department grants a university the right to deliver an accountancy education program. The Dutch professional body, Royal NIVRA, provides the</p>	

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		<p>professional profile, that is to be used by the universities for describing the learning outcomes of the education program.</p> <p>The Dutch accountancy programs are primarily based on the requirements of the European Union, as stated in the 8th Directive on Company Law and the Statutory Audit Directive.</p>	
2.3.3.	<p><i>Prof Accountancy Education Program Follow Up</i></p> <p>Please describe how your organization ensures the professional accountancy education program, delivered by the organization in response to question 2.3.1., meets the required content.</p> <p>Include in your description the specific activities your organization undertakes with regards to the necessary content requirements.</p>	As mentioned before, oversight is done by an independent Examination Board.	
2.4.	<b>Final Assessment Follow Up</b>		
2.4.1.	<p><i>Final Assessment Approach Follow Up</i></p> <p>Since your organization does not require completion of a final assessment, please</p>	To become a member, an individual has to complete an academic	As mentioned before the final examination is a part of the

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	describe how your organization assesses whether an individual has the required professional capabilities and competencies.	program and three years of practical experience. Without the required capabilities and competencies it is not possible to complete these three years successfully.	theoretical education and the practical experience training period. Both parts are to be completed with a thesis and an oral examination on the subjects of the theses.
2.4.2.	<i>Plans for Final Assessment</i> Are there plans to introduce a final assessment of professional capabilities and competence?	1 <input type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	see 2.4.1.
2.4.4.	<i>Plans for Final Assessment Follow Up</i> Please explain why there is no plan to introduce a final assessment of professional capabilities and competence.	see 2.4.1.	
2.11.	<b>IES 5 Practical Experience Requirement</b>		
2.11.1.	<i>Approved Provider</i> Section 2.11 deals with the practical experience requirement established by your organization.  Does the practical experience requirement have to be obtained with approved providers or employers?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input type="radio"/> No	
2.11.2.	<i>Provider Characteristics</i> Please describe the characteristics set by your organization for recognizing approved	practical experience has to be obtained under supervision. The	

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	providers.	supervisor must be, for at least 2 out of the three years be a member of the Institute himself. The last two years however must be guided by a member of the institute In all three years he must have enough time and experience to supervise effectively. All supervisors must be approved by a "stagebureau". These organisations, or organisational units of a enterprise or firm, are supervised by the "stagebureau", or Practical Experience Board.	
2.11.4.	<i>Length of Practical Experience</i> What is the required length of pre-qualification practical experience? Select the answer option that is most appropriate.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Three years <input type="radio"/> Less than three years <input type="radio"/> More than three years	
2.11.6.	<b>Practical Application SMO 2</b>		
2.11.6.1.	<i>Practical Application</i> Where relevant graduate (beyond undergraduate, e.g., masters) professional education has a strong element of practical accounting application, may any portion of the professional education be contributed to the practical experience requirement?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
2.11.7.	<b>Timing of Experience</b>		

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2.11.7.1.	<i>Pre or Post Qualification Experience</i> The practical experience for accountants may be obtained (select all the answer options that are appropriate):	<p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Before the professional accountancy education program of study</p> <p>2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At the same time as the professional accountancy education program of study</p> <p>3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After the professional accountancy education program of study</p>	The final part of the three years of practical training has to be completed after the theoretical program. Usually this is at least one year.
2.11.7.2.	<i>Describe Pre or Post Experience</i> Describe the length of practical experience that may be obtained pre-qualification and / or post-qualification.	two years of experience can be obtained before qualification. The last year may only start after completion of studies, but may start before qualification. This means that one may obtain the last year of practical experience while writing a paper to finalize academic education.	
2.12.	<b>IES 5 Monitoring of Practical Experience Requirement</b>		
2.12.1.	<i>Monitoring of Practical Experience</i> Is the period of practical experience monitored?	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
2.12.3.	<i>Monitoring Practical Experience</i>		



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		<input type="checkbox"/> IFAC member body <input type="checkbox"/> Law and / or regulation (state the name of the law / regulation) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)	
2.14.2.	<i>CPD and Professional Accountants</i> Which membership categories are required to maintain professional competence through continuous professional development? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/> All our qualified members  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Qualified members who perform audits of listed entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Qualified members who perform audits of entities other than listed entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Qualified members who provide services (other than audit) to the public <input type="checkbox"/> Qualified members who are employed in business <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)	Qualified members who are employed in business are in 2007 required to maintain professional competences through CPD
2.14.3.	<b>Requirement - CPD</b>		
2.14.3.1.	<i>Type of CPD Requirement</i> Which of the following answer options describes the way the continuous professional development is structured? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members must satisfy a number of hours of continuous professional development a year or over a number of years	NIVRA has selected a number of mandatory courses for 2006 and 2007.

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		<p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> All members are to satisfy specified content requirements (e.g. specified courses or knowledge content)</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Members working in specialist areas or areas of high risk to the public are to satisfy specified content requirements (e.g. specified courses or knowledge content)</p> <p>4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>	
2.14.3.3.	<p><i>Hours of Continuous Professional Development</i> Which one of the following answer options best describes the continuous professional development hours required?</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Members have to complete a minimum of 120 hours or equivalent learning units of relevant professional development activity over a three-year rolling period.</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> Members have to complete a minimum of 20 hours or equivalent learning units in each year</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> Other</p>	Members have to complete a minimum of 120 hours over three years with a minimum of 20 hours a year.
2.14.3.8.	<p><i>Monitoring of CPD</i> Is there a process to monitor whether your members who are qualified as professional</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, there is a monitoring process for CPD requirements</p>	

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	accountants meet the continuous professional development requirements?	2 <input type="radio"/> No, there is no monitoring process for CPD requirements	
2.14.4.	<b>Monitoring of CPD Requirement</b>		
2.14.4.1.	<i>Monitoring Process SMO 2</i> Which of the following elements does the monitoring process include? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Professional accountants are required to submit a declaration 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Professional accountants are required to submit evidence 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Our organization audits a sample of professional accountants to check compliance 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compliance is monitored through firm quality control standards 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compliance is monitored through a quality assurance review program 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) 7 <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above	From 2007 professional accountants are required to register through the online registration program
2.14.4.3.	<i>Sanctions SMO 2</i> Where a professional accountant does not satisfy the CPD requirements (within a reasonable period of encouraging the professional accountant to meet the requirements), are sanctions or other non-	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, sanctions or actions for non-compliance are imposed	

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	compliance actions, such as expulsion or denial of the right to practice, imposed?	20 No, sanctions or other non-compliance actions are not imposed	
2.14.4.4.	<p><i>Sanction Types and CPD</i> Describe the nature and extent of the sanction, expulsions or denial of the right to practice.</p>	<p>First the member gets a warning and have to comply with regulations within a certain amount of time.</p> <p>If that has no result a formal complaint is made and brought into the disciplinary board of accountants</p>	
2.15.	<p><i>Activities to Promote IESs SMO 2</i> Please describe the activities your organization undertakes to promote and assist in implementing the pronouncements issued by IFAC's International Accounting Education Standards Board.</p>	<p>As far as these pronouncements can be implemented by the Institute, these are implemented. But responsibility for the educational system is mainly designated to independent organisations, universities and the education department of the Dutch government. Wherever possible or required the Institute assists these organisations and in this, promotes IFAC's Education Standards.</p>	

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3.	<b>SMO 3</b>		
3.1.	<p><i>Auditing Standards in Law/Regulation</i></p> <p>Does law or regulation establish the set of auditing standards to be used in the audit of private sector listed entities and non-listed entities? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.</p> <p>Where the law / regulation establishes the auditing standards to be used by reference to the set of standards to be used by their name or by including the text of the standards in the law / regulation, please respond "yes" to this question. Section 3.8. of this module includes questions about the law / regulation.</p> <p>Where the law / regulation gives authority to a national standard-setter to establish the auditing standards, please respond "no". Section 3.2. of this module includes questions about the standard-setter and the auditing standards that are established.</p>	<p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes for audits of listed entities</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes for audits of non-listed entities</p> <p>3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No for audits of listed entities</p> <p>4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No for audits of non-listed entities</p>	
3.2.	<b>Responsibility for Private Sector Auditing Standards</b>		

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3.2.1.	<i>Auditing Standards - Private Sector</i> Is there only one set of auditing standards or are the auditing standards applicable to listed entities different from non-listed entities?	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> The auditing standards for listed entities and non-listed entities are the same set of standards</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> The auditing standards for listed entities and non-listed entities are not the same set of standards</p>	
3.2.6.	<i>Responsibility for Auditing Standards</i> Who has the authority for establishing the auditing standards for listed and non-listed entities?	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Our organization</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> Another IFAC member body</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> Joint process between our organization and another IFAC member body or other organization</p> <p>4 <input type="radio"/> Another organization</p>	Besides the Royal NIVRA, in the Netherlands we have another professional body, the NOvAA, not an IFAC member. Each body is responsible for establishing auditing standards for their members. In practice, NIVRA and NOvAA work together to establish one set of standards for all members.
3.3.	<b>Member Body SMO 3</b>		
3.3.1.	<i>MB Convergence Objective SMO 3</i> Has convergence with IAASB	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	

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	pronouncements been established as an objective?	2 <input type="radio"/> No	
3.3.3.	<i>MB Convergence Implemented SMO 3</i> Has the convergence objective for auditing standards been implemented?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes 2 <input type="radio"/> No	
3.6.	<b>Incorporation of Auditing Standards</b>		
3.6.1.	<i>Incorporation Approach SMO 3</i> Where your response indicates that convergence with IAASB pronouncements has been implemented, which of the following best describes the approach is used to incorporate the IAASB pronouncements into national standards? Select the answer option that is most appropriate. <b>Help text:</b> Answer Option 1 and reference to "adopted without amendment" Select this option where IAASB pronouncements are adopted as drafted except for changes to: Rename the IAASB pronouncement to a national standard name; Translate the IAASB pronouncement into another language; Apply an effective date that differs from the IAASB pronouncement.	1 <input type="radio"/> IAASB pronouncements are adopted as drafted without amendments (refer Help Text) 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> IAASB pronouncements are adopted as national standards and amended as necessary to address differences due to conflicts with legal or regulatory requirements (refer Help Text)	

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	<p>Answer Option 2 and 3 reference to "Differences"</p> <p>In responding to this question, "differences" may include:</p> <p>Requirements in addition to those specified in the IAASB pronouncement or ISA;</p> <p>Deletion of a basic principle, essential procedure, and / or related guidance specified in the IAASB pronouncement or ISA;</p> <p>Modification of a requirement specified in the IAASB pronouncement or ISA (e.g. an ISA requirement was not deleted in full because a similar requirement was included).</p>	<p>3 <input type="radio"/> Existing national standards are compared with IAASB pronouncements to eliminate to the extent possible differences between the national standard and the IAASB pronouncement (refer Help Text)</p> <p>4 <input type="radio"/> Other</p>	
3.6.3.	<b>Adoption with Amendments SMO 3</b>		
3.6.3.1.	<p><i>IAASB Pronouncements with Amendments</i></p> <p>Which of the following IAASB pronouncements have been adopted or incorporated? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Standard on Quality Control 1</p>	

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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 International Standards on Auditing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 International Auditing Practices Statements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 International Standards on Assurance Engagements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 International Standards on Review Engagements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 International Standards on Related Services	
3.6.3.2.	<i>Name of Standards SMO 3 - Amendments</i> When the IAASB pronouncements are adopted, are the IAASB pronouncements renamed as national standards and pronouncements?	<input type="radio"/> 1 IAASB pronouncements are adopted without changes to the pronouncement's name  <input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 IAASB pronouncements are adopted with changes to their names	
3.6.3.3.	<i>Name of National Auditing Standards - Amendments</i> State the name of the national auditing standards and pronouncements	Richtlijnen voor de Accountantscontrole (directives on auditing)	
3.6.3.4.	<i>Adopted with Amendments SMO 3</i> Is information publicly available describing: The IAASB pronouncements that have been adopted; Whether the adopted IAASB pronouncement is the version in effect as at	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 Yes	

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	<p>September 30, 2005; The effective date set by your organization where it differs from the IAASB pronouncement; The differences between the IAASB pronouncement and what was adopted; The reasons for the differences?</p>	<p>2○ No</p>	
<p>3.6.3.5.</p>	<p><i>Submit Information - Amendments SMO 3</i> If the standard-setter has issued information about the status of adopted ISAs and other IAASB pronouncements and it is available in English, indicate this in your response and submit a copy of the information to Compliance Staff.</p> <p>If this information is not available, complete the <a href="SMO 3 Comparison with IAASB Pronouncements.doc">SMO 3: Comparison with IAASB Pronouncements</a> report by clicking on the link and submit it in Word format to Compliance Staff.</p> <p>Indicate whether your organization will be submitting available information or the "SMO 3: Comparison with IAASB Pronouncements" report.</p> <p><b>Help text:</b></p>	<p>1⊙</p> <p>2○</p>	<p>The information is available and in English and will be submitted to Compliance Staff</p> <p>The "SMO 3: Comparison with IAASB</p>

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		Pronouncements" report will be completed and submitted to Compliance Staff	
3.10.	<b>Translation SMO 3</b>		
3.10.1.	<i>Translation of IAASB Pronouncements</i> Are the IAASB pronouncements translated into a national language?	1 <input type="radio"/> No as English is the national language or a widely spoken language	All standards are translated and available in English. The only part not available in English, is the guidance in reading the statements. Relevant for understanding the difference between the Dutch standards and the IFAC-text are the following three points: - If a statement is needed for the Dutch situation, but is not issued by IFAC, it is numbered xxxN (e.g. 621N on the cooperation between auditor and actuaries) - If a text does not apply in the Netherlands, it is not translated, and the English text is between "" and "" - If a text is added to reflect the Dutch situation, it is in italics (e.g. ISA 210)
		2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, the IAASB	

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		<p>pronouncements are translated</p> <p>3○ No and English is not an official language or is not widely spoken</p>	
3.10.2.	<i>IFAC Translation Policy SMO 3</i> Is the IFAC Translation Policy followed?	<p>1⊙ Yes</p> <p>2○ No</p>	
3.10.3.	<i>Principal Translator SMO 3</i> Who is the principal translator? Select the answer option that is most appropriate.	<p>1⊙ Our organization is the principal translator</p> <p>2○ The government or another organization is the principal translator</p> <p>3○ Our organization and the government or another organization are the principal translators</p>	
3.10.4.	<i>Key Words SMO 3</i> Does the translation process include a list of key words?	<p>1⊙ Yes</p> <p>2○ No</p>	<p>We use a list together with the institute in Belgium, for their Dutch translation. This does however not mean that the final results are identical, because of small language differences between Netherlands Dutch, en Belgium Dutch.</p>
3.10.5.	<i>Faithful Translation SMO 3</i>		

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	What processes are in place to ensure a faithful translation of the IAASB pronouncements?	The NIVRA board has formed a committee, the CCR, with members specialised in technical issues. This committee has a sub-committee, CORA, responsible for first translation. After CORA produces its translation, CCR reviews the entire text. When the CCR agrees with the translation, it is transferred to the Board of the NIVRA, which has final responsibility.	
3.11.	<p><i>Activities to Promote IAASB Pronouncements</i></p> <p>Please describe the activities your organization undertakes to promote and assist in the implementation of IAASB pronouncements and other IAASB activities.</p>	<p>All new ISA's are translated and adopted by the Institute. After this members use of these standards is mandatory.</p> <p>At the moment we are increasing our activities to assist members in implementation of standards, by courses, publications and so on.</p>	
4.	<b>SMO 4</b>		
4.1.	<b>Responsibility and National Ethical Requirements</b>		
4.1.1.	<p><i>IFAC MB and Ethical Requirements</i></p> <p>Does your organization establish ethical requirements (e.g. code of ethics, code of</p>	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, our organization does establish ethical requirements	

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	<p>conduct, ethics rules, member regulations, etc.) to be complied with by your members?</p> <p><b>Help text:</b> In some countries, ethical requirements may be established on a regional, provincial, or state basis. Where this is the case in your country for the ethical requirements that apply to your members, please contact Compliance Staff for further instruction.</p>	<p>2 <input type="radio"/> No, our organization does not establish ethical requirements</p>	
4.1.2.	<p><i>IFAC MB and Convergence with IFAC Code</i> Has your organization implemented convergence with the IFAC Code of Ethics as an objective?</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
4.1.9.	<p><i>IFAC MB Approach to Ethics</i> Which of the following options best describes your organization's activities to incorporate the IFAC Code?</p> <p>For the purposes of the Part 2 SMO 4 module, modifications include: Deletion/omission of concepts, principles, or guidance that are established in the IFAC Code; Inclusion of concepts, principles, or guidance that are not in the IFAC Code; Other amendments that give rise to differences between your organization's ethical requirements and the IFAC Code.</p>	<p>1 <input type="radio"/> Our organization adopted the IFAC Code as issued without modifications</p>	<p>At this moment, the Dutch Code, based on the latest IFAC Code, is not yet in effect.</p>

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		<p>2⊙ Our organization adopted the IFAC Code but with modifications</p> <p>3○ Our organization has developed our own ethical requirements with a process to eliminate differences between our ethical requirements and the IFAC Code</p> <p>4○ Our organization develops our own ethical requirements and uses another approach to incorporate the IFAC Code of Ethics</p>	
4.1.10.	<p><i>IFAC MB and Code - Eliminate Differences</i> Describe the process used to adopt the IFAC Code or the process used to eliminate differences between your organization's ethical requirements and the IFAC Code.</p>	<p>Based on the latest version of the IFAC-code and our own code we have proposed an entirely new code. In this new code the IFAC-code has been considered to be the minimum requirement, and those parts of our old code we considered important to keep, we have added to the IFAC-code. As a result the proposed code equals the IFAC-code and a few extras. We expect our members to accept this new code in September</p>	



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	<p>national ethical requirements; Principles, concepts, and guidance in the IFAC Code that are not equivalent to the national ethical requirements; Principles, concepts, rules, regulations, laws, or other mandatory ethical requirements in national ethical requirements that are not addressed in the IFAC Code.</p> <p>The phrase "national ethical requirements" as used in this questionnaire refers to the totality of ethical requirements established by your organization and others including government and regulatory bodies that are applicable to your members.</p>	<p>2 <input type="radio"/> This information will be submitted by another IFAC member body</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> No, the information is not available</p>	<p>the statement that no part of the IFAC-code is not addressed in the national requirements. The most important difference in the Dutch code is that we have created a new part B2 for internal and government auditors, which is mostly the same as part B1 for public accountants.</p> <p>The new law, the WTA, will add a few requirements, but they refer to the requirements in our code.</p>
4.11.	<p><i>Translation of IFAC Code</i> Has your organization or others (e.g. government or regulatory body) translated the IFAC Code (in effect) or earlier versions of the Code? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.</p>	<p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> No, as English is an official language or widely spoken language</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, our organization has translated the IFAC Code</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, a government,</p>	

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		<p>regulatory, or other body has translated the IFAC Code</p> <p>4☑ No, the IFAC Code has not been translated and English is not an official language or widely spoken language</p>	
4.13.	<p><i>Translation and Follow Up</i> Explain the reasons why the IFAC Code was not translated including information about specific challenges or impediments.</p>	<p>We have, as described before, used the IFAC code as the starting point for our new code of ethics. We did not translate first and write our own code from this translated version, but we wrote our code with the English IFAC-code as a starting point.</p>	
4.15.	<p><i>Activities to Promote IFAC Code of Ethics</i> Please describe the activities your organization undertakes to promote and assist in implementing the pronouncements (e.g. IFAC Code of Ethics) and work of IFAC's International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants.</p>	<p>We have proposed a new code of ethics to our members, to be adopted in September. This code is based upon the IFAC-code, implementing all of the IFAC-code, and a few national additions. As soon as this new code is adopted, it has power of law for all our members.</p>	
5.	<b>SMO 5</b>		
5.1.	<i>Public Sector Accounting Standards - Objective</i>		

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	Has the federal government / national government established convergence with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs) as an objective?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Information is not available or not known	
<b>5.2.</b>	<b>IPSASs Convergence Follow Up</b>		
5.2.1.	<i>Public Sector Accounting Standards - Cash/Accrual</i> Do the national public sector accounting standards require financial statements to be prepared on a cash basis or accrual basis?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Cash <input type="radio"/> Accrual <input type="radio"/> Both cash and accrual are permitted	The national government is on a cash basis. In the national government agency's are on a accrual basis. Other parts of the public sector are on a accrual basis.
5.2.2.	<i>Convergence Plans Follow Up SMO 5</i> Does the government have plans to converge national public sector accounting standards with IPSASs?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Information is not available or not known	
5.2.3.	<i>Describe Plans Follow Up SMO 5</i> Describe the government's plans to converge national public sector accounting standards with IPSASs.	There will by a pilot over 2007 for the annual financial statement from one department to be prepared on	

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		an accrual basis (IPSAS).	
5.4.	<p><i>Activities to Promote IPSASB Pronouncements</i> Please describe the activities your organization undertakes to promote pronouncements issued by the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board. Please provide an explanation where such activities have not been undertaken because they are not within the scope of your organization's objectives or work program.</p>	One of the members of the IPSASB is from the Netherlands. We are creating a workgroup to undertake activities for the IPSASB, the national government pilot and the local government.	
6.	<b>SMO 6</b>		
6.1.	<p><i>Investigation and Discipline Program</i> In your jurisdiction is there a program for investigating and disciplining members of your organization for misconduct, including breaches of professional standards and rules?</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
6.3.	<b>Responsibility for Investigation and Discipline</b>		
6.3.1.	<p><i>Body Responsible for Investigation and Discipline</i> Is your organization responsible for investigation and discipline of misconduct, including breaches of professional standards</p>	1 <input type="radio"/> Yes, our organization has this responsibility	Investigation is the responsibility of the NIVRA, discipline is in the hands of

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	<p>and rules by its individual members (and, if local laws and practices permit, by firms)? Select the answer option that is most appropriate.</p>	<p>2○ No, responsibility for investigation and discipline rests solely with an external body 3⊙ Our organization shares responsibility for investigation and discipline with an external body 4○ Other</p>	<p>an independent court of discipline.  Under the new law, WTA, the public oversight of the AFM will share in the investigation</p>
6.3.2.	<p><i>Name of Body Responsible for Investigation and Discipline</i> Provide the name(s) of the external body responsible for investigation and discipline or the name of the body sharing this responsibility with the member body.</p>	<p>Autoriteit financiële markten (AFM) and accountantskamer</p>	<p>The procedures for the AFM and the accountantskamer will be implemented at the moment the Wta will be in force.</p>
6.5.	<b>SMO 6 - Detailed Assessment</b>		
6.5.1.	<b>Rules and Procedures for Investigation and Discipline</b>		
6.5.1.1.	<p><i>Rules and Procedures</i> Does your organization establish in its constitution or rules the provisions and processes for the investigating and</p>	<p>1⊙ Yes</p>	

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	disciplining your members?	2 <input type="radio"/> No	
6.5.1.3.	<p><i>Misconduct</i> In your jurisdiction, which of the following are considered "misconduct" as described in SMO 6 paragraph 4? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal activity</p> <p>2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acts or omissions likely to bring the accountancy profession into disrepute</p> <p>3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breaches of professional standards</p> <p>4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breaches of ethical requirements</p> <p>5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gross professional negligence</p> <p>6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A number of less serious instances of professional negligence that, cumulatively, may indicate unfitness to exercise practicing rights</p> <p>7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory work</p> <p>8 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)</p>	
6.5.2.	<p><i>Types of Sanctions</i> Which of the following actions can be imposed by those who judge such issues: Select all the answer options that are appropriate.</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reprimand</p> <p>2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loss or restriction of practice rights</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Fine/payment of costs</p>	Under the new law, the WTA, fines will also be introduced

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		4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loss of professional title (designation) 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exclusion from membership 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)	
6.5.3.	<b>Provision of Information and Guidance to Members</b>		
6.5.3.1.	<i>Information and Guidance</i> Does your organization make each member fully aware of:  - All provisions of the ethical code and other applicable professional standards, rules and requirements (and any amendments), whether issued by IFAC or at the national level by the member body and - Consequences of non-compliance?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes          2 <input type="radio"/> No	
6.5.3.2.	<i>Information and Guidance Description</i> Provide a brief description of how your organization meets this requirement of SMO 6.	All information is available on the internet site of our organisation. The organization also organised courses which the member are obliged to follow.	
6.5.4.	<b>Obligations to Report to Outside Bodies</b>		
6.5.4.1.	<i>Reporting to Outside Bodies</i> Is your organization obligated under local laws to report possible involvement in serious crimes and offences by its individual	1 <input type="radio"/> Yes	In the case of serious crime the organisation takes disciplinary measures against

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	members or member firms to the appropriate public authority and disclose related information to that authority?	2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	the member. Under the new law, the WTA, the oversight body, AFM, may report serious crimes to criminal court.
6.5.4.2.	<i>Reporting to Outside Bodies Follow Up</i> Please describe your plans to introduce an obligation or requirement to report possible involvement in serious crimes and offences by individual members or member firms to the appropriate public authority and disclose related information to that authority.	No such plans exist. Under the new law, WTA, the oversight body, AFM, may report to criminal courts. Depending on the way we will work together with the AFM we may or may not have to report to the AFM.	
6.5.5.	<i>Approach to Proceedings</i> What type of approach does your organization use to initiate investigation and discipline proceedings? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information-based  2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complaints-based 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) 4 <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above	
6.5.6.	<b>Investigative Powers and Processes</b>		
6.5.6.1.	<i>Powers</i> Does your organization have all required powers so that authorized personnel can carry out an effective investigation?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	

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		2 <input type="radio"/> No	
6.5.6.3.	<p><i>Cooperation of Members</i></p> <p>Do the powers to carry out an effective investigation include: Select all the answer options that are appropriate.</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A requirement for members (and member firms) to co-operate in the investigation of complaints and to respond promptly to all communications from the member body</p> <p>2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provision for sanctions in the event of failure to comply</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above</p>	
6.5.6.6.	<p><i>Expertise and Resource</i></p> <p>Does your organization maintain appropriate expertise and adequate financial and other resources to enable timely investigative and disciplinary action?</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes (please describe)</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Our CTK have members with appropriate expertise. The cost of the investigations are charged to the firms.</p>
6.5.6.8.	<p><i>Independence and Subject of Investigation</i></p> <p>Does your organization in all cases, confirm at the start of the investigation that any individual chosen to assist in an investigation is independent from (a) the subject of the investigation, and (b) anyone connected with or interested in the matter investigated?</p> <p><b>Help text:</b> If a conflict exists at the start of an</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> No</p>	

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	investigation, or arises during the investigation, the chosen individual should immediately withdraw. Similar considerations apply equally to anyone else connected with the investigation and hearing of cases.		
6.5.6.10.	<i>Infrastructure</i> Which of the following best describes your organization's investigation and discipline infrastructure? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> One committee/panel to investigate the complaint and a separate committee/tribunal to administer disciplinary action 2 <input type="radio"/> A single committee/panel to conduct the investigation and administer disciplinary action. 3 <input type="radio"/> Other	
6.5.6.12.	<i>Independent Review</i> Has your organization established and does it maintain a process for the independent review of complaints by clients and others where it has been decided by the investigation committee that the matter will not be referred to a disciplinary hearing?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input type="radio"/> No	
6.5.7.	<b>The Disciplinary Process</b>		
6.5.7.1.	<i>Composition of Tribunal</i> Does the tribunal responsible for the disciplinary hearing contain a balance of	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes (please describe)	Part of the members of the accountantskamer and the

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	professional expertise and outside judgment (e.g., composed of accountants and non-accountants)?	2 <input type="radio"/> No	klachtencommissie are others persons (lawyers) than public accountants.
6.5.7.3.	<i>Conflicts</i> Are members of the investigation committee or the disciplinary tribunal permitted to serve on both at the same time, or in relation to the same case?	1 <input type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
6.5.7.5.	<i>Independence of Tribunal</i> Briefly describe how the disciplinary tribunal exhibits independence.	The accountantskamer is part of the court of Zwolle.	
6.5.7.6.	<i>Appeals Process</i> Does your organization's rules:  Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit a qualified lawyer or other person chosen by the defendant to accompany and represent the defendant at all disciplinary hearings and to advise him or her throughout the investigative and disciplinary process 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit the defendant to appeal the conviction and any imposed sanction 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit any order made against the defendant to be suspended by the tribunal that	

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		<p>convicted the defendant, pending the hearing of that appeal</p> <p>4 <input type="checkbox"/> Prohibit the appeal tribunal from including a prosecutor or a member of the first tribunal, or any other individual who was concerned with the original conviction</p> <p>5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Require that the same procedures apply to the appeal process as apply to hearings before the disciplinary tribunal</p> <p>6 <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above</p>	
6.5.7.7.	<p><i>Appeals Process Follow Up</i> Please explain why your organization has not established the rules that were not selected.</p>	<p>The disciplinary process is established by law, both under current law and under the new law, the WTA. Selection of rules is therefore not the choice of the institute, but of the government.</p>	
6.5.8.	<p><b>Administrative Processes</b></p>		
6.5.8.1.	<p><i>Elements of Administrative Processes</i> As a part of Investigation and Discipline administrative processes does your organization:</p>	<p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Establish time limits for disposal (completion) of all cases</p>	

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	Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1024 389 1402 617">2 <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain and operate tracking mechanisms, to ensure that all investigations and prosecutions are promptly handled, and that all necessary action is taken at the appropriate stage</li> <li data-bbox="1024 633 1402 1023">3 <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain a procedure requiring (a) notification to all persons employed or otherwise participating in the investigative and disciplinary processes (or having access to information concerning such processes) of the importance of maintaining confidentiality, and (b) a binding agreement to maintain that confidentiality</li> <li data-bbox="1024 1039 1402 1169">4 <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain secure and confidential facilities for the storage of case papers and other evidence</li> <li data-bbox="1024 1185 1402 1282">5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintain records of all investigation and disciplinary proceedings</li> <li data-bbox="1024 1299 1402 1315">6 <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above</li> </ul>	
6.5.8.2.	<i>Elements of Administrative Processes</i>		

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	<i>Follow Up</i> Please explain why your organization has not established the administrative processes that were not selected.	The administrative procedures are maintained by the independent accountantskamer and klachtencommissie	
<b>6.5.8.3.</b>	<b>Case Numbers</b>		
6.5.8.3.1.	<i>2005 Heard Case Numbers</i> Indicate the number of cases heard in 2005.	77	
6.5.8.3.2.	<i>2004 Heard Case Numbers</i> Indicate the number of cases heard in 2004.	90	
6.5.8.3.3.	<i>2003 Heard Case Numbers</i> Indicate the number of cases heard in 2003.	83	
6.5.8.3.4.	<i>2005 Completed Case Numbers</i> Indicate the number of cases completed in 2005.	71	
6.5.8.3.5.	<i>2004 Completed Case Numbers</i> Indicate the number of cases completed in 2004.	87	
6.5.8.3.6.	<i>2003 Completed Case Numbers</i> Indicate the number of cases completed in 2003.	82	
6.5.8.3.7.	<i>Average time required for disposal of cases</i> Indicate the average time (in months)	12	

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	<p>required for the disposal (completion) of a case. This number should include both the time spent on (a) the investigation of the complaints and (b) the disciplinary proceedings.</p>		
7.	<b>SMO 7</b>		
7.1.	<p><i>Accounting Standards in Law/Regulation</i> Does law or regulation establish the set of accounting standards to be used for preparation of financial statements of private sector listed entities and non-listed entities? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.</p> <p>Where the law / regulation establishes the accounting standards to be used by reference to the set of standards to be used by their name or by including the text of the standards in the law / regulation, please respond "yes" to this question. Section 7.8. of this module includes questions about the law / regulation.</p> <p>Where the law / regulation gives authority to a national standard-setter to establish the accounting standards, please respond "no". Section 7.2. of this module includes questions about the standard-setter and the accounting standards that are established.</p>	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, for financial statements of listed entities	For non-listed companies the law gives a set of not very specific standards. A non governmental body, the "RJ" in which companies, accountants and users of financial statements work together, provides a set of more specific standards. These are based on the law, IFRS, and specific requirements. These standards are not enforced by law, but the law does require companies to let a "true and fair view" prevail over application of standards. In practice, in the Netherlands, this is interpreted by (public) accountants, lawyers and judges as if the RJ-standards are to be followed whenever

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		<p>2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, for financial statements of non-listed entities</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> No, for financial statements of listed entities</p> <p>4 <input type="checkbox"/> No, for financial statements of non-listed entities</p>	possible.
7.8.	<b>Law/Reg and Accounting Standards</b>		
7.8.1.	<p><i>Law/Reg Accounting Standards - Private Sector</i></p> <p>Is there only one group of accounting standards or are the accounting standards applicable to listed entities different from non-listed entities?</p>	<p>1 <input type="radio"/> The accounting standards for listed entities and non-listed entities are the same set of standards</p> <p>2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> The accounting standards for listed entities and non-listed entities are not the same set of standards</p>	
7.8.3.	<p><i>Accounting Standards for Listed</i></p> <p>Does the law/regulation require the use of International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board for preparation of financial statements of listed entities? Select the answer option that is most appropriate.</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> The law/regulation simply refers to International Financial Reporting Standards as the accounting standards (without bringing in the full or partial text of individual IFRSs)</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> For listed entities, the law/regulation contains the full text of each IFRS</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> For listed entities, the</p>	The law refers to IFRS as adopted by the EU.

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		<p>law/regulation contains the main principles of the IFRSs</p> <p>4○ For listed entities, the law / regulation has a requirement to use IFRSs using another approach (please describe)</p> <p>5○ For listed entities, the law / regulation requires the use of national standards with no reference to IFRSs</p>	
7.8.4.	<p><i>Accounting Standards for Non-Listed</i></p> <p>Does the law/regulation require the use of International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board for preparation of financial statements of non-listed entities? Select the answer option that is most appropriate.</p>	<p>1○ The law/regulation simply refers to International Financial Reporting Standards as the accounting standards (without bringing in the full or partial text of individual IFRSs)</p> <p>2○ For non-listed entities, the law/regulation contains the full text of each IFRS</p> <p>3○ For non-listed entities, the law/regulation contains the main principles of the IFRSs</p> <p>4⊙ For non-listed entities, the law / regulation has a requirement to use IFRSs using another approach (please describe)</p> <p>5○ For non-listed entities, the</p>	<p>The Dutch law gives options to choose between different accounting standards. A choice between Dutch GAAP and IFRS can be made by the preparers</p>



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		body 3○ Non-IFAC professional body 4○ Other organization	
7.9.	<b>Law/Reg and IASB Pronouncements</b>		
7.9.1.	<p><i>Incorporation into Law/Reg SMO 7</i></p> <p>Is information publicly available about IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements that have been established into law/regulation, including:</p> <p>IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements that have been established into law / regulation; Whether the IFRS or IASB pronouncement established into law / regulation is the version in effect as at September 30, 2005; The effective date set by law / regulation where it differs from the IFRS or IASB pronouncement; The differences between IFRSs and IASB pronouncements and what was established into law / regulation; and The reasons for the differences?</p>	<p>1⊙ Yes</p> <p>2○ No</p>	<p>The Dutch law simply refers to the IFRS as adopted by the EU. Based on an EU Directive, listed companies of EU member states have to apply IFRSs as endorsed by the European Commission for their consolidated financial statements as from 1 January 2005.</p> <p>The website of the European Commission tells which IFRSs/IASs and IFRICs have been endorsed by the EU.</p>
7.9.2.	<p><i>Incorporation Description - Law/Reg SMO 7</i></p> <p>If the information about the status of IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements that have been established into law is available in English, indicate this in your response and submit a copy of the information to</p>	<p>1⊙ Yes, information is available and in English and will be submitted to Compliance Staff</p>	<p>Please refer to the answer on question 7.9.1.</p>

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	<p>Compliance Staff.</p> <p>If this information is not available, complete the <a href="SMO 7 Comparison with IASB Pronouncements.doc">SMO 7: Comparison with IASB Pronouncements</a> report and submit it in Word format to Compliance Staff.</p> <p>Indicate whether your organization will be submitting available information or the "SMO 7: Comparison with IASB Pronouncements" report.</p>	<p>2○ No, information is not available; however our organization or jointly with another IFAC member / associate will complete the "SMO 7: Comparison with IASB Pronouncements" and submit it to Compliance Staff</p> <p>3○ No, information is not available</p>	
7.10.	<b>Translation SMO 7</b>		
7.10.1.	<p><i>Translation of IFRSs</i></p> <p>Are the IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements translated into national language?</p>	<p>1☉ No, as English is an official language or widely spoken language</p> <p>2○ Yes, the IFRSs are translated</p>	<p>A publisher (Kluwer) has translated IFRS into Dutch, but this translation has no formal status..</p>

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		3 <input type="radio"/> No and English is not an official language or is not widely spoken	
7.11.	<p><i>Promotion Activities SMO 7</i> Please describe the activities your organization undertakes to promote and assist in the implementation of IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements and activities.</p>	As a founding member of FEE (Federation Experts Comptables Europeen) we support its publications about the consistent implementation of IFRSs around the globe. Furthermore we promote this view in the Netherlands by communicating it to our members and the public in general.	
8.	<b>Certification of Chief Executive</b>		
8.1.	<p><i>Complete Certification</i> Once all required questions have been completed, the Certification of Chief Executive should be signed and submitted to Compliance Staff. Click <a href="Part 2 SMO Self Assessment Certification.doc">here</a> to download a copy of the Certification form.</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, the Certification of Chief Executive has been submitted</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/></p>	