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

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	IFAC Part 2 SMO Self-Assessment			
1.	SMO 1			
1.1.	Quality Assurance Program			
1.1.1.	Quality Assurance Review Program 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?	10	Yes	
	1	20	No	
1.2.	Responsibility for Quality Assurance - Overview			
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.	10	Yes - for all audits of financial statements	

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		20	Yes - for all audits except	
			those of listed entities	
		30	Our organization shares	
			responsibility for the quality	
			assurance program with	
			another body	
		40	No, responsibility for quality	
			assurance for all audits rests	
		50	with another body	
		50 60	Other (please describe)	
		00	Not applicable - no members of our organization perform	
			audits of listed entities	
1.2.6.	Quality Assurance (Member Body) All Audits - Scope		addits of instea childes	
	What types of engagements are included in	11	Financial statement audit -	
	the scope of the quality assurance review		listed entities (minimum	
	program? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.		requirement)	
		21	Financial statement audit -	
			audit of other than listed	
		_	entities	
		3□	Other services (e.g., review,	
		. —	compilation)	
		40	Insolvency	
1 4	Mamban Danahmartin -	5□	Other (please specify)	
1.4. 1.4.1.	Member - Benchmarking Ouslity Control Standards and Chidanaa			
	Quality Control Standards and Guidance			
1.4.1.1.	<i>Quality Control Standards</i> Has your organization established and	10	Yes	

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	published quality control standards requiring firms to implement a system of quality control in accordance with International Standard on Quality Control 1?	20	No	
1.4.1.3.	<i>Quality Control Standards - Name</i> State the name of the relevant quality control standards.		bers are required to comply ISQC1 from 1 January 2006	
1.4.1.4.	Other Quality Control Guidance Has your organization established and published other quality control guidance to assist your members to understand the objectives of quality control and to implement and maintain appropriate systems of quality control?	10	Yes	
1.4.1.5.	<i>Other Quality Control Guidance - Name</i> State the name of the other quality control guidance.	Men	No abers are also expected to ply with ISA 220	
1.4.2.	Design of the Quality Assurance Review Program			
1.4.2.1.	Subject of the QA Review Program Who is the subject of the quality assurance review program?	1□	Audit firm	
		21	Partner	
1.4.2.3.	<i>Partner</i> As a partner is the subject of the quality assurance review program, the quality	10	Yes	

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	assurance program should be designed, as required by SMO1, to obtain reasonable assurance that:		
	 The partner is subject to an adequate system of quality control relating to audits of financial statements of listed entities (and of other entities or engagements that are included within the scope of the review). The partner complies with that system. The partner has adhered to professional standards and regulatory and legal requirements in performing audits of financial statements selected for review. 		
	Does the quality assurance review program contain all three of these elements?	20 No	
1.4.2.4.	<i>QA Program - Design Follow up</i> Please describe which of the three design elements required by SMO 1 has not been included in the quality assurance review program and briefly explain any exclusion.	Currently only engagement reviews are done. This is the approach we have taken since 1997 with technical assistance from the Independent Regulatory Body of Auditors of South Africa. Firms reviews covering quality control systems will start taking place from 1 January 2007	
1.4.2.5.	Publication of Scope		

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	Does your organization publish a description of the scope and design of its quality assurance review program?	10	Yes	
		20	No	
1.4.2.7.	<i>Name of Documents</i> Please name the published document(s) that describe the scope and design of the quality assurance review program.	letter pract revie publ	is contained in the engagement rs which we send to all titioners before they are ewed. Similar information is ished in the Society's sletters.	
1.4.2.8.	<i>Location of Documents</i> 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 that documents are available from your organization).	respo inclu	uments can be provided by the ondent. In future this will be ided on the website when cloped.	
1.4.3.	Review Cycle			
1.4.3.1.	Selection Approach Please select the approach used to select subjects for quality assurance review. Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	11	Cycle approach	
		21	Risk-based approach	
1.4.3.3.	Cycle Approach - Partner			

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	As the partner is the subject of the review, please indicate the maximum number of years in the review cycle:	10	1 year	
		20 30 40 50 60 70	2 years 3 years 4 years 5 years 6 years 7 years	
		80 90	8 years 9 or more years	
1.4.3.5.	<i>Cycle - Partner</i> Please describe how your organization evaluates the quality and effectiveness of the internal inspection program of a partner's firm when determining the cycle for review.	The review cycle has since 1997 been 3 years for each practitioner. However if the results of a review are not satisfactory a practitioner may be re-reviewed much earlier before the elapse of three years - typical within one year until satisfactory results are obtained		
1.4.3.6.	<i>Risk-based Approach</i> Please indicate the risk factors used to determine which firms or partners are reviewed. Select all the answer options that	1□	Number of listed entity clients	
	are appropriate.	2□	Number of entities considered to be of public interest	

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		31	Past results of quality	
		_	assurance reviews	
		4□	Failure to meet Continuing	
			Professional Development	
		<i>-</i> -	requirements	
		5 □	Independence violations	
		6⊠	Previously identified deficiencies in the design of,	
			or compliance with the firm's	
			system of quality control	
		7ロ	Other (please describe)	
1.4.4.	Implementation of the Quality Assurance			
	Program			
1.4.4.1.	Date of Implementation			
	On what date did the quality assurance review program commence? (provide month/year)	10/1	/1997	
1.4.4.2.	Number of Reviews - 2005			
	How many quality assurance reviews were completed during the year ended December 31, 2005 (or other 12 month period ending in 2005)?	17		
1.4.4.3.	Number of Reviews - 2004			
	How many quality assurance reviews were completed during the year ended December 31, 2004 (or other 12 month period ending in 2004)?	12		

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1.4.4.4.	Number of Reviews - 2003 How many quality assurance reviews were completed during the year ended December 31, 2003 (or other 12 month period ending in 2003)?	11	
1.4.5.	Quality Assurance Review Team Procedures		
1.4.5.1.	Publication of Review Guidelines Does your organization publish guidelines for procedures to be followed by quality assurance review teams?	10 Yes	
		20 No	
1.4.5.3.	<i>Review Guidelines Follow Up</i> What plans does your organization have to publish guidelines for procedures to be followed by quality assurance review teams, or if you do not have those plans, what special reasons or conditions for that fact exist?	The quality assurance review team is provided by the IRBA of South Africa. They are the ones who publish the guidelines. Our duty is to make sure that we are happy with those guidelines. Obvious once we develop our own capacity to provide this service to members we will approach friendly professional bodies to help us develop such guidelines.	
1.4.5.7.	<i>Review of Engagement Working Papers</i> SMO 1 requires procedures to be performed	10 Yes	

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	for the review of engagement working papers, including the evaluation of:				
	 The existence and effectiveness of the system of quality control implemented by the subject of the review; Compliance with professional standards and regulatory and legal requirements in performing the engagement; The sufficiency and appropriateness of evidence documented in the working papers; and Whether the auditor's reports are appropriate in the circumstances. 				
	Does your quality assurance review program include requirements for all of these procedures?				
1 4 5 0		20	No		
1.4.5.9.	<i>Documentation</i> Do the procedures to be performed by the quality assurance review team require documentation:	10	Yes		
	 of evidence supporting the quality assurance review report; and that establishes that the quality assurance review was carried out in accordance with the established guidelines. 				

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	Are both of these requirements included in the quality assurance review program?			
		20	No	
1.4.6.	The Quality Assurance Review Team			
1.4.6.1.	Skills and Competence Members of the quality assurance review team should have the necessary competencies to perform expected work. As	10	Yes	We are assured by the IRBA that this is the case.
	required by SMO 1, these competencies should include:			
	 Appropriate professional education Relevant professional experience Specific training on performing quality assurance reviews 			
	Does the quality assurance review program require members of the quality assurance review team to have all three of these competencies?			
		20	No	
1.4.6.3.	<i>Certification/Credentials</i> Are members of the quality assurance review team required to possess certification or credentials issued by your organization to be eligible to serve as team members?	10	Yes	Certification is done by the IRBA
		20	No	
1.4.6.4.	<i>Certification/Credentials Follow Up</i> Please explain why members of the quality	The	certification is not done by the	

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	assurance review team are not required to possess certification or credentials issued by your organization to be eligible to serve as team members.		ety. it is done by the IRBA are contracted to provide this ice.	
1.4.6.5.	Quality Assurance Review Team Leader 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?	10	Yes	
		20	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:	10	Yes	
	 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?			
		20	No	
1.4.6.9.	Size of Quality Assurance Review Team Please estimate the average number of	3		

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	reviewers included on a review team.			
1.4.7.	Quality Assurance Confidentiality - QA Review Team			
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?	10	Yes	
		20	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?	10	Yes	
1.4.8.	Ethical Deceriments and OA Devices	20	No	
1.4.8.	Ethical Requirements and QA Review Team			
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?	10	Yes	
		20	No	
1.4.8.3.	<i>Consideration of Independence</i> Quality assurance review team members are	10	Yes	No Malawian reviewers have

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	expected to be independent of the member (i.e., the accountant or firm being reviewed) and the member's clients selected for review.			be used so far which greatly enhances the independence of the review team
	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?			
1405		20	No	
1.4.8.5.	<i>Reciprocal Reviews</i> 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.	10	Yes, reciprocal reviews are permitted	
		20	No, reciprocal reviews are not permitted	
		30	Not applicable - peer review is not used	
1.4.9.	Reporting			
1.4.9.1.	<i>Quality Assurance Review Report</i> Is the quality assurance review team leader required to issue a written quality assurance review report to the reviewed firm or partner	10	Yes	
	upon completion of each quality assurance review assignment?			
1 4 0 0		20	No	
1.4.9.3.	Contents of Report As required by SMO 1, the quality assurance	10	Yes	

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	review report should include the following elements:			
	 The review guidelines (referred to in Question 1.4.5.1) utilized by the quality assurance review team. Recommendations for areas of improvement at both firm wide and engagement level. 			
	Does the quality assurance program require both of these elements to be included in the report?	20	No	
1.4.9.6.	<i>Contents of Report - Partner</i> As required by SMO 1, the quality assurance review report should include the following conclusions:	10	Yes	
	 Whether the partner has been subject to a system of quality control designed to meet the requirements of the quality control standards; Whether the partner has complied with the firm's system of quality control during the period under review; and Reasons for negative conclusions on either or both of the above. 			

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	Does the quality assurance program require all of these elements to be included in the report?			
		20	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?	10	Yes	
	L L	20	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?		Yes	
1.4.9.11.	<i>Reporting to the Public Follow Up</i> Please explain why your organization does not prepare an annual report summarizing the results of the quality assurance review program available to the public?	Alth the p regat Once summ in th distr pract	ough the reviews are done in public interest it they are rded as an internal activity. e in a while however a mary of the results is publishe e newsletter which is ibuted to the public. All tioners however are given a mary of the common knesses after each review.	d

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1.4.10.	Corrective and Disciplinary Actions			
1.4.10.1.	Corrective Actions Required			
	Does your organization require each of its	10	Yes	
	members to make appropriate corrections to its system of quality control, or in its			
	compliance with policies and procedures?			
		20	No	
1.4.10.3.	Disciplinary Actions			
	If one of your members subsequently fails to	10	Yes	
	demonstrate compliance with professional standards and regulatory and legal			
	requirements, do you take appropriate			
	disciplinary action?			
1 4 10 5		20	No	
1.4.10.5.	<i>Linkage with Disciplinary Actions</i> Does your organization clearly establish a	10	Yes	
	link between less than satisfactory results of	10	105	
	quality assurance reviews and the initiation			
	of corrective and disciplinary actions under			
	its disciplinary system?	20	N	
2.	SMO 2	20	No	
2.1.	MB Membership Requirements			
<i>4</i> .1.	Which of the following are required for	11	Complete a program of	
	individuals to be admitted as members in		professional accountancy	
	your organization? Select all the options that		education	
	are appropriate.			

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		21	Complete a practical	
		. –	experience requirement	
		3□	Complete a final assessment	
			of the individual's	
			professional capabilities and	
		4□	competencies None of the above	
2.2.	Continuous Professional Development	4	None of the above	
2.2.	Is there a requirement for your members to	10	Yes	
	develop and maintain competence through	10	105	
	continuous professional development			
	(CPD)?			
		20	No	
2.3.	Professional Accountancy Education			
2.3.1.	Professional Accountancy Education			
	Program			
	Who delivers the professional accountancy	1	Our organization	
	education program for your members?			
	Select all the answer options that are			
	appropriate.	20		
		2⊠ 3□	Another IFAC member body Universities	
		3⊡ 4⊠	Approved training institutions	
		$5\square$	Government bodies	
		$6\square$	Other organizations	
2.3.2.	Describe Other Organizations			
	Where your response in question 2.3.1	Lega	ally the Public Accountants	
	indicates another IFAC member body,		ninations Council of Malawi	
	universities, approved training institutions,	has t	he mandate to set exams for	
	and / or other organizations deliver the	those	e wishing to become	

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	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).	professional accountants. Currently however the PAECM is only able to do this at technician level and uses the services of the ACCA of the United Kingdom to provide education program at the professional level.	
2.3.3.	 Prof Accountancy Education Program Follow Up 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. Include in your description the specific activities your organization undertakes with regards to the necessary content 	We get involved in the development of the syllabus and monitor examination results. Where we have reservations we voice this out.	
	requirements.		
2.4. 2.4.1.	Final Assessment Follow Up		
2.4.1.	Final Assessment Approach Follow Up Since your organization does not require completion of a final assessment, please describe how your organization assesses whether an individual has the required professional capabilities and competencies.	We require details of experience from the applicant and also require references from two of our existing members and the applicant's current or most recent employer.	

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	Are there plans to introduce a final assessment of professional capabilities and competence?	10	Yes	
	competence.	20	No	
2.4.4.	Plans for Final Assessment Follow Up Please explain why there is no plan to introduce a final assessment of professional capabilities and competence.	We how	would like to understand first this system works in other C member bodies	
2.11.	IES 5 Practical Experience Requirement			
2.11.1.	Approved Provider Section 2.11 deals with the practical experience requirement established by your organization.	10	Yes	
	Does the practical experience requirement have to be obtained with approved providers or employers?	20	No	
2.11.3.	Provider Follow Up	20	NO	
2.11.3.	How does your organization determine whether a provider or employer is able to provide the candidate with the practical experience necessary?	prov have sche train who acco the p the k	rely on the two members who ride references. We however a student's practical training me which now requires all lees to have a training principal is a member or other qualified ountant. we sign a contract with principal and the student detail kind of practical training to be rided to the trainee.	

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2.11.4.	<i>Length of Practical Experience</i> What is the required length of pre- qualification practical experience? Select the	10	Three years	
	answer option that is most appropriate.	20	T	
		20 30	Less than three years More than three years	
2.11.6.	Practical Application SMO 2	50	wore than three years	
2.11.6.1.	Practical Application Where relevant graduate (beyond under- graduate, 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?	10	Yes	
		20	No	
2.11.7.	Timing of Experience			
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):	1☑ 2☑ 3☑	Before the professional accountancy education program of study At the same time as the professional accountancy education program of study After the professional accountancy education	
2.11.7.2.	<i>Describe Pre or Post Experience</i> Describe the length of practical experience that may be obtained pre-qualification and /		program of study ordinary members it does not er. for practitioners we require	

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	or post-qualification.	qual	nimum of 30 months post ification experience in a essional firm.	
2.12.	IES 5 Monitoring of Practical Experience Requirement			
2.12.1.	Monitoring of Practical Experience Is the period of practical experience monitored?	10	Yes	
		20	No	
2.12.3.	<i>Monitoring Practical Experience</i> How is the practical experience requirement (or practical application) monitored and assessed? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	1	Mentoring system	
	are appropriate.	2□	Approved training employers and organizations	
		31	Self-declaration required from the candidate	
		41	Record of the practical experience is kept and submitted to the member body when applying for membership	
		5□	An assessment is made by the mentor or employer	
		6□	Other (please describe)	
2.14.	IES 7 Continuing Professional Development - CPD		×	
2.14.1.	Responsibility for CPD Requirements			

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	Section 2.14 deals with the continuous professional development requirements established by your organization.	11	Our organization	
	Who establishes the continuous professional development requirements applicable to your members? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.			
		2□	Another organization (state the name of the organization including whether it is an IFAC member body)	
		3□ 4□	Law and / or regulation (state the name of the law / regulation) 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.	11	All our qualified members	
		21	Qualified members who perform audits of listed entities	
		31	Qualified members who perform audits of entities other than listed entities	
		41	Qualified members who provide services (other than	

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		5☑	audit) to the public Qualified members who are employed in business	
		6□	Other (please describe)	
2.14.3.	Requirement - CPD			
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.	1⊠ 2□ 3□	Members must satisfy a number of hours of continuous professional development a year or over a number of years All members are to satisfy specified content requirements (e.g. specified courses or knowledge content) Members working in specialist areas or areas of	
		4□	high risk to the public are to satisfy specified content requirements (e.g. specified courses or knowledge content) Other	
2.14.3.3.	Hours of Continuous Professional Development Which are of the following ensure options	10	Mambara have to complete a	
	Which one of the following answer options best describes the continuous professional development hours required?	10	Members have to complete a minimum of 120 hours or equivalent learning units of	

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		20	relevant professional development activity over a three-year rolling period. Members have to complete a minimum of 20 hours or equivalent learning units in	
		30	each year Other	
2.14.3.8.	<i>Monitoring of CPD</i> Is there a process to monitor whether your members who are qualified as professional accountants meet the continuous	10	Yes, there is a monitoring process for CPD requirements	
	professional development requirements?	20	No, there is no monitoring process for CPD requirements	
2.14.4.	Monitoring of CPD Requirement			
2.14.4.1.	Monitoring Process SMO 2 Which of the following elements does the monitoring process include? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	11	Professional accountants are required to submit a declaration	
	unswor options that are appropriate.	21	Professional accountants are required to submit evidence	
		3□	Our organization audits a sample of professional accountants to check compliance	
		4□	Compliance is monitored through firm quality control standards	
		5☑	Compliance is monitored	

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			through a quality assurance	
		. —	review program	
		6□	Other (please describe)	
		70	None of the above	
2.14.4.2.	Declaration and CPD SMO 2			
	Describe the matters addressed in the	1□	Professional accountant's	
	declaration (select all that apply):		obligation to meet ethical	
			obligations	
		21	Professional accountant's	
			obligation to maintain	
		3☑	knowledge Professional accountant's	
		31	obligation to maintain skills	
			to perform competently	
		4☑	Compliance with CPD	
		70	requirement	
		5□	Other (please describe)	
2.14.4.3.	Sanctions SMO 2		(
	Where a professional accountant does not	10	Yes, sanctions or actions for	
	satisfy the CPD requirements (within a		non-compliance are imposed	
	reasonable period of encouraging the		I I	
	professional accountant to meet the			
	requirements), are sanctions or other non-			
	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.	Sanction Types and CPD			
	Describe the nature and extent of the	A m	ember is warned and required	

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	sanction, expulsions or denial of the right to practice.	more hours following year. May be referred to the Disciplinary Committee who may impose any of the sanctions provided for in SMO6.	
2.15.	Activities to Promote IESs SMO 2 Please describe the activities your organization undertakes to promote and assist in implementing the pronouncements issued by IFAC's International Accounting Education Standards Board.	Discussions are held with the Examinations body and other training institutions. Copies of publications are also made available to these organizations.	
3.	SMO 3		
3.1.	Auditing Standards in Law/Regulation 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.	1□ Yes for audits of listed entities	
	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.		

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	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.			
		2□	Yes for audits of non-listed entities	
		3☑ 4☑	No for audits of listed entities No for audits of non-listed entities	
3.2.	Responsibility for Private Sector Auditing Standards			
3.2.1.	Auditing Standards - Private Sector Is there only one set of auditing standards or are the auditing standards applicable to listed entities different from non-listed entities?	10	The auditing standards for listed entities and non-listed entities are the same set of standards	
	chances:	20	The auditing standards for listed entities and non-listed entities are not the same set of standards	
3.2.6.	<i>Responsibility for Auditing Standards</i> Who has the authority for establishing the auditing standards for listed and non-listed entities?	10	Our organization	
		20 30	Another IFAC member body Joint process between our organization and another IFAC member body or other	

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		40	organization Another organization	
3.3.	Member Body SMO 3			
3.3.1.	<i>MB Convergence Objective SMO 3</i> Has convergence with IAASB pronouncements been established as an objective?	10	Yes	
	5	20	No	
3.3.3.	<i>MB Convergence Implemented SMO 3</i> Has the convergence objective for auditing standards been implemented?	10	Yes	
	1	20	No	
3.6.	Incorporation of Auditing Standards			
3.6.1.	Incorporation Approach SMO 3 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.	10	IAASB pronouncements are adopted as drafted without amendments (refer Help Text)	
	Help text: 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;	20	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)	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	Translate the IAASB pronouncement into			
	another language;			
	Apply an effective date that differs from the			
	IAASB pronouncement.			
	Answer Option 2 and 3 reference to			
	"Differences"			
	In responding to this question, "differences" may include:			
	Requirements in addition to those specified			
	in the IAASB pronouncement or ISA;			
	Deletion of a basic principle, essential			
	procedure, and / or related guidance			
	specified in the IAASB pronouncement or			
	ISA;			
	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).			
	monadod).	30	Existing national standards	
			are compared with IAASB	
			pronouncements to eliminate	
			to the extent possible	
			differences between the	
			national standard and the	
			IAASB pronouncement (refer	
		10	Help Text)	
3.6.2.	Adoption SMO 3	40	Other	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
3.6.2.1.	<i>IAASB Pronouncements Adopted</i> Which of the following IAASB pronouncements have been adopted? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	11	International Standard on Quality Control 1	
	an the answer options that are appropriate.	21	International Standards on Auditing	
		31	International Auditing Practices Statements	
		4☑	International Standards on Assurance Engagements	
		5⊠	International Standards on Review Engagements	
		6⊠	International Standards on Related Services	
3.6.2.2.	<i>Name of Standards SMO 3</i> When the IAASB pronouncements are adopted, are the IAASB pronouncements renamed as national standards and pronouncements?	10	IAASB pronouncements are adopted without changes to the pronouncement's name	
		20	IAASB pronouncements are adopted with changes to their names	
3.6.2.4.	Information - Adopted Standards SMO 3 Is information publicly available describing: The IAASB pronouncements that have been adopted; Whether the adopted IAASB pronouncement is the version in effect as at September 30, 2005; The effective date set by your organization	10	Yes	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	where it differs from the IAASB			
	pronouncement?			
		20	No	
3.6.2.5.	Submit Information - Adopted SMO 3			
	If the standard-setter has issued information	10	The information is available	We would like to Confirm
	about the status of adopted ISAs and other		and in English and will be	that the Society of
	IAASB pronouncements and it is available		submitted to Compliance	Accountants in Malawi has
	in English, indicate this in your response and		Staff	adopted all IAASB
	submit a copy of the information to			Pronouncements as best
	Compliance Staff.			practice in Malawi. No
				modifications are done either
	If this information is not available, complete			to principles. The only
	the <a href="SMO 3 Comparison with</td><td></td><td></td><td>exeception is the effective</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>IAASB Pronouncements.doc">SMO 3:			date of ISQC 1 whose
	Comparison with IAASB			effective date was changed t
	Pronouncements report by clicking on			1 January 2006. The
	the link and submit it in Word format to			comparison table will
	Compliance Staff.			therefore note be completed
	In diasta whathan your anonipation will be			as it is not applicable.
	Indicate whether your organization will be submitting available information or the			
	"SMO 3: Comparison with IAASB			
	Pronouncements" report.			
	Help text:	20	The "SMO 3: Comparison	
	Trub with	20	with IAASB	
			Pronouncements" report will	
			be completed and submitted	
			to Compliance Staff	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
3.10.1.	Translation of IAASB Pronouncements Are the IAASB pronouncements translated into a national language?		No as English is the national language or a widely spoken language Yes, the IAASB pronouncements are translated No and English is not an official language or is not widely spoken	
3.11.	Activities to Promote IAASB Pronouncements Please describe the activities your organization undertakes to promote and assist in the implementation of IAASB pronouncements and other IAASB activities.	Every year we order copies of the handbook of International auditing, assurance, and ethics pronouncements for distribution to practitioners. We also regularly conduct seminars covering these.		
4.	SMO 4			
4.1.	Responsibility and National Ethical Requirements			
4.1.1.	<i>IFAC MB and Ethical Requirements</i> Does your organization establish ethical requirements (e.g. code of ethics, code of conduct, ethics rules, member regulations, etc.) to be complied with by your members?	10	Yes, our organization does establish ethical requirements	
	Help text: In some countries, ethical requirements may	20	No, our organization does not establish ethical requirements	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	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.			
4.1.2.	<i>IFAC MB and Convergence with IFAC Code</i> Has your organization implemented convergence with the IFAC Code of Ethics as an objective?	10	Yes	
	5	20	No	
4.1.9.	<i>IFAC MB Approach to Ethics</i> Which of the following options best describes your organization's activities to incorporate the IFAC Code? For the purposes of the Part 2 SMO 4 module, modifications include:	10	Our organization adopted the IFAC Code as issued without modifications	
	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.			
		20	Our organization adopted the IFAC Code but with modifications	
		30	Our organization has	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
		40	developed our own ethical requirements with a process to eliminate differences between our ethical requirements and the IFAC Code Our organization develops our own ethical requirements and uses another approach to incorporate the IFAC Code of Ethics	
4.1.10.	<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.	but e to cl	FAC Code is adopted in full explanatory notes are included arify, amplify some sections of FAC Code	
4.2.	MB and Version of IFAC Code			
4.2.1.	<i>Version of IFAC Code</i> Which version of the IFAC Code was adopted or used as the basis for your organization's ethical requirements?	1⊙ 2O 3O	The IFAC Code currently in effect, revised and issued in June 2004 A version issued prior to 2004 The revised IFAC Code issued and in effect June 30, 2006	
4.2.3.	<i>MB and Revised Code</i> Does your organization have plans to adopt the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30,	10	Our organization has already amended our ethical	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	2006) or revise your ethical requirements to incorporate the revised IFAC Code? Select the option that is the most relevant.	20 30	has not included in our work program a plan to amend our ethical requirements for the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006)	
4.2.5.	<i>MB and Revision Plans</i> Please describe the work program timetable.	copi Code view	Other (please describe) have already ordered 500 es of the 2006 version of the e. This will be reviewed with a v to including appropriate anatory notes.	
4.3.	<i>Ethical Requirements by Gov / Reg Bodies</i> In addition to the ethical requirements established by your organization, are there also laws or regulations that set out ethical requirements to be complied with by your members?	10	Yes	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
		20	No	
4.4.	Gov / Reg Bodies and Ethical Requirements			
4.4.1. <i>Gov/Reg Bodies - Ethical Requirements</i> Where ethical requirements applicable to your members are established in law or regulation, do they include any of the	Where ethical requirements applicable to your members are established in law or regulation, do they include any of the following types of laws and regulations? Select all the answer options that are	11	There is a law / regulation (e.g. Audit Law, Accountants Law) that sets out ethical requirements to be complied with by all professional accountants	
		2□	There is a law / regulation that sets out ethical requirements to be complied with by professional accountants who audit listed entities	
		3□	There is a law / regulation that sets out ethical requirements to be complied with by professional accountants who audit entities other than listed entities	
		41	There is a law / regulation that sets out ethical requirements to be complied with by professional accountants who provide services to the public (other than as auditors of listed or	

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Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
		5□	other entities) There is a law / regulation that sets out ethical requirements for professional accountants employed in business None of the above	
4.4.3.	Describe Law / Reg - Prof Accountants Regarding your response to question 4.4.1 and the law / regulation for professional accountants, please: State the law / regulation's name; Provide a general description of the law / regulation; Describe how the law / regulation sets out the scope of professional accountants that it applies to.	6☐ None of the above The relevant law is the Public Accountants and Auditors Act. It is the law which created the Malawi Accountants Board, a regulatory body and also mandates the Society of Accountants in Malawi to develop accounting and auditing standards. It also stipulates what is expected of accountants and auditors for registration and what is not legal for them to do.		
4.4.5.	Describe Law / Reg - Other Services Regarding your response to question 4.4.1 and professional accountants who provide services to the public (other than as auditors or listed or other entities) please: State the law / regulation's name; Provide a general description of the law / regulation; Describe how the law / regulation sets out		Public Accountants and itors Act as described above.	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	the scope of professional accountants that it applies to.			
4.4.7.	<i>Gov/Reg and Convergence</i> Please explain whether your organization has undertaken any activities to promote the IFAC Code of Ethics to the relevant government or regulatory body that sets ethical requirements. Include in your explanation descriptions of any specific activities and the outcome or the reasons why such activities have not been undertaken.		This has not been done. We nore or less self-regulating.	
4.5.	Comparison of Requirements SMO 4 Does your organization have information that identifies any differences between the IFAC Code of Ethics currently in effect or the revised Code and the national ethical requirements? In responding to this question, differences include: Principles, concepts, and guidance in the IFAC Code that are not addressed in the national ethical requirements; Principles, concepts, and guidance in the IFAC Code that are not equivalent to the national ethical requirements:	10	Yes, our organization has this information and it will be submitted	The Society of Accountants in Malawi adopted the IFAC Code of 2001 which is significantly different from the one published in June 2005 and which became effective in June 2006 in respect of the expanded section on Independence. The Society recently ordered 500 copies of the new IFAC Code with a view to adopting
	national ethical requirements; Principles, concepts, rules, regulations, laws, or other mandatory ethical requirements in			Code with a view to adoptin and distributing these to all members.

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	national ethical requirements that are not addressed in the IFAC Code.			
	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.			
		20	This information will be submitted by another IFAC member body	
		30	No, the information is not available	
4.6.	Fundamental Principles - National			
4.6.1.	Integrity - Principle			
4.6.1.1.	<i>Integrity</i> Do the national ethical requirements require professional accountants to comply with the fundamental principle "integrity" as described in the revised IFAC Code?	10	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with the same principle	
	described in the revised if he code.	20	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with a similar or equivalent principle	
		30	The same or similar / equivalent principle has not been established	
4.6.1.2.	<i>Integrity Requirement</i> Is the principle set out in your organization's ethical requirements and / or in laws and	11	Our organization's ethical requirements	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	regulations? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.			
		2□	Law that regulates professional accountants and / or auditors	
		3□ 4□	Securities regulation Other laws and / or regulation	
4.6.2.	Objectivity - Principle	40	Other laws and / or regulation	
4.6.2.1.	Objectivity			
	Do the national ethical requirements require professional accountants to comply with the fundamental principle "objectivity" as described in the revised IFAC Code?	10	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with the same principle	
		20	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with a similar or equivalent principle	
		30	The same or similar / equivalent principle has not been established	
4.6.2.2.	Objectivity Requirement			
	Is the principle set out in your organization's ethical requirements and / or in laws and regulations? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	11	Our organization's ethical requirements	
		2□	Law that regulates professional accountants and / or auditors	
		3□	Securities regulation	
		40	Other laws and / or regulation	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	Principle			
4.6.3.1.	<i>Prof Competence / Due Care</i> Do the national ethical requirements require professional accountants to comply with the	10	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with	
	fundamental principle "professional competence and due care" as described in the revised IFAC Code?		the same principle	
		20	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with a similar or equivalent principle	
		30	The same or similar / equivalent principle has not been established	
4.6.3.2.	<i>Prof Competence / Due Care Req</i> Is the principle set out in your organization's ethical requirements and / or in laws and regulations? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	11	Our organization's ethical requirements	
		2□	Law that regulates professional accountants and /	
		3□	or auditors Securities regulation	
1 5 1		4□	Other laws and / or regulation	
4.6.4.	Confidentiality - Principle			
4.6.4.1.	<i>Confidentiality</i> Do the national ethical requirements require professional accountants to comply with the fundamental principle "confidentiality" as	10	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with the same principle	
	described in the revised IFAC Code?	20	Yes, professional accountants	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
		30	are required to comply with a similar or equivalent principle The same or similar / equivalent principle has not been established	
4.6.4.2.	<i>Confidentiality Requirement</i> Is the principle set out in your organization's ethical requirements and / or in laws and regulations? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	11	Our organization's ethical requirements	There is new legislation on Money laundering which however requires accountants to reveal certain information about there clients.
		2□	Law that regulates professional accountants and / or auditors	
		3□ 4□	Securities regulation Other laws and / or regulation	
4.6.5.	Professional Behavior - Principle		other laws and 7 of regulation	
4.6.5.1.	Professional Behavior Do the national ethical requirements require professional accountants to comply with the fundamental principle "professional behavior" as described in the revised IFAC Code?	10	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with the same principle	
		20	Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with a similar or equivalent principle	
		30	The same or similar / equivalent principle has not been established	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	Is the principle set out in your organization's ethical requirements and / or in laws and regulations? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	11	Our organization's ethical requirements	
		2□	Law that regulates professional accountants and /	
			or auditors	
		3□	Securities regulation	
		40	Other laws and / or regulation	
4.7.	Threats and Safeguards - National			
4.7.1.	Threats and Safeguards			
	Do the national ethical requirements establish a framework or principle similar or equivalent to the threats and safeguards framework as described in the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006)? Select the answer option that is the most appropriate.	10	Yes, our organization has a threats and safeguards framework or similar / equivalent framework in our ethical requirements	
		20	Yes, a threats and safeguards framework or similar / equivalent framework is in the ethical requirements established in law and / or regulation	
		30	No, a threats and safeguards framework, or similar / equivalent framework has not been established in the	
4.7.2.	Threats and Safeguards Follow Up			

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	Please explain whether your organization plans to introduce the "threats and safeguards" concept into the ethical requirements.		once we adopted the 2006 on of the IFAC Ethical code	
	Where there are no plans to introduce this concept, please describe the special challenges, impediments, or conditions that are relevant to this matter.			
4.8.	Ethical Behavior Resolution			
4.8.1.	Identifying and Resolving Unethical Behavior			
	Are there specific requirements and guidance provided to assist your members in identifying and resolving ethical matters? Select all of the answer option that are appropriate.	11	Yes, our organization has developed requirements for identifying and resolving ethical matters	
		2□	Yes, government, regulatory, or oversight bodies have developed requirements for identifying and resolving ethical mattes	
		3□	No, there is no such requirements or guidance	
4.8.2.	MB and Ethical Conflict Resolution Are the ethical conflict resolution requirements and guidance adopted from the IFAC Code or similar / equivalent to the	10	Yes, the requirements and guidance are adopted from the IFAC Code	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	guidance in the Code? Select the answer option that is the most appropriate.			
		20	Yes, the IFAC Code was used as a model in developing the requirements	
		30	Yes, the requirements are similar / equivalent to the IFAC Code	
		40	No, the requirements differ from the IFAC Code	
4.9.	Independence and Threats So Significant			
4.9.1.	Provisions and Threats to Independence The "SMO 4: Provisions Relating to Threats to Independence" report refers to specific provisions of Section 290 of the revised IFAC Code of Ethics that are currently in effect. Section 290 requires members of assurance teams, firms, and when applicable, network firms be independent of assurance clients and describes specific circumstances that may give rise to threats to independence.	1.	Our organization will complete the "SMO 4: Provisions Relating to Threats to Independence" report	
	Where Section 290 is applicable to your members, the <a href="SMO 4 Comparison
of Threats to Independence.doc">SMO 4: Provisions Relating to Threats to Independence report should be completed and submitted to Compliance Staff. Alternatively, where this information			

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	is available in another format it can be submitted instead of the report. Select the option below to confirm the information to be submitted.			
	Help text: Section 290 of the revised Code of Ethics is currently in effect. Section 290 describes specific provisions that may give rise to threats to independence that are so significant, no safeguards are available to reduce the threat to an acceptable level. For some provisions the Code describes the actions that are available to address the threat.	20	Our members provide assurance services; however, another IFAC member body will complete the "SMO 4; Provisions Relating to Threats to Independence" report or provide the relevant information to Compliance Staff.	
		30	Our members do not provide assurance services; therefore, Section 290 and the Provisions Relating to Threats to Independence is not applicable to our organization.	
4.10.	National Ethical Requirements - Other		0	
4.10.1.	National - Prof Accountants			
4.10.1.1.	National Additional - Prof Accountants Are there rules, regulations, laws, or other mandatory ethical requirements established by your organization, government, regulatory or other bodies that your members must comply with but are not	10	Yes	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	addressed in the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006)?			
	(20	No	
4.10.1.2.	<i>National Conflicts - Prof Accountants</i> Are there principles, concepts, and guidance in the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006) that conflict with national ethical	10	Yes	
	requirements applicable to your requirements?			
		20	No	
4.10.2.	National - Public Practice			
4.10.2.1.	National Additional - Public Practice			
	Are there rules, regulations, laws, or other mandatory ethical requirements established by your organization, government, regulatory or other bodies that are applicable to your members who are professional accountants in public practice that are not addressed in the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006)?	10	Not applicable as our members do not operate as professional accountants in public practice	
	(20 30	Yes No	
4.10.2.2.	National Conflicts - Public Practice Are there principles, concepts, and guidance in the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006) that conflict with national ethical requirements applicable to your members who are professional accountants in public	10	Not applicable as our members do not operate as professional accountants in public practice	
	practice?	20	Yes	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
		30	No	
4.10.3.	National - Business			
4.10.3.1.	National Additional - Business Are there rules, regulations, laws, or other mandatory ethical requirements established by your organization, government, regulatory or other bodies that are applicable to your members who are professional accountants in business that are not addressed in the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006)?	10	Not applicable as our members do not operate as professional accountants employed in business	
		20	Yes	
		30	No	
4.10.3.2.	National Conflicts - Business Are there principles, concepts, and guidance in the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006) that conflict with national ethical requirements applicable to your members who are professional accountants employed in business?	10	Not applicable as our members do not operate as professional accountants employed in business	
		20	Yes	
		30	No	
4.11.	<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.	11	No, as English is an official language or widely spoken language	
		2□	Yes, our organization has translated the IFAC Code	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
		3□	Yes, a government, regulatory, or other body has translated the IFAC Code No, the IFAC Code has not	
			been translated and English is not an official language or widely spoken language	
4.15.	Activities to Promote IFAC Code of Ethics 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.		distribute this code to all new abers. We conduct seminars.	
5.	SMO 5			
5.1.	Public Sector Accounting Standards - Objective Has the federal government / national government established convergence with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs) as an objective?	10	Yes	
		20	No	
		30	Information is not available or not known	
5.2.	IPSASs Convergence Follow Up			
5.2.1.	Public Sector Accounting Standards - Cash/Accrual Do the national public sector accounting standards require financial statements to be	10	Cash	

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Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	prepared on a cash basis or accrual basis?			
		20	Accrual	
		30	Both cash and accrual are	
			permitted	
5.2.2.	Convergence Plans Follow Up SMO 5			
	Does the government have plans to converge national public sector accounting standards with IPSASs?	10	Yes	
		20	No	
		30	Information is not available	
			or not known	
5.4.	Activities to Promote IPSASB Pronouncements	***		
	Please describe the activities your		have a Public Sector	
	organization undertakes to promote		mittee where the Accountant	
	pronouncements issued by the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board.		eral and the Auditor general are esented. On this Committee	
	Please provide an explanation where such	-	iouncements by the IPSASB are	
	activities have not been undertaken because		ussed. In October 2005 we	·
	they are not within the scope of your		nized a workshop on IPSAS	
	organization's objectives or work program.	-	accountants working in	
			ernment. The workshop was	
		for 5	5 days. The minister of finance	
			ned the workshop while the	
			rman of the Public Accounts	
			mittee of parliament opened	
		the v	workshop.	
6.	SMO 6			
<u>6.1</u> .	Investigation and Discipline Program			

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	In your jurisdiction is there a program for investigating and disciplining members of your organization for misconduct, including breaches of professional standards and rules?	10	Yes	
		20	No	
6.3.	Responsibility for Investigation and Discipline			
6.3.1.	Body Responsible for Investigation and Discipline Is your organization responsible for investigation and discipline of misconduct, including breaches of professional standards and rules by its individual members (and, if local laws and practices permit, by firms)? Select the answer option that is most appropriate.	10	Yes, our organization has this responsibility	
		20	No, responsibility for investigation and discipline rests solely with an external body	
		30	Our organization shares responsibility for investigation and discipline with an external body	
		40	Other	
6.5.	SMO 6 - Detailed Assessment			
6.5.1.	Rules and Procedures for Investigation and Discipline			

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
6.5.1.1.	<i>Rules and Procedures</i> Does your organization establish in its constitution or rules the provisions and processes for the investigating and disciplining your members?	10	Yes	
		20	No	
6.5.1.3.	<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.	11	Criminal activity	Failure to discharge financial obligation, failure to respond to correspondence in time.
	er men en er	21	Acts or omissions likely to	
			bring the accountancy	
			profession into disrepute	
		31	Breaches of professional standards	
		4☑	Breaches of ethical requirements	
		5☑	Gross professional negligence	
		61	A number of less serious	
			instances of professional	
			negligence that, cumulatively,	
			may indicate unfitness to	
			exercise practicing rights	
		71	Unsatisfactory work	
		81	Other (please describe)	
6.5.2.	<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	11	Reprimand	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	appropriate.			
		21	Loss or restriction of practice rights	
		3☑	Fine/payment of costs	
		4☑	Loss of professional title	
			(designation)	
		5⊠	Exclusion from membership	
		6	Other (please describe)	
6.5.3.	Provision of Information and Guidance to Members			
6.5.3.1.	<i>Information and Guidance</i> Does your organization make each member fully aware of:	10	Yes	
	 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? 			
		20	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.	We of the e	distribute the information about thical requirements to our abers.	
6.5.4.	Obligations to Report to Outside Bodies			
6.5.4.1.	<i>Reporting to Outside Bodies</i> Is your organization obligated under local	10	Yes	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	laws to report possible involvement in serious crimes and offences by its individual members or member firms to the appropriate public authority and disclose related information to that authority?	20	No	
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.	2⊙ No Administratively sanctions against members with reasons are reported to the Malawi Accountants Board. The Malawi Accountants Board may then report to the Attorney General. Practitioners themselves are required to report to us and the Attorney General any material irregularities in their client affairs if the accounts are not adjusted accordingly.		
6.5.5.	Approach to Proceedings What type of approach does your organization use to initiate investigation and discipline proceedings? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	11	Information-based	
	· · · ·	2⊠ 3□ 4□	Complaints-based Other (please describe) None of the above	
6.5.6.	Investigative Powers and Processes			
6.5.6.1.	<i>Powers</i> Does your organization have all required	10	Yes	

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text		Answer	Comments
	powers so that authorized personnel can carry out an effective investigation?			
		20	No	
6.5.6.3.	<i>Cooperation of Members</i> Do the powers to carry out an effective investigation include: Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	1☑ 2☑	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 Provision for sanctions in the event of failure to comply	
(5()		3□	None of the above	
6.5.6.6.	<i>Expertise and Resource</i> Does your organization maintain appropriate expertise and adequate financial and other resources to enable timely investigative and disciplinary action?	10	Yes (please describe)	
		20	No	
6.5.6.7.	<i>Expertise and Resources Follow Up</i> What plans do you have for developing the appropriate expertise and resources required to enable timely investigative and disciplinary action, or if you do not have those plans, what special reasons or		ecruit a technical officer within nonths	

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	conditions for that fact exist?			
6.5.6.8.	<i>Independence and Subject of Investigation</i> 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?	10	Yes	
	Help text: If a conflict exists at the start of an 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.	20	No	
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.	10	One committee/panel to investigate the complaint and a separate committee/tribunal to administer disciplinary action	
		20	A single committee/panel to conduct the investigation and administer disciplinary action.	
		30	Other	

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	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?	10	Yes	
		20	No	
6.5.6.13.	Independent Review Follow Up Please explain why your organization has not established and maintained such a process.	This	s is yet to be considered	
6.5.7.	The Disciplinary Process			
6.5.7.1.	<i>Composition of Tribunal</i> Does the tribunal responsible for the disciplinary hearing contain a balance of professional expertise and outside judgment (e.g., composed of accountants and non- accountants)?	10	Yes (please describe)	
	·	20	No	
6.5.7.2.	<i>Composition of Tribunal Follow Up</i> Please explain why the tribunal responsible for the disciplinary hearing does not contain a balance of professional expertise and outside judgment (e.g., composed of accountants and non-accountants)?	men Disc ame AGI the e	Constitution only allowed abers of the Council to be in the ciplinary Committee. An dment is to be made at the next M to the constitution to allow election to the committee of non abers.	

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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?	10	Yes	
		20	No	
6.5.7.5.	<i>Independence of Tribunal</i> Briefly describe how the disciplinary tribunal exhibits independence.	allov delit	se connected to a case are not wed to participate in perations. Has members both a business and practice	
6.5.7.6.	Appeals Process			
	Does your organization's rules: Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	1□ 2☑ 3□	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 Permit the defendant to appeal the conviction and any imposed sanction Permit any order made against the defendant to be suspended by the tribunal that	Lawyers are not specifically allowed but if a member wanted to bring one with him/her to a hearing he may not be barred. In line with SMO 6. This position will be seriously considered to make it explicit.

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		4 1	convicted the defendant, pending the hearing of that appeal 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	
		51	Require that the same procedures apply to the appeal process as apply to hearings before the disciplinary tribunal	
		6□	None of the above	
6.5.7.7.	Appeals Process Follow Up Please explain why your organization has not established the rules that were not selected.		was not thought of in the past SMO6 came on the scene.	
6.5.8.	Administrative Processes			
6.5.8.1.	<i>Elements of Administrative Processes</i> As a part of Investigation and Discipline administrative processes does your organization:	1□	Establish time limits for disposal (completion) of all cases	
	Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	21	Maintain and operate tracking	

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			mechanisms, to ensure that all			
			investigations and			
			prosecutions are promptly			
			handled, and that all			
			necessary action is taken at			
			the appropriate stage			
		31	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			
		41	Maintain secure and			
			confidential facilities for the			
			storage of case papers and			
			other evidence			
		5☑	Maintain records of all			
			investigation and disciplinary			
			proceedings			
		6	None of the above			
6.5.8.2.	Elements of Administrative Processes Follow Up					
	Please explain why your organization has	It is	difficult determine when a case			
	not established the administrative processes		should be disposed of since			

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	that were not selected.	complexities of cases differ.			
6.5.8.3.	Case Numbers				
6.5.8.3.1.	2005 Heard Case Numbers Indicate the number of cases heard in 2005.	10			
6.5.8.3.2.	2004 Heard Case Numbers Indicate the number of cases heard in 2004.	7			
6.5.8.3.3.	2003 Heard Case Numbers Indicate the number of cases heard in 2003.	5			
6.5.8.3.4.	2005 Completed Case Numbers Indicate the number of cases completed in 2005.	9			
6.5.8.3.5.	2004 Completed Case Numbers Indicate the number of cases completed in 2004.	6			
6.5.8.3.6.	2003 Completed Case Numbers Indicate the number of cases completed in 2003.	5			
6.5.8.3.7.	Average time required for disposal of cases Indicate the average time (in months) 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	6			

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	proceedings.			
7.	SMO 7			
7.1.	Accounting Standards in Law/Regulation 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.	1□	Yes, for financial statements of listed entities	
	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.			
	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.	2□	Yes, for financial statements of non-listed entities	
		31	No, for financial statements of listed entities	

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		4☑	No, for financial statements	
			of non-listed entities	
7.2.	Responsibility for Private Sector			
	Accounting Standards			
7.2.1.	Accounting Standards - Private Sector			
	Is there only one group of accounting	10	The accounting standards for	
	standards or are the accounting standards		listed entities and non-listed	
	applicable to listed entities different from		entities are the same set of	
	non-listed entities?		standards	
		20	The accounting standards for	
			listed entities and non-listed	
			entities are not the same set	
7.0.6			of standards	
7.2.6.	Responsibility for Accounting Standards	10	Our organization	
	Who has the authority establishing the accounting standards for listed and non-	10	Our organization	
	listed entities?			
	listed entities:	20	Another IFAC member body	
		30	Joint process between our	
			organization and another	
			IFAC member body	
		40	Another organization	
7.3.	Member Body SMO 7			
7.3.1.	MB Convergence Objective SMO 7			
	Where national accounting standards are	11	Yes, for IFRSs	
	established by your organization, has			
	convergence with IFRSs and other IASB			
	pronouncements been established as an			
	objective? Select all the answer options that			
	are appropriate.			

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		21	Yes, for other IASB	
			pronouncements	
		3□	No, convergence has not been established as an objective	
7.3.3.	MB Convergence Implemented SMO 7			
	Has the convergence objective been implemented? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	11	Yes, for IFRSs	
		21	Yes, for other IASB	
			pronouncements	
		3□	No, the convergence	
			objective has not been	
			implemented	
7.6.	Incorporation of Accounting Standards			
7.6.1.	Incorporation Approach SMO 7			
	Where your response indicates that	10	IFRSs are adopted as drafted	
	convergence with IFRSs and other IASB		without amendments except	
	pronouncements has been implemented,		to rename the IFRS as a	
	which of the following best describes the		national standard and / or to	
	approach is used to incorporate IFRSs and		translate it into another	
	other IASB pronouncements into national standards? Select the answer option that is most appropriate.		language	
	Help text:	20	IFRSs are adopted as national	
	Answer Option 1 and reference to "adopted	20	standards and amended as	
	without amendment"		necessary to address	
	Select this option where IFRSs are adopted		differences due to conflicts	
	as drafted except for changes to:		with legal or regulatory	
	Rename the IFRS to a national standard name;		requirements	

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	Translate the IFRS into another language; Apply an effective date that differs from the IFRS.			
	Answer Option 2 and 3 - "Differences" In responding to this question, "differences" may include: Requirements in addition to those specified in the IFRS; Deletion of main principle and / or related guidance specified in the IFRS; Modification of a requirement specified in the IFRS (e.g. an IFRS requirement was not deleted in full because a similar requirement was included).			
	was menueu).	30	Existing national standards are compared with IFRSs to eliminate to the extent possible differences between the national standard and the IFRS	
7()	A Jan Con SMO 7	40	Other	
7.6.2. 7.6.2.1.	Adoption SMO 7 IASB Pronouncements Adopted Which of the following IASB pronouncements have been adopted or incorporated? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	1☑ 2☑	International Financial Reporting Standards (including International Accounting Standards) The International Financial Reporting Interpretations	

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		31	Committee (IFRIC) Interpretations The Standing Interpretation Committee (SIC) Interpretations	
		4 1	Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of the Financial Statements	
7.6.2.2.	IASB Related Documentation Adopted IASB requires the standards to be read in the context of related documentation including: Bases for Conclusions, Implementation Guidance, Application Guidance, Appendices and Illustrative Examples. Have the related documentation issued by IASB been adopted? Select the answer option that is most appropriate.	10	Yes, for all the related documentation	
		20	Yes, for some of the related documentation (describe what types of related documentation have been adopted)	
7.6.2.3.	Name of Standards SMO 7 When the IFRSs and/or other IASB pronouncements are adopted, does your organization rename the standards are do the standards retain their names as issued by the IASB? Select all the answer options that are	30 1©	No IFRSs are adopted as named by the IASB	

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	appropriate.	20	IFRSs are renamed	
7.6.2.5.	Information About Adopted Standards SMO	20	If KSs are renamed	
	Is information publicly available describing: IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements that have been adopted; Whether the adopted IFRS or IASB pronouncement is the version in effect as at September 30, 2005; The effective date set by your organization where it differs from the IFRSs or IASB pronouncement?	10	Yes	
	1	20	No	
7.6.2.6.	Submit Information - Adopted SMO 7 If the standard-setter has issued information about the status of adopted IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements and it is available in English, indicate this in your response and submit a copy of the information to Compliance Staff. If this information is not available, complete the <a href="SMO 7 Comparison with IASB
Pronouncements.doc">SMO 7: Comparison with IASB Pronouncements report and submit it in Word format to Compliance Staff.	10	The information is available and in English and will be submitted to Compliance Staff	We would like to confirm that the Society of Accountants in Malawi adopted IASs and IFRSs as best practice in Malawi. There are therefore no modifications to principles or effective dates. The Comparison table will therefore save no purpose.
	Indicate whether your organization will be			

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	submitting available information or the "SMO 7: Comparison with IASB Pronouncements" report. Help text:	20	The "SMO 7: Comparison with IASB Pronouncements" report will be completed and submitted to Compliance Staff	
7.10.	Translation SMO 7			
7.10.1.	<i>Translation of IFRSs</i> Are the IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements translated into national language?	10 20 30	No, as English is an official language or widely spoken language Yes, the IFRSs are translated No and English is not an official language or is not widely spoken	
7.11.	<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.	distr are s	S handbooks are bought and ibuted to all members. some old to non members in malawi. year we buy 200 books.	
8.	Certification of Chief Executive			
8.1.	Complete Certification Once all required questions have been completed, the Certification of Chief Executive should be signed and submitted to Compliance Staff. Click			

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	Certification.doc">here to download a copy of the Certification form.		
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