

## 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 ☉ Yes	The French accountancy profession is organized through two separate professional bodies, both are members of IFAC : 1/ "Ordre des Experts-Comptables", under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Economy and Finance, for the practising accountants; 2/ "Compagnie des Commissaires aux Comptes", under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Justice, for the statutory auditors.

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		2 <input type="radio"/> No	<p>The CNCC and the OEC are not regulated by the same regulations.</p> <p>Quality assurance review is mandatory for all members performing standardized assignments: audits other than statutory, limited review, presentation, agreed upon procedures, and all other assignments attributed by the law or regulations to members.</p> <p>The relevant texts are:            - a law called "Loi de sécurité financière" n°2003-706 dated 1st August 2003, which is codified in the French Code de commerce.            - the decree n°69-810 dated 12th August 1969 modified by the decree n°2005-599 dated 27th May 2005*.</p>
1.2.	<b>Responsibility for Quality Assurance - Overview</b>		
1.2.1.	<i>Responsibility for Quality Assurance</i> Within your jurisdiction, is your	1 <input type="radio"/> Yes - for all audits of	The introduction in the

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	<p>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.</p>	<p>financial statements</p>	<p>French legislation of an oversight system has created a new situation regarding quality assurance. The implementation of the law entails a single system of quality assurance with suitable proceedings relative to the type and size of the firm and the nature of the assignment. Regarding listed entities the law states that the reviewers are performed with the participation of the Autorite des Marches Financiers (AMF).</p> <p>This participation has been recognized by an agreement between CNCC and AMF.</p>
2	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes - for all audits except those of listed entities</p>		
3	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Our organization shares responsibility for the quality assurance program with another body</p>		
4	<p><input type="radio"/> No, responsibility for quality assurance for all audits rests</p>		



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		<p>entities</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Other services (e.g., review, compilation)</p> <p>4 <input type="checkbox"/> Insolvency</p> <p>5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)</p>	
1.4.	<b>Member - Benchmarking</b>		
1.4.1.	<b>Quality Control Standards and Guidance</b>		
1.4.1.1.	<p><i>Quality Control Standards</i></p> <p>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>	<p>1 <input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>But the review of the quality control in place in the firms is based on ISQC1.</p> <p>The recommendations issued based on the outcome of the review by CNCC are taking account of the content of ISQC1 in order to help and encourage the firms in order to improve their internal control system.</p>
1.4.1.2.	<p><i>Quality Control Standards Follow Up</i></p> <p>What plans does your organization have for developing and issuing quality control standards for your members? If you do not have such plans, what special reasons or conditions for that fact exist?</p>	<p>As described in our response to SMO 3 France is in the process of endorsing professional standards. It is not yet clear what the drafting style including structure and content will be. The existing standard (Standard of Professional Behaviour No. 113) is currently in</p>	

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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 objectives of quality control and to implement and maintain appropriate systems of quality control?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input type="radio"/> No	Various guidance on the conduct of the review including framework, questionnaires have been approved by CNCC and published on its website.
1.4.1.5.	<i>Other Quality Control Guidance - Name</i> State the name of the other quality control guidance.	For the framework : Procédures de conduite du contrôle de qualité Questionnaires : questionnaires related to the internal quality control of audit firms and questionnaires related to audit files control with a breakdown dealing with specific sectors.	
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	
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	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	During the QA review we assess the procedures related to the internal inspection

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	<p>required by SMO 1, to obtain reasonable assurance that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The firm has an adequate system of quality control relating to audits of financial statements of listed entities (and of other entities or engagements that are also included in the scope of the review).</li> <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 style="text-align: center;">2 <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>program. It should be noted that the access to the outcome of the internal control may vary significantly according to the policy of the firms.</p>
1.4.2.5.	<p><i>Publication of Scope</i> Does your organization publish a description of the scope and design of its quality assurance review program?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p>	<p>Although CNCC ensures that all its members are aware of the scope and design of the quality assurance review program based on the review selection as defined by the oversight body.</p> <p>We provide information to our members on our website concerning questionnaires</p>

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		20 No	and framework and we also organise seminars, information meeting in a recurrent basis at a regional/national level.
1.4.2.7.	<p><i>Name of Documents</i> Please name the published document(s) that describe the scope and design of the quality assurance review program.</p>	<p>Elements of the scope have been published in the decree of 14 February 1986 and order of 24 November 2000 regulating the quality assurance review. Other more detailed elements are included in the "guide de conduite" downloadable by members from the site of the institute</p>	
1.4.2.8.	<p><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).</p>	Website	
1.4.3.	<b>Review Cycle</b>		
1.4.3.1.	<p><i>Selection Approach</i> Please select the approach used to select subjects for quality assurance review. Select</p>	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cycle approach	



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	all the answer options that are appropriate.	2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk-based approach	
1.4.3.2.	<p><i>Cycle Approach - Firm</i> 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>4 <input type="radio"/> 4 years</p> <p>5 <input type="radio"/> 5 years</p> <p>6 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 6 or more years</p>	
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 cycle of maximum 6 years is provided by a provision of a specific regulation related to the profession. A shorter cycle of 3 years applies for the firms which audit public interest entities in order to fulfill the requirements of the 8th Directive.</p> <p>Furthermore in case of evidence of deficiencies in the review a new inspection may occur in a shorter delay (2 or 3 years).</p>	
1.4.3.6.	<i>Risk-based Approach</i>		

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	Please indicate the risk factors used to determine which firms or partners are reviewed. Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Number of listed entity clients 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Number of entities considered to be of public interest 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Past results of quality assurance reviews 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to meet Continuing Professional Development requirements 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Independence violations 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Previously identified deficiencies in the design of, or compliance with the firm's system of quality control 7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)	According to the guidelines provided by the oversight body.
1.4.4.	<b>Implementation of the Quality Assurance Program</b>		
1.4.4.1.	<i>Date of Implementation</i> On what date did the quality assurance review program commence? (provide month/year)	9/1/1970	
1.4.4.2.	<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)?	2500	

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1.4.4.3.	<i>Number of Reviews - 2004</i> How many quality assurance reviews were completed during the year ended December 31, 2004 (or other 12 month period ending in 2004)?	2500	
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)?	2500	
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.	For the framework : Procédures de conduite du contrôle de qualité Questionnaires : questionnaires related to the internal quality control of audit firms and questionnaires related to audit files control with a breakdown dealing with specific sectors.	

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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>	They are sent individually to all inspectors, reviewed firms, and published on our website.	Internet link: <a href="https://www.cncc.fr/sections/documentation_profes/cncc/control_qualite/view">https://www.cncc.fr/sections/documentation_profes/cncc/control_qualite/view</a>
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	
<b>1.4.6.</b>	<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	<p>Only qualified auditors may be responsible for the review. Training conditions include 2 days of initial training for all the reviewers. In addition reviewers are submitted each year to a compulsory continuous education program of one day. The attribution of the review assignments are solely the responsibility of CNCC staff. In addition, all reviewers are signing a document related to a commitment regarding their independence.</p>
		2 <input type="radio"/> No	
1.4.6.3.	<i>Certification/Credentials</i>		

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	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?	1 <input type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	There is no special credential for the team members although all the reviewers need to be duly registered in our institute and in a position to sign financial statements audit assignments. The reviewer's position is reexamined each year.
1.4.6.4.	<i>Certification/Credentials Follow Up</i> Please explain why members of the quality assurance review team are not required to possess certification or credentials issued by your organization to be eligible to serve as team members.	Please refer to our response above	
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.	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	

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	<p>- Communication of the quality assurance review team's conclusions to the subject of the review.</p> <p>- Preparation of the quality assurance review report.</p> <p>Does the quality assurance program place all these responsibilities on the review team leader?</p>	2 <input type="radio"/> No	
1.4.6.9.	<p><i>Size of Quality Assurance Review Team</i></p> <p>Please estimate the average number of reviewers included on a review team.</p>	10	Please note that the number provided may vary significantly according to the size of the audit firm and the number of audit assignments.
1.4.7.	<b>Quality Assurance Confidentiality - QA Review Team</b>		
1.4.7.1.	<p><i>Exemption for QA Reviewers</i></p> <p>Does your organization exempt members from professional client confidentiality requirements concerning audit engagement working papers for the purpose of quality assurance reviews?</p>	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input type="radio"/> No	This exemption is provided by law.
1.4.7.3.	<p><i>Confidentiality Requirements</i></p> <p>Is the quality assurance review team required to follow professional confidentiality requirements similar to those</p>	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	



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	established for professional accountants performing audits of financial statements?	2○ 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⊙ Yes  2○ No	
1.4.8.3.	<i>Consideration of Independence</i> Quality assurance review team members are expected to be independent of the member (i.e., the accountant or firm being reviewed) and the member's clients selected for review.  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?	1⊙ Yes  2○ 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.	1○ Yes, reciprocal reviews are permitted	We want to specify that our QA system should be considered as a monitored peer review system and as a consequence the assignment

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		<p>2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No, reciprocal reviews are not permitted</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> Not applicable - peer review is not used</p>	<p>of the reviewer is provided and controlled by CNCC staff.</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 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>The issuance of the report is monitored by CNCC staff (our system is a monitored peer review system).</p>
1.4.9.3.	<p><i>Contents of Report</i></p> <p>As required by SMO 1, the quality assurance 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</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p>	

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	report?	2○ 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> <p>Does the quality assurance program require all of these elements to be included in the report?</p>	<p>1⊙ Yes</p> <p>2○ No</p>	<p>It should be noted that in certain circumstances we don't have access to the individual results of each partner within the firm quality control.</p>
1.4.9.8.	<p><i>Response to Reporting</i></p> <p>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?</p>	<p>1⊙ Yes</p> <p>2○ No</p>	<p>Written and orally.</p>
1.4.9.10.	<i>Reporting to the Public</i>		

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	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 <input type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Decision has been taken by the National Board to prepare an annual summary of the results of the QA review, in the form of a report to the oversight of the institute, the Tax administration (Direction générale des impôts). However this document will not be available to the public, but only to few people of tax authority
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?	See response to 1.4.9.10	
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 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input type="radio"/> 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 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	

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	requirements, do you take appropriate disciplinary action?	2○ 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⊙ Yes  2○ 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☑ Complete a program of professional accountancy education	The French accountancy profession is organized through two separate professional bodies, both are members of IFAC :  1/ "Ordre des Experts-Comptables", under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Economy and Finance, for the practising accountants; 2/ "Compagnie des Commissaires aux Comptes", under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Justice, for the statutory auditors.

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			<p>Most of the professional accountants are members of the two Institutes.</p> <p>The responses in module 2 of the questionnaire relates to statutory auditors.</p> <p>99% of the statutory auditors complete a program of professional accountancy education sanctioned by the "Diplôme d'expertise comptable" delivered by the Ministry of Education (about 900 to 1000 diplomas delivered every year). Another route is very seldom used (about 20 individuals graduate each year to the "Certificat d'aptitude aux fonctions de commissaire aux comptes" which allows practise rights to these individuals (delivered by the Ministry of Justice).</p> <p>The second route is currently under review in order to make this qualification more</p>

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		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete a practical experience requirement</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete a final assessment of the individual's professional capabilities and competencies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None of the above</p>	attractive and this is also an opportunity to be fully compliant with the IFAC IES.
2.2.	<p><i>Continuous Professional Development</i></p> <p>Is there a requirement for your members to develop and maintain competence through continuous professional development (CPD)?</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Statutory auditors are required to fulfill a continuous professional program which is reviewed by each regional body. The content of this education program is currently under review by the Ministry of Justice and CNCC has to put forward a proposal.</p>
2.3.	<b>Professional Accountancy Education</b>		
2.3.1.	<p><i>Professional Accountancy Education Program</i></p> <p>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>	

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		3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Universities 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved training institutions 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Government bodies 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other organizations	
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 professional accountancy education program is delivered by :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Universities (36 Universities including the "Conservatoire national des Arts et Métiers, CNAM") until the Master level;</li> <li>- Technical Colleges (75-80 Lycées) only for the lowest level, the Bachelor level;</li> <li>- Business Schools totally independent from the Universities. Depending the Business School and its specialties, the students are exempted of more or less part of the accountancy education program and tests;</li> <li>- A few private schools.</li> </ul>	
2.3.3.	<p><i>Prof Accountancy Education Program Follow Up</i> 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>The two French Institutes participate equally to the definition of the curriculum, elaboration of the programs and assessment methods, decisions concerning the</p>	



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	<p>Include in your description the specific activities your organization undertakes with regards to the necessary content requirements.</p>	<p>exemptions accorded to various diploma or university degrees.</p> <p>All this process is conducted by the Ministry of Education through a specific and legal commission. The two Institutes are equally represented in this commission who meets three or four times a year.</p> <p>This collaboration is especially active all through the accountancy education reform process on going.</p>	
2.11.	<b>IES 5 Practical Experience Requirement</b>		
2.11.1.	<p><i>Approved Provider</i> Section 2.11 deals with the practical experience requirement established by your organization.</p> <p>Does the practical experience requirement have to be obtained with approved providers or employers?</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
2.11.2.	<p><i>Provider Characteristics</i> Please describe the characteristics set by your organization for recognizing approved providers.</p>	<p>The providers / employers must be members of the two Institutes and authorized to train individuals in accordance with different criteria as :</p>	<p>Each provider in a firm is limited to 5 trainees.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to justify of a real activity in statutory audit and assurance work;</li> <li>- to be subject to a quality control (quality control review every 6 years);in case of deficiencies demonstrated by the quality review the authorization can be withdrawn;</li> <li>- to certify that they will provide their trainees with a diversified professional experience including statutory audit and help them to comply with their obligations towards the Institutes;</li> <li>- to take part (recommendation) in meetings periodically organized by the two Institutes.</li> </ul>	
2.11.4.	<p><i>Length of Practical Experience</i> What is the required length of pre-qualification practical experience? Select the answer option that is most appropriate.</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Three years</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> Less than three years</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> More than three years</p>	
2.11.6.	<p><b>Practical Application SMO 2</b></p>		
2.11.6.1.	<p><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</p>	<p>1 <input type="radio"/> Yes</p>	

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	the practical experience requirement?	2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
2.11.7.	<b>Timing of Experience</b>		
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 <input type="checkbox"/> Before the professional accountancy education program of study 2 <input type="checkbox"/> At the same time as the professional accountancy education program of study 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After the professional accountancy education program of study	
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.	The length of practical experience is of three years in running within a period of five years. This length cannot be reduced. The practical experience takes place after the prequalification accountancy education and a Master degree in accountancy.  The trainees are registered on a specific list. They must comply with different obligations including 24 days (within the 3-year training period) of a specific CPD program organized by the Institute.	

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		<p>At least two years must be gained in an auditing/accounting firm. One year may be gained in another entity insofar as the trainee has an activity in connection with the activities of the professional accountants.</p> <p>At the end of the 3-year practical experience, the Institute delivers a certificate compulsory to sit for the final exam to get the "Diplôme d'expertise comptable".</p>	
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> How is the practical experience requirement (or practical application) monitored and assessed? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mentoring system	<p>In addition to the assessment of the employer/mentor, a certificate is delivered by the Institute to allow the trainee/candidate to sit for the final exam of "Expertise comptable".</p> <p>Trainees have to report</p>

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		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 Approved training employers and organizations</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Self-declaration required from the candidate</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 Record of the practical experience is kept and submitted to the member body when applying for membership</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 An assessment is made by the mentor or employer</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 Other (please describe)</p>	<p>periodically to their regional body on their activities and this report has previously reviewed by their provider.</p>
2.13.	<p><b>IES 6 Assessment of Prof Capabilities and Competence</b></p>		
2.13.1.	<p><i>Assessment by IFAC Body or Other</i> Section 2.13 deals with the final assessment requirements established by your organization.</p> <p>Select all the organizations involved in conducting the final assessment.</p> <p>If the final assessment is conducted jointly between various organizations, select all those that have some responsibility for</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Our organization (including training entities that are affiliated with our organization or a subsidiary of our organization).</p>	<p>The two professional bodies are involved in the process through a specific and legal commission chaired by the representative of the Ministry of Education, but they do not organize nor deliver the final diploma which is the privilege of the Ministry of Education.</p>

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	<p>conducting the final assessment and in the Comment Box, describe the nature of their respective roles and responsibilities.</p>	<p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Another IFAC member body            3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government or regulatory body            4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>	<p>Professional accountants participate to the definition of the programs and the assessment methods, to the elaboration of the subjects and sit in the jury.</p>
2.13.2.	<p><i>Assessment - Name of IFAC Organization SMO 2</i>            State the name of the IFAC member body, government or regulatory body, or other organization that conducts the final assessment.</p>	<p>The Ministry of Education for the first route described on question 2.1. and the Ministry of Justice for the second route.</p>	
2.13.3.	<p><i>MB Input Follow Up</i>            Please describe how does your organization provide input into the government or regulatory body or other organization's assessment activities?</p>	<p>The two professional bodies are equally represented within a specific and legal commission called "Commission consultative pour la formation professionnelle des experts-comptables" chaired by the representative of the Ministry of Education.</p> <p>This commission elaborates the whole process of the accountancy</p>	

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		<p>education program, exemptions system and assessment methods.</p> <p>This commission meets three or four times a year.</p> <p>Besides the involvement of the two Institutes, professional accountants participate to the exams (elaboration of the subjects) and to the jury.</p>	
2.13.4.	<p><i>Characteristics of Assessment</i> Which of the following characteristics are applicable to the final assessment process? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uniform for all students</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Given simultaneously where it is being held in more than once location in the country</p> <p>3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assessment is set and assessed only by qualified or approved individuals</p> <p>4 <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above</p>	
2.13.5.	<p><i>Qualifying for Final Assessment</i> What requirements must the candidate satisfy to take the final assessment? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specified pre-qualification requirements relating to professional knowledge, professional skills, and professional values, ethics,</p>	





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	<p>professional skills (e.g. ability to solve problems, make decisions, exercise judgment, personal skills, interpersonal and communication skills, organizational and business management skills etc) are assessed during the final assessment.</p>	<p>different jobs performed by the candidate during his 3-year of practical training (experience assessment).</p> <p>A discussion of a thesis: the ability of the candidate to perform research, solve problem, make decision, exercise judgment, etc... is performed through this test which requires that the candidate be both creative and rigorous. The thesis is, at the same time, a written and an oral test.</p> <p>The objective of the written case study is to insure that the candidate has the ability to make a decision and to discuss a complex situation.</p>	
2.13.10.	<p><i>Assess Professional Values, Ethics, Attitudes</i> Describe in general terms how required professional values, ethics, and attitudes are assessed during the final assessment.</p>	<p>Mainly through the oral test (discussion on practical experience with a jury of two members, an academic and a professional accountant) and the thesis.</p>	
2.13.11.	<p><i>Recorded or Oral Format</i> Is the final assessment conducted through:</p>	<p>1 <input type="radio"/> Recorded format with recorded (e.g. written)</p>	

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		<p>response required</p> <p>2○ Oral format with oral responses</p> <p>3⊙ Both recorded and oral response formats</p>	
2.13.12.	<p><i>Recorded Proportion</i></p> <p>Approximately what proportion of the final assessment requires candidates' responses to be in recorded form?</p>	<p>1○ Less than 25%</p> <p>2○ 25%</p> <p>3⊙ 50%</p> <p>4○ 75%</p> <p>5○ 100%</p>	
2.13.13.	<p><i>Assessment Formats</i></p> <p>What formats are used in conducting the final assessment (select all the answer options that are appropriate)?</p>	<p>1□ Multiple choice questions</p> <p>2☑ Case studies</p> <p>3☑ Technical questions</p> <p>4☑ Thesis</p> <p>5☑ Other (please describe)</p> <p>6□ None of the above</p>	<p>An oral test which is a discussion of one hour approximately with an academic and a professional, on the 3-year practical experience.</p>
2.13.14.	<p><i>Reliability and Validity</i></p> <p>Describe in general terms the procedures in place to ensure the final assessments are reliable and valid. Include a description of how the assessment questions are set and by</p>	<p>The questions or subjects are set by a specific group of academics and professional accountants chaired by the president of the national jury (of</p>	

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	whom and also how reviewers / assessors are selected.	<p>the "Diplôme d'expertise comptable") nominated by the Ministry of Education.</p> <p>The assessors (academics and professional accountants) are selected by the president of the jury. The list is periodically revised and updated.</p> <p>For the written case study, each candidate's paper is marked by at least two assessors.</p> <p>For the oral tests, each jury brings together one academic and one professional accountant.</p>	
2.13.15.	<p><i>Frequency of Final Assessments</i> How many times in a year is the final assessment offered? Select the answer option that is the most appropriate.</p>	<p>1 <input type="radio"/> Yearly (or once a year)</p> <p>2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Half yearly (or twice a year)</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> Three sessions a year</p> <p>4 <input type="radio"/> Four sessions a year</p> <p>5 <input type="radio"/> Five sessions a year</p> <p>6 <input type="radio"/> Other (please describe the frequency of the</p>	<p>Half yearly for the "Diplôme d'expertise comptable"</p> <p>Yearly for the "Certificat d'aptitude aux fonctions de commissaire aux comptes".</p>

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2.14.	<b>IES 7 Continuing Professional Development - CPD</b>		
2.14.1.	<p><i>Responsibility for CPD Requirements</i> Section 2.14 deals with the continuous professional development requirements established by your organization.</p> <p>Who establishes the continuous professional development requirements applicable to your members? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Our organization</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Another organization (state the name of the organization including whether it is an IFAC member body)</p> <p>3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law and / or regulation (state the name of the law / regulation)</p> <p>4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)</p>	<p>The CPD is a requirement which has been modified by recent legislation and new regulation is needed in order to implement this requirement. It will be issued on a proposal set out by CNCC.</p>
2.14.2.	<p><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.</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All our qualified members</p> <p>2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Qualified members who perform audits of listed entities</p> <p>3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Qualified members who</p>	

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		perform audits of entities other than listed entities 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Qualified members who provide services (other than audit) to the public 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Qualified members who are employed in business 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)	
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.	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members must satisfy a number of hours of continuous professional development a year or over a number of years  2 <input type="checkbox"/> All members are to satisfy specified content requirements (e.g. specified courses or knowledge content) 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)	The on going CPD process (code of ethics, CPD standard) will provide for specified content requirements for all members and for members working in specialist areas or areas of high risk.

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		4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
2.14.3.3.	<i>Hours of Continuous Professional Development</i> Which one of the following answer options best describes the continuous professional development hours required?	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. 2 <input type="radio"/> Members have to complete a minimum of 20 hours or equivalent learning units in each year 3 <input type="radio"/> Other	The on going CPD process will provide for a minimum of 20 hours or equivalent learning units each year.
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 professional development requirements?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, there is a monitoring process for CPD requirements 2 <input type="radio"/> No, there is no monitoring process for CPD requirements	Declaration and control through the quality control review (each 6 years).
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional accountants are required to submit a declaration 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional accountants are required to submit evidence 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Our organization audits a	

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		<p>sample of professional accountants to check compliance</p> <p>4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compliance is monitored through firm quality control standards</p> <p>5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compliance is monitored through a quality assurance review program</p> <p>6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)</p> <p>7 <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above</p>	
2.14.4.2.	<p><i>Declaration and CPD SMO 2</i> Describe the matters addressed in the declaration (select all that apply):</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional accountant's obligation to meet ethical obligations</p> <p>2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional accountant's obligation to maintain knowledge</p> <p>3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional accountant's obligation to maintain skills to perform competently</p> <p>4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compliance with CPD requirement</p> <p>5 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)</p>	
2.14.4.3.	<p><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-</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, sanctions or actions for non-compliance are imposed</p>	

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	compliance actions, such as expulsion or denial of the right to practice, imposed?	2 <input type="radio"/> No, sanctions or other non-compliance actions are not imposed	
2.14.4.4.	<i>Sanction Types and CPD</i> Describe the nature and extent of the sanction, expulsions or denial of the right to practice.	The spectrum of sanctions may include a reprimand letter from the regional body, a blame.	
2.15.	<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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promotion through the Education commissions and workshops in the two professional bodies.</li> <li>- Through references in seminars.</li> <li>- Translation in French in order to facilitate the comprehension and the diffusion of IFAC pronouncements and standards.</li> <li>- Articles in the professional reviews.</li> </ul>	
3.	<b>SMO 3</b>		
3.1.	<i>Auditing Standards in Law/Regulation</i> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes for audits of listed entities	According to the French legislation the CNCC establishes the auditing standards which are endorsed by the Minister of Justice. Since August 2003 the



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	<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>2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes for audits of non-listed entities</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> No for audits of listed entities</p> <p>4 <input type="checkbox"/> No for audits of non-listed entities</p>	<p>French law sets that the standards must be endorsed by the Minister of Justice after having received an opinion on the standards from the oversight body. The deadline for the first endorsement is 30 September 2006. It is not yet clear what the new drafting style including structure and content of the endorsed standard will be.</p>
3.8.	<b>Law/Reg and Auditing Standards</b>		
3.8.1.	<p><i>Law/Reg Auditing Standards - Private Sector</i></p> <p>Is there only one set of auditing standards or are the auditing standards applicable to listed entities different from non-listed entities?</p>	<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</p>	

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3.8.2.	<p><i>Auditing Standards for Private Sector</i> Does the law/regulation require the use of IAASB pronouncements? Select the answer option that is most appropriate.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">of standards</p> <p>1 <input type="radio"/> The law/regulation simply refers to IAASB pronouncements as the auditing standards (without bringing in the full or partial text of individual IAASB pronouncements)</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> The law/regulation contains the full text of each IAASB pronouncement</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> The law/regulation contains the basic principles and essential procedures of the IAASB pronouncement</p> <p>4 <input type="radio"/> The law / regulation has a requirement to use IAASB pronouncements using another approach (please describe)</p> <p>5 <input checked="" type="radio"/> The law / regulation requires the use of national standards with no reference to IAASB pronouncements</p>	<p>However since 2000 our national standards are directly transposed from the ISAs.</p>
3.8.5.	<p><i>National Auditing Standards</i> Provide the name of the national auditing standards and other authoritative pronouncements established by law/regulation.</p>	<p>Normes d'exercice professionnel Bonnes pratiques professionnelles identifiées</p>	<p>Both nature of texts are authoritative, provided by law, and recognized by the Code of ethics.</p>

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			<p>Only the Normes d'exercice professionnel are subject to endorsement proceeding as described in response to question 3.1.</p> <p>Furthermore the oversight body has the authority to identify any professional practices as best practices (Bonnes pratiques professionnelles identifiées) in which case the auditor need to apply them.</p>
3.8.8.	<p><i>MB Responsibilities National Standards SMO 3</i></p> <p>Does your organization have responsibility for any of the following activities? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Develop or assist in developing the proposed standards as law / regulation</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Develop other authoritative pronouncements</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Promulgate the auditing standards (e.g. by publishing or communicating the standards to the public)</p> <p>4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)</p>	<p>Further to establishing the standards the CNCC is entitled to issue extensive guidance on all relevant subjects for the need of professional practice.</p>

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		5 <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above	
3.8.11.	<p><i>Describe Activities and Law/Reg SMO 3</i> Describe your organization's activities for promulgating and / or implementing the standards.</p>	As described previously the CNCC does not promulgate nor implement the standards.	
3.8.13.	<p><i>National Standards and Convergence SMO 3</i> Please describe the activities your organization has undertaken to promote the IAASB pronouncements to the relevant government or regulatory body that sets national standards. Include in your explanation descriptions of any specific activities and the outcome.</p>	<p>From December 2000 the CNCC had transposed (strict translation + adaptation to the national context) the ISAs as the professional standards for use in France. Since August 2003 the French law sets that the standards must be endorsed by the Minister of Justice. The deadline for the first endorsement is 30 September 2006. It is not yet clear what the new drafting style including structure and content of the endorsed standard will be.</p>	
3.11.	<p><i>Activities to Promote IAASB Pronouncements</i> Please describe the activities your organization undertakes to promote and assist in the implementation of IAASB pronouncements and other IAASB activities.</p>	As mentioned previously, since December 2000 CNCC has promoted the ISAs by making them the French standards.	

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		<p>We have a strong commitment as member of IAASB. We participate to the national standard setters meeting.</p> <p>We are conducting together with the Belgian institute translation of the ISAs for the future use of the European Commission.</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 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>1 <input type="radio"/> Yes, our organization does establish ethical requirements</p> <p>2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No, our organization does not establish ethical requirements</p>	
4.1.4.	<p><i>Ethical Requirements for Members</i></p> <p>In responding in question 4.1.1 that your organization does not establish ethical requirements, is this because ethical requirements to be complied with by your</p>	<p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Ethical requirements established by another IFAC member body</p>	<p>The Code is endorsed by regulation (decree). The oversight body provided an opinion to the competent</p>

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	members are established by one or more of the following? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.	<p>2<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ethical requirements established in law or regulation</p> <p>3<input type="checkbox"/> Ethical requirements established by another professional body</p> <p>4<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)</p> <p>5<input type="checkbox"/> None of the above</p>	authority before endorsement.
4.4.	<b>Gov / Reg Bodies and Ethical Requirements</b>		
4.4.1.	<p><i>Gov/Reg Bodies - Ethical Requirements</i></p> <p>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 appropriate.</p>	<p>1<input type="checkbox"/> There is a law / regulation (e.g. Audit Law, Accountants Law) that sets out ethical requirements to be complied with by all professional accountants</p> <p>2<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There is a law / regulation that sets out ethical</p>	<p>The Code includes and develops all the ethical requirements provided by law.</p> <p>It should be noted that those requirements apply for all statutory audit in the same way this includes listed and non-listed entities.</p> <p>Those requirements apply exclusively to statutory auditors. A separate set of ethical rules apply to the experts comptables.</p>

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		<p>requirements to be complied with by professional accountants who audit listed entities</p> <p>3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There is a law / regulation that sets out ethical requirements to be complied with by professional accountants who audit entities other than listed entities</p> <p>4 <input type="checkbox"/> 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 other entities)</p> <p>5 <input type="checkbox"/> There is a law / regulation that sets out ethical requirements for professional accountants employed in business</p> <p>6 <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above</p>	
4.4.4.	<p><i>Describe Law / Reg - Audit</i></p> <p>Regarding your response to question 4.4.1 and professional accountants who audit listed entities and / or other entities, please: State the law / regulation's name; Provide a general description of the law /</p>	<p>Loi de sécurité financière Code de déontologie de la profession</p> <p>The "Loi de sécurité financière" has</p>	<p>Internet links: Loi de sécurité financière <a href="http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/WAspad/UnTexteDeJorf?nu mjo=ECO X0200186L">http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/WAspad/UnTexteDeJorf?nu mjo=ECO X0200186L</a></p>

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	<p>regulation; Describe how the law / regulation sets out the scope of professional accountants that it applies to.</p>	<p>set out a general framework in order to reinforce all the elements related to the quality and transparency of financial information, audit quality including independence of auditors.</p> <p>As far as the scope is concerned, all this texts apply to the "commissaires aux comptes" who are the statutory auditors in France.</p>	<p>Code de déontologie de la profession <a href="http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/WAspad/UnTexteDeJorf?numjo=JUSC0520859D">http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/WAspad/UnTexteDeJorf?numjo=JUSC0520859D</a></p>
4.4.7.	<p><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.</p>	<p>CNCC has been proactive in the promotion of the IFAC Code of ethics. These efforts have been recognized at the EU level namely one recital of the future 8th directive refers explicitly to the IFAC Code. In France we have legislation which includes more stringent rules although we have been successful in introducing a threats and safeguards approach to a certain extent in the Code.</p>	
4.5.	<p><i>Comparison of Requirements SMO 4</i> Does your organization have information that identifies any differences between the</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes, our organization has this information and it will be</p>	<p>Our organization is currently embarking on the translation</p>



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	<p>IFAC Code of Ethics currently in effect or the revised Code and the national ethical requirements? In responding to this question, differences include:</p> <p>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; 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>	submitted	of the IFAC Code.
		<input type="radio"/> 2	This information will be submitted by another IFAC member body
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> 3	No, the information is not available
4.6.	<b>Fundamental Principles - National</b>		
4.6.1.	<b>Integrity - Principle</b>		
4.6.1.1.	<i>Integrity</i>		

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	Do the national ethical requirements require professional accountants to comply with the fundamental principle "integrity" as described in the revised IFAC Code?	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with the same principle</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with a similar or equivalent principle</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> The same or similar / equivalent principle has not been established</p>	
4.6.1.2.	<p><i>Integrity Requirement</i></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Our organization's ethical requirements</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Law that regulates professional accountants and / or auditors</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Securities regulation</p> <p>4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other laws and / or regulation</p>	Integrity is explicitly mentioned in the Code of ethics.
4.6.2.	<b>Objectivity - Principle</b>		
4.6.2.1.	<p><i>Objectivity</i></p> <p>Do the national ethical requirements require professional accountants to comply with the fundamental principle "objectivity" as described in the revised IFAC Code?</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with the same principle</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with a similar or equivalent principle</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> The same or similar /</p>	

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		equivalent principle has not been established	
4.6.2.2.	<i>Objectivity 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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our organization's ethical requirements  <input type="checkbox"/> Law that regulates professional accountants and / or auditors  <input type="checkbox"/> Securities regulation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other laws and / or regulation	Code of ethics
4.6.3.	<b>Professional Competence / Due Care - Principle</b>		
4.6.3.1.	<i>Prof Competence / Due Care</i> Do the national ethical requirements require professional accountants to comply with the fundamental principle "professional competence and due care" as described in the revised IFAC Code?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with the same principle  <input type="radio"/> Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with a similar or equivalent principle <input type="radio"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Our organization's ethical requirements	Code of ethics

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	that are appropriate.	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Law that regulates professional accountants and / or auditors 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Securities regulation 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other laws and / or regulation	
4.6.4.	<b>Confidentiality - Principle</b>		
4.6.4.1.	<i>Confidentiality</i> Do the national ethical requirements require professional accountants to comply with the fundamental principle "confidentiality" as described in the revised IFAC Code?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with the same principle 2 <input type="radio"/> Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with a similar or equivalent principle 3 <input type="radio"/> 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.	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Our organization's ethical requirements 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law that regulates professional accountants and / or auditors 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Securities regulation 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other laws and / or regulation	Code of commerce and Code of ethics
4.6.5.	<b>Professional Behavior - Principle</b>		
4.6.5.1.	<i>Professional Behavior</i>		

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text	Answer	Comments
	Do the national ethical requirements require professional accountants to comply with the fundamental principle "professional behavior" as described in the revised IFAC Code?	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with the same principle</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> Yes, professional accountants are required to comply with a similar or equivalent principle</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> The same or similar / equivalent principle has not been established</p>	
4.6.5.2.	<i>Professional Behavior 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.	<p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Our organization's ethical requirements</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Law that regulates professional accountants and / or auditors</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Securities regulation</p> <p>4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other laws and / or regulation</p>	Code of ethics
4.7.	<b>Threats and Safeguards - National</b>		
4.7.1.	<i>Threats and Safeguards</i> 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.	<p>1 <input type="radio"/> Yes, our organization has a threats and safeguards framework or similar / equivalent framework in our ethical requirements</p>	The threats and safeguards approach is in place in our Code but it applies in a very limited number of circumstances because our Code is mainly rules based.

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		<p>2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, a threats and safeguards framework or similar / equivalent framework is in the ethical requirements established in law and / or regulation</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> No, a threats and safeguards framework, or similar / equivalent framework has not been established in the national ethical requirements</p>	
4.7.3.	<p><i>Threats and Safeguards - Other</i> Please describe the threats and safeguards framework or similar requirement established by your organization or law / regulation.</p>	<p>The Code recognized a threats and safeguards approach which is similar to the one provided by the IFAC Code including the nature of the threats although no guidance is given regarding safeguards which could be implemented.</p> <p>Our regulation includes specific provisions which state that in certain circumstances the auditor has to refer to the oversight body to make sure that the appropriate safeguards are in place in order to mitigate a potential threat.</p> <p>In all cases the auditor has to document.</p>	
4.7.4.	<p><i>Application of Framework SMO 4</i></p>		

Number	Question Title/Text/Help text	Answer	Comments
	Which of the following does the threats and safeguards framework, or similar / equivalent requirement, apply to? Select the answer option that is the most appropriate.	<p>1 <input type="radio"/> All professional accountants</p> <p>2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Only to independence requirements relating to professional accountants in public practice.</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> Other</p>	All statutory auditors registered within CNCC are members in public practise.
4.8.	<b>Ethical Behavior Resolution</b>		
4.8.1.	<p><i>Identifying and Resolving Unethical Behavior</i></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, our organization has developed requirements for identifying and resolving ethical matters</p> <p>2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, government, regulatory, or oversight bodies have developed requirements for identifying and resolving ethical mattes</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> No, there is no such requirements or guidance</p>	As previously explained the oversight body is competent to provide opinion on specific ethical issues raised by auditors
4.8.3.	<p><i>Gov/Reg/Oversight and Ethical Conflict Resolution</i></p> <p>Are the ethical conflict resolution requirements and guidance established by government, regulators adopted from the</p>	<p>1 <input type="radio"/> Yes, the requirements and guidance are adopted from the IFAC Code</p>	

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	IFAC Code or similar / equivalent to the guidance in the Code? Select the answer option that is the most appropriate.	<p>2 <input type="radio"/> Yes, the IFAC Code was used as a model in developing the requirements</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> Yes, the requirements are similar / equivalent to the IFAC Code</p> <p>4 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No, the requirements differ from the IFAC Code</p>	
4.8.6.	<p><i>Gov/Reg/Oversight Conflict Resolution Follow Up</i></p> <p>Please describe why conflict resolution requirements and guidance established by government, regulators differ from IFAC Code.</p>	Because the rules related to independence and conflict of interest are essentially provided by French legislation and the French Code of ethics.	
4.9.	<b>Independence and Threats So Significant</b>		
4.9.1.	<p><i>Provisions and Threats to Independence</i></p> <p>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</p>	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Our organization will complete the "SMO 4: Provisions Relating to Threats to Independence" report	



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	<p>to independence.</p> <p>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</a> should be completed and submitted to Compliance Staff. Alternatively, where this information is available in another format it can be submitted instead of the report. Select the option below to confirm the information to be submitted.</p> <p><b>Help text:</b> 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.</p>		<p>2○ 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.</p> <p>3○ Our members do not provide assurance services; therefore, Section 290 and the Provisions Relating to Threats to Independence is not applicable to our</p>

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			organization.
4.10.	<b>National Ethical Requirements - Other</b>		
4.10.1.	<b>National - Prof Accountants</b>		
4.10.1.1.	<i>National Additional - Prof Accountants</i> 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 addressed in the revised IFAC Code (effective June 30, 2006)?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input type="radio"/> No	The French law sets out a number of incompatibilities which entail a large number of prohibitions for the auditor, i.e. an auditor is not entitled to provide non audit services to an audit client unless they are directly linked to the audit.
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 requirements applicable to your requirements?	1 <input type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
4.10.1.3.	<i>National Comparison - Prof Accountants</i> Please provide a general description about the additional national ethical requirements or conflicts with the revised IFAC Code. This information may be submitted as a separate document to Compliance Staff.		Please refer to our Code of ethics, particularly art. 10 and 24 which list the prohibited services which apply either to statutory auditors or network firms.
4.10.2.	<b>National - Public Practice</b>		
4.10.2.1.	<i>National Additional - Public Practice</i>		

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	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)?	1 <input type="radio"/> Not applicable as our members do not operate as professional accountants in public practice  2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes 3 <input type="radio"/> No	Please refer to our response to the previous question. Please note that all our membership is in public practice.
4.10.2.2.	<i>National Conflicts - Public Practice</i> 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 practice?	1 <input type="radio"/> Not applicable as our members do not operate as professional accountants in public practice  2 <input type="radio"/> Yes 3 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
4.10.2.3.	<i>National Comparison - Public Practice</i> Please provide a general description about the additional national ethical requirements or conflicts with the revised IFAC Code. This information may be submitted as a separate document to Compliance Staff.	Please refer to the response to question 4.10.1.3.	
4.10.3.	<b>National - Business</b>		
4.10.3.1.	<i>National Additional - Business</i> Are there rules, regulations, laws, or other mandatory ethical requirements established	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not applicable as our members do not operate as	

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	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)?	professional accountants employed in business  2 <input type="radio"/> Yes 3 <input type="radio"/> No	
4.10.3.2.	<i>National Conflicts - Business</i> 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?	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not applicable as our members do not operate as professional accountants employed in business  2 <input type="radio"/> Yes 3 <input type="radio"/> 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.	1 <input type="checkbox"/> No, as English is an official language or widely spoken language  2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, our organization has translated the IFAC Code 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, a government, regulatory, or other body has translated the IFAC Code 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, the IFAC Code has not been translated and English is	But translation is in progress

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		not an official language or widely spoken language	
4.13.	<i>Translation and Follow Up</i> Explain the reasons why the IFAC Code was not translated including information about specific challenges or impediments.	We knew that the Code was going to be substantially amended and we waited for the version applicable to June 2005 to launch the translation process.	
4.15.	<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.	Lobbying the EU Translation in progress	
5.	<b>SMO 5</b>		
5.1.	<i>Public Sector Accounting Standards - Objective</i> Has the federal government / national government established convergence with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs) as an objective?	1 <input type="radio"/> Yes  2 <input type="radio"/> No 3 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Information is not available or not known	Please refer to the OEC response. This questionnaire is non applicable for CNCC.
5.4.	<i>Activities to Promote IPSASB Pronouncements</i> Please describe the activities your	Please refer to the OEC response.	

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	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.	This questionnaire is non applicable for CNCC.	
6.	<b>SMO 6</b>		
6.1.	<p><i>Investigation and Discipline Program</i></p> <p>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>	But please note that the disciplinary system is not within the hands of the profession.
6.3.	<b>Responsibility for Investigation and Discipline</b>		
6.3.1.	<p><i>Body Responsible for Investigation and Discipline</i></p> <p>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.</p>	1 <input type="radio"/> Yes, our organization has this responsibility	Although discipline does not rest within the profession in certain circumstances the chair of a regional body, or the chair of CNCC is entitled to refer certain cases to discipline (including deficiencies in QA reviews).

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		<p>2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No, responsibility for investigation and discipline rests solely with an external body</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> Our organization shares responsibility for investigation and discipline with an external body</p> <p>4 <input type="radio"/> Other</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>	The external body responsible for investigation and discipline is the "Chambre régionale de discipline".	The decisions and sanctions of this body can be appealed in front of the oversight body.
6.4.	<p><i>Activities to Promote SMO 6</i> Please describe what activities your organization undertakes to promote obligations set in SMO 6, Investigation and Discipline.</p>	<p>Although discipline is not in the hands of the profession the misconduct listed in section of the SMO 6 is adequately dealt with in the law.</p> <p>CNCC has been proactive in order to influence this new legislation with the aim to be compliant with the SMO 6.</p> <p>Similarly the regime of sanctions described in section 7 of SMO 6 is fully addressed by the regulation except for fine (payment of costs</p>	

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		<p>are addressed).</p> <p>Regarding provision of information and guidance CNCC through its bulletin publishes (anonymously) regularly all decisions and sanctions taken by the Chambre régionale de discipline.</p> <p>Each member can be subject to continuing education seminars devoted to Code of ethics, professional standards, rules and regulation.</p> <p>At this stage it is extremely difficult to liaise with outside bodies due to existing legislation related to confidentiality. In the future this issue should be dealt with through the coordination of the oversight bodies at the EU level which is prescribed by the new 8th Directive.</p>	
7.	<b>SMO 7</b>		
7.1.	<p><i>Accounting Standards in Law/Regulation</i></p> <p>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?</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, for financial statements of listed entities</p>	<p>For financial statements of listed entities: Yes for consolidated accounts only. These standards are the</p>



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	<p>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>	<p>2 <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, for financial statements of non-listed entities</p>	<p>IFRSs endorsed by the EU. These standards are in a first step established by the IASB. For individual accounts of listed entities, the accounting framework is the same that the one used by the non-listed entities.</p>
7.2.	<p><b>Responsibility for Private Sector Accounting Standards</b></p>		
7.2.4.	<p><i>Standard-Setter - Non-Listed SMO 7</i> Who has the authority establishing the accounting standards for non-listed entities?</p>	1 <input type="radio"/> Our organization	<p>This answer is also valid for the preparation of individual accounts of listed entities.</p>

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		<p>2○ Another IFAC member body</p> <p>3○ Joint process between our organization and another IFAC member body</p> <p>4⊙ Another organization</p>	
7.2.5.	<p><i>Non-Listed Entities - Other SMO 7</i></p> <p>State the organization's name that is responsible for establishing accounting standards for non-listed entities.</p>	<p>Comité de la réglementation comptable (CRC) (Accounting Regulatory Committee)</p>	<p>The Accounting Regulatory Committee (CRC) is the decision-making body which sets private sector accounting standards. It is helped in its task by a consultative technical body the “Conseil National de la Comptabilité” (CNC) which is responsible for preparing the new accounting regulations and/or amendments to previous accounting regulations. The CNC issues recommendations and advices, some of them are presented to the CRC to be endorsed.</p> <p>The CRC accounting regulations are endorsed by an order (“Arrêté interministériel”) and published in the “Journal officiel de la République française”.</p>

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			The CNCC is a member of the CRC and the CNC, and many professional members participate in the working groups of these two bodies which are responsible for setting private sector accounting standards.
7.7.	<b>Other Organization Standard-Setter SMO 7</b>		
7.7.3.	<i>Non-Listed Entity Standard-Setter SMO 7</i> For non-listed entities, has the standard-setter established convergence of national accounting standards with IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements? Select the answer option that is most appropriate.	<p>1 <input type="radio"/> Standard-setter's convergence objectives are not known</p> <p>2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Standard-setter has established convergence as a formal objective</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> Standard-setter has not established convergence as a formal objective</p>	Although certain level of convergence) has been reached (particularly regarding valuations and accounting of assets and liabilities) the convergence is limited until all the local tax and legal issues raised by the application of international accounting standards in the individual annual accounts are resolved.

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7.7.4.	<b>Convergence Established - Standard-Setter SMO 7</b>		
7.7.4.1.	<p><i>Standard-Setter Amendments SMO 7</i></p> <p>Has the standard-setter issued information that describes differences between the IFRSs, other IASB pronouncements and national standards including:</p> <p>IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements in effect as at September 30, 2005 that have been adopted or compared with a similar or equivalent national standard or pronouncement;</p> <p>The effective date of national standard or pronouncement where it differs from the IFRS or other IASB pronouncement;</p> <p>The differences between the IFRS or other IASB pronouncement and the similar or equivalent national standard and pronouncement; and</p> <p>The reasons for the differences?</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>The information is available into 2 reports written by the CNC in French (- Modernisation comptable française : incidences comptes individuels / PME (PME/IAS) and - IAS/Fiscalité Rapport d'étape présenté à l'assemblée plénière).</p> <p>These reports can be downloaded from here : <a href="http://www.minefi.gouv.fr/directions_services/CNCompta/rappports_etudes/index.php">http://www.minefi.gouv.fr/directions_services/CNCompta/rappports_etudes/index.php</a></p>
7.7.4.2.	<p><i>Submit Information - Standard-Setter SMO 7</i></p> <p>If the standard-setter has issued information about differences between IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements and the national standards and it is available in English, indicate this in your response and submit a copy of the information to Compliance</p>	<p>1 <input type="radio"/> Yes, information is available for standard-setter and in English and will be submitted to Compliance Staff</p>	<p>Information is not available in English.</p> <p>Please refer to our response to the above question.</p>

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	<p>Staff.</p> <p>If this information is not available, refer to the <a href="SMO 7 Comparison with IASB Pronouncements.doc">SMO 7: Comparison with IASB Pronouncements</a> report by clicking on the link and complete it to the extent your organization is able to 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 <input type="radio"/> No, information is not available from standard-setter; 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 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No, information is not available</p>	
7.8.	<b>Law/Reg and Accounting Standards</b>		
7.8.3.	<p><i>Accounting Standards for Listed</i></p> <p>Does the law/regulation require the use of International Financial Reporting Standards</p>	<p>1 <input type="radio"/> The law/regulation simply refers to International</p>	<p>As described above: - concerning the individual</p>

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	issued by the International Accounting Standards Board for preparation of financial statements of listed entities? Select the answer option that is most appropriate.	Financial Reporting Standards as the accounting standards (without bringing in the full or partial text of individual IFRSs)	<p>annual accounts the listed entities have to use national standards with no reference to IFRSs</p> <p>- concerning the consolidated annual accounts the listed entities have to use the IFRSs as adopted by the EU (Regulation (EC) n°1606/2002).</p> <p>We remain that this European Regulation established an EU mechanism to assess international accounting standards adopted by the IASB to give them legal endorsement for use within the EU. The Accounting Regulatory Committee chaired by the Commission and composed of representatives of the Member States, decides whether to endorse IFRS on the basis of Commission proposals. In its task, the Commission is helped by the European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG), a group composed of</p>

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			<p>accounting experts from the private sector in several Member States.</p> <p>After endorsement by the Commission, the IFRSs become legally binding under the European Regulation and France as a Member State should comply with all the European Regulations.</p> <p>This European Regulation provides an option to the Member States to extend the requirements to the consolidated financial statements of non publicly-traded companies and/or to the individual annual accounts of all companies.</p> <p>In December 2005, the French government permitted the non publicly-traded companies to prepare their consolidated financial statements in conformity with the IFRSs as adopted by the EU.</p> <p>However all companies will</p>

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		<p>2⊙ For listed entities, the law/regulation contains the full text of each IFRS</p> <p>3○ For listed entities, the 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>	<p>continue to prepare their individual annual accounts in conformity with the French accounting law.</p>
7.8.9.	<p><i>MB Responsibilities and IASB SMO 7</i> Does your organization have responsibility for any of the following activities? Select all the answer options that are appropriate.</p>	<p>1□ Develop other authoritative pronouncements</p>	<p>CNCC answers to questions asked by its members regarding the application of the accounting standards used. Some of them are published.</p> <p>As described above (7.2.5.) the CNCC is a member of the CRC and the CNC, and many professional members</p>



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		<p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Promulgate the IFRSs established by law / regulation (e.g. by publishing or communicating the standards to the public)</p> <p>3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)</p> <p>4 <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above</p>	<p>participate in the working groups of these two bodies which are responsible for setting private sector accounting standards.</p> <p>CNCC undertakes too education and training of its members.</p>
7.8.11.	<p><i>Describe Activities and Law/Reg SMO 7</i> Describe your organization's activities for promulgating and / or implementing the standards.</p>	Please refer to our response to the above question.	
7.9.	<b>Law/Reg and IASB Pronouncements</b>		
7.9.1.	<p><i>Incorporation into Law/Reg SMO 7</i> Is information publicly available about IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements that have been established into law/regulation, including:  IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements that</p>	1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	The applicable Financial reporting framework (consolidated accounts of listed entities or non-listed entities which opt for) is the IFRSs as adopted by the EU.

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	<p>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>2 <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>The standards applicable are those endorsed and published by a Regulation of the EC (in the OJEU), not those promulgated by the IASB.</p>
<p>7.9.2.</p>	<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 Compliance Staff.</p> <p>If this information is not available, complete the <a href="#">SMO 7 Comparison with IASB Pronouncements.doc</a> SMO 7: Comparison with IASB Pronouncements report and submit it in Word format to Compliance Staff.</p> <p>Indicate whether your organization will be submitting available information or the</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, information is available and in English and will be submitted to Compliance Staff</p>	<p>This information appears in the Regulation (CE) n°1606/2002 published in the OJEU.</p>

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	"SMO 7: Comparison with IASB Pronouncements" report.	<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> 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>3○ No and English is not an official language or is not widely spoken</p>	<p>The translation is made under the European Commission responsibility in each official language spoken in European Union (publications in the OJEU). French is one of these official languages.</p>
7.10.4.	<p><i>Translation coordinator SMO 7</i> Who is the translation coordinator? Select the answer option that is most appropriate.</p>	<p>1○ Our organization is the translation coordinator</p>	<p>European Commission is the translation coordinator (see above).</p>

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		<p>2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> The government or another organization is the translation coordinator</p> <p>3 <input type="radio"/> Our organization and the government or another organization are the translation coordinators</p>	
7.10.5.	<p><i>Key Terms SMO 7</i></p> <p>Does the translation process include a list of key terms?</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input type="radio"/> No</p>	But this list of key terms is not endorsed.
7.10.6.	<p><i>Faithful Translation SMO 7</i></p> <p>What processes are in place to ensure a faithful translation of the IFRSs?</p>	The CNC (see above question 7.2.5.) is charged by the European Commission to coordinate the French translation prepared by a "Comité de révision".	
7.11.	<p><i>Promotion Activities SMO 7</i></p> <p>Please describe the activities your organization undertakes to promote and assist in the implementation of IFRSs and other IASB pronouncements and activities.</p>	Please refer to our responses to questions 7.8.9 and 7.8.11..	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Certification of Chief Executive</b>		
8.1.	<p><i>Complete Certification</i></p> <p>Once all required questions have been completed, the Certification of Chief Executive should be signed and submitted to Compliance Staff. Click &lt;a href="Part 2</p>	<p>1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, the Certification of Chief Executive has been submitted</p>	

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