

Mapping Table of Comparison – Proposed Section 600, Provisions of Non-Assurance Services to an Audit Client

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290.154	Firms have traditionally provided to their audit clients a range of non-assurance services that are consistent with their skills and expertise. Providing non-assurance services may, however, create threats to the independence of the firm or members of the audit team. The threats created are most often self-review, self-interest and advocacy threats.	Introduction 600.1 Firms and network firms might provide a range of non-assurance services to their audit clients, consistent with their skills and expertise.	
		600.2 Section 120 requires professional accountants to comply with the fundamental principles and, when performing audits or reviews, to be independent, and apply the conceptual framework to threats to independence. Providing non-assurance services to audit clients might create threats to compliance with the fundamental principles and threats to independence. Section 600 sets out requirements and application material relevant to applying the conceptual framework to independence when providing non-assurance services to audit clients.	
290.155	New developments in business, the evolution of financial markets and changes in information technology make it impossible to draw up an all-inclusive list of	600.3 A2 New business practices, the evolution of financial markets and changes in information technology, are amongst the developments that make it impossible to draw up an all-inclusive list of non-	

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	<p>non-assurance services that might be provided to an audit client.</p> <p>When specific guidance on a particular non-assurance service is not included in this section, the conceptual framework shall be applied when evaluating the particular circumstances.</p>	<p>600.3 A1 assurance services that might be provided to an audit client. As a result, this Code does not include an exhaustive listing of all non-assurance services that might be provided to an audit client.</p> <p>The requirements and application material in Section 600 assist firms in analyzing certain types of non-assurance services and the related threats that might be created when a firm or network firm accepts or provides non-assurance services to an audit client.</p>	
		<p>600.3 A3 Subsections 601-699 set out requirements and application material relevant to providing specific non-assurance services. In some cases, these subsections expressly prohibit a firm or network firm from providing certain services to an audit client because there can be no safeguards to eliminate the threats created or reduce them to an acceptable level. The subsections also set out requirements and application material relevant to applying the conceptual framework to identify, evaluate and address threats created by providing non-assurance services.</p>	
290.156	<p>Before the firm accepts an engagement to provide a non-assurance service to an audit client, a determination shall be made as to whether providing such a service would create a threat to independence. <u>In evaluating the significance of any threat</u></p>		<p>Underlined text included in the requirement to comply the conceptual framework.</p>

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<p><u>created by a particular non-assurance service, consideration shall be given to any threat that the audit team has reason to believe is created by providing other related non-assurance services. If a threat is created that cannot be reduced to an acceptable level by the application of safeguards, the non-assurance service shall not be provided.</u></p>		
	<p>600.3 A4 Factors that are important in evaluating the level of any threats created by providing a non-assurance service to an audit client include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature of the service, and the degree of reliance that will be placed on the outcome of that service as part of the audit. • Whether the outcome of the service will affect matters reflected in the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion, and, if so: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The extent to which the outcome of the service will have a material effect on the financial statements; ○ The degree of subjectivity involved in determining the appropriate amounts or treatment for those matters reflected in the financial statements; ○ The extent of the audit client's 	

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		<p>involvement in determining and accepting its responsibilities for those matters where they involve significant professional judgment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature and extent of the impact of the service, if any, on the systems that generate information that form a significant part of the client's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accounting records or financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion; or ○ Internal controls over financial reporting. • Whether the audit client is a public interest entity. For example, providing a non-assurance service to an audit client that is a public interest entity might be perceived to result in a higher level of a threat. <p>Materiality in Relation to an Audit Client's Financial Statements</p> <p>600.3 A5 Sections 600–699 refers to materiality in relation to an audit client's financial statements. The concept of materiality is addressed in ISA 320, <i>Materiality in Planning and Performing an Audit</i>. The determination of materiality involves the exercise of professional judgement and is impacted by both quantitative and qualitative</p>	

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		factors. It is also affected by perceptions of the financial information needs of users.	
		<p>Considerations for When a Firm or Network Firm Provide Multiple Non-assurance Services to an Audit Client</p> <p>600.4 A1 A firm or network firm might provide multiple non-assurance services to an audit client. When providing a non-assurance service to an audit client, the application of the conceptual framework requires that the firm consider any combined effect of threats created by the other non-assurance services provided to the audit client.</p>	
290.157	<p>A firm may provide non-assurance services that would otherwise be restricted under this section to the following related entities of the audit client:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An entity, which is not an audit client, that has direct or indirect control over the audit client; • An entity, which is not an audit client, with a direct financial interest in the client if that entity has significant influence over the client and the interest in the client is material to such entity; or • An entity, which is not an audit client, that is under common control with the audit client, 	<p>Considerations for When a Firm Provides Non-assurance Services to Certain Related Entities</p> <p>R600.5 As an exception to the provisions of Subsections 600 to 699 a firm or network firm may provide non-assurance services that would otherwise be restricted by Subsections 601 to 699 to the following related entities of the client on whose financial statements the firm will express an opinion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) An entity that has direct or indirect control over the client; (b) An entity that has a direct financial interest in the client if that entity has significant influence over the client and the interest in the client is material to such entity; or 	

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	<p>if it is reasonable to conclude that (a) the services do not create a self-review threat because the results of the services will not be subject to audit procedures and (b) any threats that are created by the provision of such services are eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level by the application of safeguards.</p>	<p>(c) An entity that is under common control with the client, provided the following conditions are met:</p> <p>(i) The firm, or a network firm, does not express an opinion on the financial statements of the related entity; and</p> <p>(ii) It is reasonable to conclude that:</p> <p>a. The services do not create a self-review threat because the results of the services will not be subject to audit procedures; and</p> <p>b. The firm applies the conceptual framework to eliminate any other threats created by providing the non-assurance service or reduce them to an acceptable level.</p>	
290.158	<p>A non-assurance service provided to an audit client does not compromise the firm’s independence when the client becomes a public interest entity if:</p> <p>The previous non-assurance service complies with the provisions of this section that relate to audit clients that are not public interest entities;</p> <p>Services that are not permitted under this section for audit clients that are public interest entities are terminated before or as</p>	<p>Considerations for When a Firm Provides Non-Assurance Services to an Audit Client that Later Becomes a Public Interest Entity</p> <p>R600.6 As an exception to subsections 601 to 699 if a firm or a network firm provides a non-assurance service to an audit client that later becomes a public interest entity, the independence of the firm is not compromised if:</p> <p>(a) The previous non-assurance service complies with the provisions of Sections</p>	

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	<p>soon as practicable after the client becomes a public interest entity; and</p> <p>The firm applies safeguards when necessary to eliminate or reduce to an acceptable level any threats to independence arising from the service.</p>	<p>601 to 699 that relate to audit clients that are not public interest entities;</p> <p>(b) Services that are not permitted under Sections 601 to 699 for audit clients that are public interest entities are terminated before, or as soon as practicable after, the client becomes a public interest entity; and</p> <p>(c) The firm applies the conceptual framework to eliminate any threats that are created or reduce them to an acceptable level.</p>	
<i>Management Responsibilities</i>		Considerations for Avoiding the Assumption of Management Responsibilities	
290.159	<p>Management responsibilities involve controlling, leading and directing an entity, including making decisions regarding the acquisition, deployment and control of human, financial, technological, physical and intangible resources.</p>	600.10 A1 Management responsibilities involve controlling, leading and directing an entity, including making decisions regarding the acquisition, deployment and control of human, financial, technological, physical and intangible resources.	
290.160	<p>Determining whether an activity is a management responsibility depends on the circumstances and requires the exercise of judgment. Examples of activities that would be considered a management responsibility include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting policies and strategic direction. • Hiring or dismissing employees. 	<p>600.10 A2 Determining whether an activity is a management responsibility depends on the circumstances and requires the exercise of judgment. Examples of activities that would be considered a management responsibility include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting policies and strategic direction. • Hiring or dismissing employees. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directing and taking responsibility for the actions of employees in relation to the employees work for the entity. • Authorizing transactions • Controlling or managing of bank accounts or investments. • Deciding which recommendations of the firm or other third parties to implement. • Reporting to those charged with governance on behalf of management. • Taking responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework; and • Taking responsibility for designing, implementing, monitoring and maintaining internal control. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directing and taking responsibility for the actions of employees in relation to the employees’ work for the entity. • Authorizing transactions • Controlling or managing of bank accounts or investments. • Deciding which recommendations of the firm or other third parties to implement. • Reporting to those charged with governance on behalf of management. • Taking responsibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework; ○ For designing, implementing, monitoring and maintaining internal control. 	
<p>290.161 A firm shall not assume a management responsibility for an audit client. The threats created would be so significant that no safeguards could reduce the threats to an acceptable level. For example, deciding which recommendations of the firm to implement will create self-review and self-interest threats. Further, assuming a management responsibility creates a</p>	<p>R600.10 A firm or a network firm shall not assume a management responsibility for an audit client.</p> <p>600.11 A1 Providing a non-assurance service to an audit client creates self-review and self-interest threats if the firm assumes a management responsibility. Assuming a management responsibility also creates a familiarity threat because the firm</p>	

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<p>familiarity threat because the firm becomes too closely aligned with the views and interests of management.</p> <p>Subject to compliance with paragraph 290.162, providing advice and recommendations to assist management in discharging its responsibilities is not assuming a management responsibility.</p>	<p>becomes too closely aligned with the views and interests of management.</p> <p>600.11 A2 Subject to compliance with paragraph R600.10, providing advice and recommendations to assist the management of an audit client in discharging its responsibilities is not assuming a management responsibility.</p>	
<p>290.162 To avoid the risk of assuming a management responsibility when providing non-assurance services to an audit client, the firm shall be satisfied that client management makes all judgments and decisions that are the responsibility of management. This includes ensuring that the client's management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designates an individual who possesses suitable skill, knowledge and experience to be responsible at all times for the client's decisions and to oversee the services. Such an individual, preferably within senior management, would understand the objectives, nature and results of the services; and the respective client and firm responsibilities. However, the individual is not required to possess the expertise to perform or re-perform the services; 	<p>R600.11 To avoid the risk of assuming management responsibility when providing non-assurance services to an audit client, the firm or a network firm shall be satisfied that client management makes all judgments and decisions that are the proper responsibility of management. This includes ensuring that the client's management:</p> <p>(a) Designates an individual who possesses suitable skill, knowledge and experience to be responsible at all times for the client's decisions and to oversee the services. Such an individual, preferably within senior management, would understand:</p> <p>(i) The objectives, nature and results of the services; and</p> <p>(ii) The respective client and firm responsibilities.</p> <p>However, the individual is not required to possess the expertise to perform or re-perform the services.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides oversight of the services and evaluates the adequacy of the results of the service performed for the client's purpose; and Accepts responsibility for the actions, if any, to be taken arising from the results of the services. 	<p>(b) Provides oversight of the services and evaluates the adequacy of the results of the service performed for the client's purpose; and</p> <p>(c) Accepts responsibility for the actions, if any, to be taken arising from the results of the services.</p>	
	<i>Administrative Services</i>	Subsection 602 – Administrative Services	
290.163	Administrative services involve assisting clients with their routine or mechanical tasks within the normal course of operations. Such services require little to no professional judgment and are clerical in nature. Examples of administrative services include word processing services, preparing administrative or statutory forms for client approval, submitting such forms as instructed by the client, monitoring statutory filing dates, and advising an audit client of those dates.	<p>Introduction</p> <p>602.1 Administrative services involve assisting clients with their routine or mechanical tasks within the normal course of operations. Such services require little to no professional judgement and are clerical in nature.</p> <p>602.2 Examples of administrative services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Word processing services; Preparing administrative or statutory forms for client approval; Submitting such forms as instructed by the client; Monitoring statutory filing dates, and advising an audit client of those dates. 	

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	<p>Providing such services does not generally create a threat to independence.</p> <p>However, <u>the significance of any threat created shall be evaluated and safeguards applied when necessary to eliminate the threat or reduce it to an acceptable level.</u></p>	<p>602.3 Providing administrative services to an audit client do not generally create a threat.</p> <p>602.4 The requirements and application material set out in Section 600 are relevant to this subsection.</p>	Underlined text included in the requirement to comply the conceptual framework.
<i>Preparing Accounting Records and Financial Statements</i>		Subsection 603 –Accounting and Bookkeeping Services, Including Preparing Accounting Records and Financial Statements	
290.164	<p>Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. These responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determining accounting policies and the accounting treatment within those policies. • Preparing or changing source documents or originating data, in electronic or other form, evidencing the occurrence of a transaction. (for example, purchase orders; payroll time records; and customer orders • Originating or changing journal entries, or determining the account classifications of transactions; and ... 	<p>Introduction</p> <p>603.2 Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. These responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determining accounting policies and the accounting treatment in accordance with those policies. • Preparing or changing source documents or originating data, in electronic or other form, evidencing the occurrence of a transaction. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purchase orders; ○ Payroll time records; and ○ Customer orders. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Originating or changing journal entries, or determining the account classifications of transactions. 	
290.165	Providing an audit client with accounting and bookkeeping services, such as preparing accounting records or financial statements, creates a self-review threat when the firm subsequently audits the financial statements.	603.1 Providing accounting and bookkeeping services to an audit client might create a self-review threat.	
290.166	<p>The audit process, however, necessitates dialogue between the firm and management of the audit client, which may involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The application of accounting standards or policies and financial statement disclosure requirements; The appropriateness of financial and accounting control and the methods used in determining the stated amounts of assets and liabilities; or Proposing adjusting journal entries; <p>These activities are considered to be a normal part of the audit process and do not, generally, create threats to independence so long as the client is responsible for making decisions in the preparation of accounting records and financial statements.</p>	<p>603.3 The audit process necessitates dialogue between the firm and management of the audit client, which might involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applying accounting standards or policies and financial statement disclosure requirements; Assessing the appropriateness of financial and accounting control and the methods used in determining the stated amounts of assets and liabilities; or Proposing adjusting journal entries. <p>These activities are considered to be a normal part of the audit process and do not usually create threats so long as the client is responsible for making decisions in the preparation of accounting records and financial statements.</p>	

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<p>290.167</p> <p>Similarly, the client may request technical assistance from the firm on matters such as resolving account reconciliation problems or analyzing and accumulating information for regulatory reporting. In addition, the client may request technical advice on accounting issues such as the conversion of existing financial statements from one financial reporting framework to another (for example, to comply with group accounting policies or to transition to a different financial reporting framework such as International Financial Reporting Standards). Such services do not, generally, create threats to independence provided the firm does not assume a management responsibility for the client.</p>	<p>603.4</p> <p>Similarly, the client might request technical assistance on matters such as resolving account reconciliation problems or analyzing and accumulating information for regulatory reporting. In addition, the client might request technical advice on accounting issues such as the conversion of existing financial statements from one financial reporting framework to another. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complying with group accounting policies: or • Transitioning to a different financial reporting framework such as International Financial Reporting Standards. <p>Such services do not usually create threats provided the firm does not assume a management responsibility for the client.</p>	
	<p>603.5</p> <p>However, there are some circumstances in which providing accounting and bookkeeping services to an audit client is expressly prohibited and there can be no safeguards to eliminate or reduce threats created to an acceptable level. In cases when providing an accounting or bookkeeping service is not prohibited, the requirements and application material set out in Section 600 are relevant to this subsection. Subsection 603 sets out specific requirements and application material relevant to applying the conceptual</p>	

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		framework when providing an audit client with accounting and bookkeeping services.	
290.168	The firm may provide services related to the preparation of accounting records and financial statements to an audit client that is not a public interest entity where the services are of a routine or mechanical nature, so long as any self-review threat created is reduced to an acceptable level.	Requirements and Application Material <i>Audit Clients that Are Not Public Interest Entities</i> R603.7 603.7 A1 603.7 A2 The firm or network firm may provide non-assurance services related to the preparation of accounting records and financial statements to an audit client that is not a public interest entity where the services are of a routine and mechanical nature as long as any self-review threat created is reduced to an acceptable level.	
	Services that are routine or mechanical nature require little or no professional judgment from the professional accountant. Some examples of such services are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing payroll calculations or reports based on client-originated data for approval and payment by the client; • Recording recurring transactions for which amounts are easily determinable from source documents or originating data, such as a utility bill where the client has determined or approved the appropriate account classification; 	<i>General Provisions</i> 603.6 A1 Non-assurance services that are routine or mechanical in nature require little or no professional judgment by the professional accountant. Some examples of these services are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing payroll calculations or reports based on client-originated data for approval and payment by the client; • Recording recurring transactions for which amounts are easily determinable from source documents or originating data, such as a utility bill where the client has 	Underlined text included in the requirement to comply the conceptual framework.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculating depreciation on fixed assets when the client determines the accounting policy and estimates of useful life and residual values. • Posting transactions coded by the client to the general ledger; • Posting client-approved entries to the trial balance; and • Preparing financial statements based on information in the client-approved trial balance and preparing related notes based on client-approved records. <p><u>In all cases, the significance of any threat created shall be evaluated and safeguards applied when necessary to eliminate the threat or reduce it to an acceptable level.</u></p> <p>Examples of such safeguards include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arranging for such services to be performed by an individual who is not a member of the audit team; or • If such services are performed by a member of the audit team, using a partner or senior staff member with appropriate expertise who is not a member of the audit team to review the work performed. 	<p>determined or approved the appropriate account classification;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculating depreciation on fixed assets when the client determines the accounting policy and estimates of useful life and residual values. • Posting transactions coded by the client to the general ledger; • Posting client-approved entries to the trial balance; and • Preparing financial statements based on information in the client-approved trial balance and preparing related notes based on client-approved records. 	
	<p>603.6 A2 Examples of actions that might be safeguards to address the self-review threats created when providing accounting and bookkeeping services to an audit client that is not a public interest entity include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using professionals who are not audit team members to perform the accounting and bookkeeping service; or • If such services are performed by an audit team member, using a partner or senior professionals who is not an audit team member, with appropriate expertise to review, and challenge as appropriate the work performed. 	

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<p>290.169 A firm shall not provide to an audit client that is a public interest entity accounting and bookkeeping services, including payroll services, or prepare financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion or financial information which forms the basis of the financial statements.</p>	<p><i>Audit Clients that Are Not Public Interest Entities</i></p> <p>R603.7 A firm or a network firm shall not provide to an audit client that is not a public interest entity services related to accounting and bookkeeping services, including payroll services, or prepare financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion or financial information which forms the basis of the financial statements unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The services are of a routine or mechanical nature; and (b) The firm addresses any self-review or familiarity threat created. 	
	<p>603.7 A1 Paragraph R603.7 precludes a firm or a network firm from providing non-assurance services related to the preparation of accounting records and financial statements to an audit client that is not a public interest entity in certain circumstances. Even in circumstances where such services are not precluded, a self-review threat might still be created.</p>	
<p>290.170 Despite paragraph 290.169, a firm may provide accounting and bookkeeping services, including payroll services and the preparation of financial statements or other financial information, of a routine or mechanical nature for divisions or related entities of an audit client that is a public</p>	<p><i>Audit Clients that Are Public Interest Entities</i></p> <p>R603.9 As an exception to paragraph R603.8, a firm may provide accounting and bookkeeping services, including payroll services and the preparation of financial statements or other financial information, of a routine or mechanical nature for divisions or related entities of an audit client that</p>	

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	<p>interest entity if the personnel providing the services are not members of the audit team and:</p> <p>(a) The divisions or related entities for which the service is provided are collectively immaterial to the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion; or</p> <p>(b) The services relate to matters that are collectively immaterial to the financial statements of the division or related entity.</p>	<p>is a public interest entity if the personnel providing the services are not audit team members and:</p> <p>(a) The divisions or related entities for which the service is provided are collectively immaterial to the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion; or</p> <p>(b) The services relate to matters that are collectively immaterial to the financial statements of the division or related entity.</p> <p>603.9 A1 Examples of accounting and bookkeeping services that are routine or mechanical in nature are included in paragraph 603.6 A1.</p>	
290.171			IESBA withdrew the provision in the Code that permitted providing accounting and bookkeeping services for PIEs in emergency situations as part of its April 2015 NAS approval
	<i>Valuation Services</i>	Subsection 604 – Valuation Services	
290.172	<p>General Provisions</p> <p>A valuation comprises the making of assumptions with regard to future developments, the application of appropriate methodologies and techniques, and the combination of both to compute a certain value, or range of values, for an</p>	<p>Introduction</p> <p>604.1 A valuation comprises the making of assumptions with regard to future developments, the application of appropriate methodologies and techniques, and the combination of both to compute a certain value, or range of values, for an asset, a liability or for a business as a whole.</p>	

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	asset, a liability or for a business as a whole.			
290.173	Performing valuation services for an audit client may create a self-review threat.	604.2	Providing valuation services to an audit client might create a self-review threat.	
		604.3	In some circumstances, providing certain valuations services to an audit client is expressly prohibited and there can be no safeguards to eliminate or reduce threats created to an acceptable level. In cases when providing a valuation service is not prohibited, the requirements and application material set out in Section 600 are relevant to this subsection. Subsection 604 sets out specific requirements and application material relevant to applying the conceptual framework when providing a valuation service to an audit client.	
	The existence and significance of any threat will depend on factors such as:	Requirements and Application Material		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether the valuation will have a material effect on the financial statements. The extent of the client's involvement in determining and approving the valuation methodology and other significant matters of judgment. 	<i>General Provisions</i> 604.4 A3	Factors that are important in evaluating the level of any threat created by providing valuation services to an audit client include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent of the client's involvement in determining and approving the valuation methodology and other significant matters of judgment. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The availability of established methodologies and professional guidelines. • For valuations involving standard or established methodologies, the degree of subjectivity inherent in the item. • The reliability and extent of the underlying data. • The degree of dependence on future events of a nature that could create significant volatility inherent in the amounts involved. <p>The extent and clarity of the disclosures in the financial statements.</p> <p><u>The significance of any threat created shall be evaluated and safeguards applied when necessary to eliminate the threat or reduce it to an acceptable level.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The degree of subjectivity inherent in the item for valuations involving standard or established methodologies. • Whether the valuation will have a material effect on the financial statements. • The extent and clarity of the disclosures related to the valuation in the financial statements. • The degree of dependence on future events of a nature that could create significant volatility inherent in the amounts involved. 	

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	<p>Examples of such safeguards include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a professional who was not involved in providing the valuation service review the audit or valuation work performed; or • Making arrangements so that personnel providing such services do not participate in the audit engagement. 	<p>604.4 A4 Examples of actions that might be safeguards to address the self-review threats created when providing valuation services to an audit client include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using professionals who are not audit team members to perform the valuation services service; or • Having a professional who was not involved in providing the valuation service review the audit or valuation work performed. 	
290.174	<p>Certain valuations do not involve a significant degree of subjectivity. This is likely the case where the underlying assumptions are either established by law or regulation, or are widely accepted and when the techniques and methodologies to be used are based on generally accepted standards or prescribed by law or regulation. In such circumstances, the results of a valuation performed by two or more parties are not likely to be materially different.</p>	<p>604.4 A1 Certain valuations do not involve a significant degree of subjectivity. This is likely to be the case when the underlying assumptions are either established by law or regulation, or are widely accepted and when the techniques and methodologies to be used are based on generally accepted standards or prescribed by law or regulation. In such circumstances, the results of a valuation performed by two or more parties are not likely to be materially different.</p>	
290.175	<p>If a firm is requested to perform a valuation to assist an audit client with its tax reporting obligations or for tax planning purposes and the results of the valuation will not have a direct effect on the financial statements, the</p>	<p>604.4 A2 If a firm is requested to perform a valuation to assist an audit client with its tax reporting obligations or for tax planning purposes and the results of the valuation will not have a direct effect on the financial statements, the application</p>	

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	provisions included in paragraph 290.188 apply.	material set out in paragraphs 605.10A1–605.10 A4, relating to such services apply.	
290.176	In the case of an audit client that is not a public interest entity, if the valuation service has a material effect on the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion and the valuation involves a significant degree of subjectivity, no safeguards could reduce the self-review threat to an acceptable level. Accordingly a firm shall not provide such a valuation service to an audit client.	<p>Audit Clients that Are Not Public Interest Entities</p> <p>R604.5 A firm or a network firm shall not provide a valuation service to an audit client that is not a public interest entity if:</p> <p>(a) The valuation will have a material effect on the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion; and</p> <p>(b) The valuation involve a significant degree of subjectivity.</p>	
290.177	A firm shall not provide valuation services to an audit client that is a public interest entity if the valuations would have a material effect, separately or in the aggregate, on the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion.	<p>Audit Clients that Are Public Interest Entities</p> <p>R604.6 A firm or a network firm shall not provide valuation services to an audit client that is a public interest entity if the valuation services would have a material effect, separately or in the aggregate, on the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion, regardless of the degree of subjectivity involved.</p>	
	<i>Taxation Services</i>	Subsection 605 – Taxation Services	
290.178	<p>Taxation services comprise a broad range of services, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax return preparation; • Tax calculations for the purpose of preparing the accounting entries; 	<p>Introduction</p> <p>605.1 Taxation services comprise a broad range of services, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax return preparation; • Tax calculations for the purpose of preparing the accounting entries; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax planning and other tax advisory services; and Assistance in the resolution of tax disputes. <p>While taxation services provided by a firm to an audit client are addressed separately under each of these broad headings; in practice, these activities are often interrelated.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax planning and other tax advisory services; and Assistance in the resolution of tax disputes. <p>While this subsection deals with different types of taxation services described above separately under separate headings, in practice, the activities involved in providing taxation services are often interrelated.</p>	
		<p>605.3</p> <p>In some circumstances, providing certain taxation services to an audit client is expressly prohibited and there can be no safeguards to eliminate or reduce threats created to an acceptable level. In cases when providing a taxation service is not prohibited, the requirements and application material set out in Section 600 are relevant to this subsection. Subsection 605 sets out specific requirements and application material relevant to applying the conceptual framework when providing a taxation service to an audit client.</p>	
290.179	<p>Performing certain tax services creates self-review and advocacy threats.</p> <p>The existence and significance of any threats will depend on factors such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system by which the tax authorities assess and administer the tax in 	<p>605.2</p> <p>Providing taxation services to an audit client might create a self-review or advocacy threat.</p> <p>Requirements and Application Material</p> <p>605.4 A1</p> <p>Factors that are important in evaluating the level of any threat created by providing all taxation services to audit clients include:</p>	

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	<p>question and the role of the firm in that process;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The complexity of the relevant tax regime and the degree of judgment necessary in applying it; • The particular characteristics of the engagement; and • The level of tax expertise of the client's employees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The particular characteristics of the engagement; • The level of tax expertise of the client's employees; • The system by which the tax authorities assess and administer the tax in question and the role of the firm in that process; and • The complexity of the relevant tax regime and the degree of judgment necessary in applying it. 	
	<i>Tax Return Preparation</i>	<i>Tax Return Preparation</i>	
290.180	<p>Tax return preparation services involve assisting clients with their tax reporting obligations by drafting and completing information, including the amount of tax due (usually on standardized forms) required to be submitted to the applicable tax authorities. Such services also include advising on the tax return treatment of past transactions and responding on behalf of the audit client to the tax authorities' requests for additional information and analysis (including providing explanations of and technical support for the approach being taken). Tax return preparation services are generally based on historical information and principally involve analysis and presentation of such historical</p>	<p>605.5 A1 Tax return preparation services involve assisting clients with their tax reporting obligations by drafting and compiling information, including the amount of tax due (usually on standardized forms) required to be submitted to the applicable tax authorities. Such services also include advising on the tax return treatment of past transactions and responding on behalf of the audit client to the tax authorities' requests for additional information and analysis (for example, including providing explanations of and technical support for the approach being taken).</p> <p>605.5 A2 Tax return preparation services are usually based on historical information and principally involve analysis and presentation of such historical information under existing tax law, including precedents and established practice.</p>	

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	information under existing tax law, including precedents and established practice. Further, the tax returns are subject to whatever review or approval process the tax authority deems appropriate. Accordingly, providing such services does not generally create a threat to independence if management takes responsibility for the returns including any significant judgments made.	Further, the tax returns are subject to whatever review or approval process the tax authority considers appropriate. Paragraph R600.10 precludes a firm or network firm from assuming a management responsibility when providing tax return preparation services. Providing tax return preparation services do not usually create a threat if management takes responsibility for the returns including any significant judgments made.	
	<i>Tax Calculations for the Purpose of Preparing Accounting Entries</i>	<i>Tax Calculations for the Purpose of Preparing Accounting Entries</i>	
280.181	Preparing calculations of current and deferred tax liabilities (or assets) for an audit client for the purpose of preparing accounting entries that will be subsequently audited by the firm creates a self-review threat.	General Provisions 605.6 A1 Preparing calculations of current and deferred tax liabilities (or assets) for an audit client for the purpose of preparing accounting entries that will be subsequently audited by the firm creates a self-review threat.	
	The significance of the threat will depend on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The complexity of the relevant tax law and regulation and the degree of judgment necessary in applying them; • The level of tax expertise of the client's personnel; and • The materiality of the amounts to the financial statements. 	605.6 A2 Factors that are important in evaluating the level of any threat created by preparing tax calculations for the purpose of preparing accounting entries for an audit client include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The complexity of the relevant tax law and regulation and the degree of judgment necessary in applying them; • The level of tax expertise of the client's personnel; and 	

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	<p>Safeguards shall be applied when necessary to eliminate the threat or reduce it to an acceptable level. Examples of such safeguards include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using professionals who are not members of the audit team to perform the service; • If the service is performed by a member of the audit team, using a partner or senior staff member with appropriate expertise who is not a member of the audit team to review the tax calculations; or • Obtaining advice on the service from an external tax professional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The materiality of the amounts to the financial statements. <p>605.6 A3 Examples actions that might be safeguards to address self-review or advocacy threats created when providing tax calculations for the purpose of preparing accounting entries for an audit client that is not a public interest entity include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using tax professionals who are not audit team members to perform the tax service; or • If the service is performed by an audit team member, using a professional who is not an audit team member, with appropriate expertise to challenge as appropriate, the tax calculations. • Obtaining advice on the service from a professional. 	
290.182	<p>Audit Clients that are Public Interest Entities</p> <p>In the case of an audit client that is a public interest entity, a firm shall not prepare tax calculations of current and deferred tax liabilities (or assets) for the purpose of preparing accounting entries that are material to the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion.</p>	<p>Audit Clients that are Public Interest Entities</p> <p>R605.7 A firm or a network firm shall not prepare tax calculations of current and deferred tax liabilities (or assets) for an audit client that is a public interest entity for the purpose of preparing accounting entries that are material to the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion.</p>	
290.183			<p>IESBA withdrew the provision in the Code that permitted providing</p>

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			preparation of tax calculations for PIEs in emergency situations as part of its April 2015 NAS approval
	<i>Tax Planning and Other Tax Advisory Services</i>	<i>Tax Planning and Other Tax Advisory Services</i>	
290.184	Tax planning or other tax advisory services comprise a broad range of services, such as advising the client how to structure its affairs in a tax efficient manner or advising on the application of a new tax law or regulation.	General Provisions 605.8 A1 Tax planning or other tax advisory services comprise a broad range of services, such as advising the client how to structure its affairs in a tax efficient manner or advising on the application of a new tax law or regulation.	
290.185	A self-review threat may be created where the advice will affect matters to be reflected in the financial statements. The existence and significance of any threat will depend on factors such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The degree of subjectivity involved in determining the appropriate treatment for the tax advice in the financial statements; • The extent to which the outcome of the tax advice will have a material effect on the financial statements; • Whether the effectiveness of the tax advice depends on the accounting treatment or presentation in the financial statements and there is doubt 	605.8 A2 A self-review threat might be created where the tax advice will affect matters to be reflected in the financial statements. 605.8 A3 Factors that are important in evaluating the level of any threat created by providing tax advice to audit clients include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The level of tax expertise of the client's employees; • The degree of subjectivity involved in determining the appropriate treatment for the tax advice in the financial statements; • Whether the tax treatment is supported by a private ruling or has otherwise been cleared by the tax authority before the preparation of the financial statements; 	

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<p>as to the appropriateness of the accounting treatment or presentation under the relevant financial reporting framework;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The level of tax expertise of the client's employees; • The extent to which the advice is supported by tax law or regulation, other precedent or established practice; and • Whether the tax treatment is supported by a private ruling or has otherwise been cleared by the tax authority before the preparation of the financial statements. <p>For example, providing tax planning and other tax advisory services where the advice is clearly supported by tax authority or other precedent, by established practice or has a basis in tax law that is likely to prevail does not generally create a threat to independence.</p>	<p>For example, whether the advice provided as a result of the tax planning and other tax advisory services is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clearly supported by tax authority or other precedent, ○ Established practice, or ○ Has a basis in tax law that is likely to prevail does not usually create a threat. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extent to which the advice is supported by tax law or regulation, other precedent or established practice; • The extent to which the outcome of the tax advice will have a material effect on the financial statements; and • Whether the effectiveness of the tax advice depends on the accounting treatment or presentation in the financial statements and there is doubt as to the appropriateness of the accounting treatment or presentation under the relevant financial reporting framework. 	
<p>290.186</p> <p>The significance of any threat shall be evaluated and safeguards applied when necessary to eliminate the threat or reduce it to an acceptable level.</p>		<p>Covered in the requirements and application material in the conceptual framework</p>
<p>Examples of such safeguards include:</p>	<p>605.8 A4 Examples of actions that might be safeguards to</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using professionals who are not members of the audit team to perform the service; • Having a tax professional, who was not involved in providing the tax service, advise the audit team on the service and review the financial statement treatment; • Obtaining advice on the service from an external tax professional; or • Obtaining pre-clearance or advice from the tax authorities. 	<p>address self-review threats created when providing tax planning and other tax advisory services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using tax professionals who are not audit team members to perform the tax service; • Having a professional, who was not involved in providing the tax service, advise the audit team on the service and review the financial statement treatment; or • Obtaining advice on the service from a professional. • Obtaining pre-clearance or advice from the tax authorities. 	
<p>290.187</p> <p>Where the effectiveness of the tax advice depends on a particular accounting treatment or presentation in the financial statements and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The audit team has reasonable doubt as to the appropriateness of the related accounting treatment or presentation under the relevant financial reporting framework; and • The outcome or consequences of the tax advice will have a material effect on the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion; 	<p>R605.9</p> <p>A firm or a network firm shall not provide taxation advisory services to an audit client when the effectiveness of the tax advice depends on a particular accounting treatment or presentation in the financial statements and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The audit team has reasonable doubt as to the appropriateness of the related accounting treatment or presentation under the relevant financial reporting framework; and (b) The outcome or consequences of the tax advice will have a material effect on the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion. 	

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	The self-review threat would be so significant that no safeguards could reduce the threat to an acceptable level. Accordingly, a firm shall not provide such tax advice to an audit client.		
	<i>Taxation Services Involving Valuations</i>	<i>Taxation Services Involving Valuations</i>	
290.188	In providing tax services to an audit client, a firm may be requested to perform a valuation to assist the client with its tax reporting obligations or for tax planning purposes. Where the result of the valuation will have a direct effect on the financial statements, the provisions included in paragraphs 290.172 to 290.177 relating to valuation services are applicable.	605.10 A1 If a firm performs a valuation to assist an audit client with its tax reporting obligations or for tax planning purposes where the result of the valuation will have a direct effect on the financial statements, the provisions set out in Subsection 603 relating to valuation services apply	
	Where the valuation is performed for tax purposes only and the result of the valuation will not have a direct effect on the financial statements (that is, the financial statements are only affected through accounting entries related to tax), this would not generally create threats to independence if such effect on the financial statements is immaterial or if the valuation is subject to external review by a tax authority or similar regulatory authority.	605.10 A2 A valuation might be performed for tax purposes only where the result of the valuation will not have a direct effect on the financial statements (that is, the financial statements are only affected through accounting entries related to tax). This would not usually create threats if the effect on the financial statements is immaterial or the valuation is subject to external review by a tax authority or similar regulatory authority.	

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<p>If the valuation is not subject to such an external review and the effect is material to the financial statements, the existence and significance of any threat created will depend upon factors such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extent to which the valuation methodology is supported by tax law or regulation, other precedent or established practice and the degree of subjectivity inherent in the valuation. • The reliability and extent of the underlying data. <p><u>The significance of any threat created shall be evaluated and safeguards applied when necessary to eliminate the threat or reduce it to an acceptable level.</u></p> <p>Examples of such safeguards include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using professionals who are not members of the audit team to perform the service; • Having a professional review the audit work or the result of the tax service; or • Obtaining pre-clearance or advice from the tax authorities. 	<p>605.10 A3 If the valuation that is performed for tax purposes is not subject to such an external review and the effect is material to the financial statements, the following factors are important to evaluating the level of any threat created by providing those services to an audit client:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extent to which the valuation methodology is supported by tax law or regulation, other precedent or established practice; • The degree of subjectivity inherent in the valuation; or • The reliability and extent of the underlying data. <p>605.10 A4 Examples actions that might be safeguards to address self-review or advocacy threats when providing taxation services involving valuations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using tax professionals who are not audit team members to perform the service; • Having a professional review the audit work or the result of the tax service; or • Obtaining pre-clearance or advice from the tax authorities. 	<p>Underlined text included in the requirement to comply the conceptual framework.</p>

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	<i>Assistance in the Resolution of Tax Disputes</i>	<i>Assistance in the Resolution of Tax Disputes</i>	
290.189	<p>An advocacy or self-review threat may be created when the firm represents an audit client in the resolution of a tax dispute once the tax authorities have notified the client that they have rejected the client's arguments on a particular issue and either the tax authority or the client is referring the matter for determination in a formal proceeding, for example before a tribunal or court.</p> <p>The existence and significance of any threat will depend on factors such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the firm has provided the advice which is the subject of the tax dispute; • The extent to which the outcome of the dispute will have a material effect on the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion; • The extent to which the matter is supported by tax law or regulation, other precedent, or established practice; • Whether the proceedings are conducted in public; and 	<p>605.11 A1 A tax dispute may reach a point when the tax authorities have notified an audit client that arguments on a particular issue have been rejected and either the tax authority or the client refers the matter for determination in a formal proceeding, for example before a tribunal or court. An advocacy or self-review threat might be created when the firm or the network firm represents an audit client in the resolution of such a tax dispute.</p> <p>605.12 A3 Factors that are important in evaluating the level of any threat created by having a role in the resolution of tax disputes having reached the level of a formal proceeding for an audit client include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role management plays in the resolution of the dispute; • The extent to which the outcome of the dispute will have a material effect on the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion; • Whether the advice which is the subject of the tax dispute has been provided by either the firm or network firm; 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role management plays in the resolution of the dispute. <p><u>The significance of any threat created shall be evaluated and safeguards applied when necessary to eliminate the threat or reduce it to an acceptable level.</u></p> <p>Examples of such safeguards include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using professionals who are not members of the audit team to perform the service; • Having a tax professional, who was not involved in providing the tax service, advise the audit team on the services and review the financial statement treatment; or • Obtaining advice on the service from an external tax professional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extent to which the matter is supported by tax law or regulation, other precedent, or established practice; and • Whether the proceedings are conducted in public. <p>605.12 A4 Examples of actions that might be safeguards to address self-review or advocacy threats created by having a role in the resolution of tax disputes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using professionals who are not audit team members to perform the service; • Having a professional, who was not involved in providing the tax service, advise the audit team on the service and review the financial statement treatment; or • Obtaining advice on the service from a tax professional. 	
<p>290.190 Where the taxation services involve acting as an advocate for an audit client before a public tribunal or court in the resolution of a tax matter and the amounts involved are material to the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion, the advocacy threat created would be so significant that no safeguards could eliminate or reduce the threat to an acceptable level. Therefore, the firm shall</p>	<p>R605.12 A firm or a network firm shall not provide taxation services that involve providing assistance in the resolution of tax disputes to an audit client if:</p> <p>(a) The services involve acting as an advocate for the audit client before a public tribunal or court in the resolution of a tax matter; and</p>	

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	not perform this type of service for an audit client.	(b) The amounts involved are material to the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion.	
	What constitutes a “public tribunal or court” shall be determined according to how tax proceedings are heard in the particular jurisdiction.	605.12 A1 What constitutes a “public tribunal or court” depends on how tax proceedings are heard in the particular jurisdiction.	
290.191	The firm is not, however, precluded from having a continuing advisory role (for example, responding to specific requests for information, providing factual accounts or testimony about the work performed or assisting the client in analyzing the tax issues) for the audit client in relation to the matter that is being heard before a public tribunal or court.	605.12 A2 Paragraph R605.12 does not preclude a firm from having a continuing advisory role in relation to the matter that is being heard before a public tribunal or court, for example: (a) Responding to specific requests for information; (b) Providing factual accounts or testimony about the work performed; or (c) Assisting the client in analyzing the tax issues for the audit client.	
	<i>Internal Audit Services</i>	Subsection 606 – Internal Audit Services	
290.192	<u>The scope and objectives of internal audit activities vary widely and depend on the size and structure of the entity and the requirements of management and those charged with governance.</u> Internal audit activities may include: • Monitoring of internal control – reviewing controls, monitoring their	Introduction 606.2 The scope and objectives of internal audit activities vary widely and depend on the size and structure of the entity and the requirements of management and those charged with governance.	

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	<p>operation and recommending improvements thereto;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination of financial and operating information – reviewing the means used to identify, measure, classify and report financial and operating information, and specific inquiry into individual items including detailed testing of transactions, balances and procedures; • Review of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of operating activities including non-financial activities of an entity; and • Review of compliance with laws, regulations and other external requirements, and with management policies and directives and other internal requirements. 	606.1	<p>Internal audit services involve assisting the audit client in the performance of its internal audit activities. Internal audit activities might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring of internal control – reviewing controls, monitoring their operation and recommending improvements to them; • Examining financial and operating information by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewing the means used to identify, measure, classify and report financial and operating information; and ○ Inquiring specifically into individual items including detailed testing of transactions, balances and procedures; • Reviewing the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of operating activities including non-financial activities of an entity; and • Reviewing compliance with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Laws, regulations and other external requirements, and ○ Management policies and directives and other internal requirements. 	
290.193	Internal audit services involve assisting the audit client in the performance of its internal audit activities.			
290.193	The provision of internal audit services to an audit client creates a self-review threat	606.3	The provision of internal audit services to an audit client creates a self-review threat if the firm	

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<p>to independence if the firm uses the internal audit work in the course of a subsequent external audit. Performing a significant part of the client's internal audit activities increases the possibility that firm personnel providing internal audit services will assume a management responsibility.</p>	<p>606.5 A1 uses the internal audit work in the course of a subsequent external audit. Performing a significant part of the client's internal audit activities increases the possibility that firm personnel providing internal audit services will assume a management responsibility. If the firm's personnel assume a management responsibility when providing internal audit services to an audit client, the threat created cannot be eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level by applying a safeguard.</p>	
<p>If the firm's personnel assume a management responsibility when providing internal audit services to an audit client, the threat created would be so significant that no safeguards could reduce the threat to an acceptable level. Accordingly, a firm's personnel shall not assume a management responsibility when providing internal audit services to an audit client.</p>		
	<p>606.4 In some circumstances, providing certain internal audit services is expressly prohibited and there can be no safeguards to eliminate or reduce threats created to an acceptable level. In cases when providing an internal audit service is not prohibited, the requirements and application material set out in Section 600 are relevant to this subsection. Subsection 606 sets out specific</p>	

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		requirements and application material relevant to applying the conceptual framework when providing an internal audit service to an audit client.	
290.194	<p>Examples of internal audit services that involve assuming management responsibilities include:</p> <p>(a) Setting internal audit policies or the strategic direction of internal audit activities;</p> <p>(b) Directing and taking responsibility for the actions of the entity’s internal audit employees;</p> <p>(c) Deciding which recommendations resulting from internal audit activities shall be implemented;</p> <p>(d) Reporting the results of the internal audit activities to those charged with governance on behalf of management;</p> <p>(e) Performing procedures that form part of the internal control, such as reviewing and approving changes to employee data access privileges;</p> <p>(f) Taking responsibility for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control; and</p> <p>(g) Performing outsourced internal audit services, comprising all or a substantial</p>	<p>606.5 A2 Examples of internal audit services that involve assuming management responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting internal audit policies or the strategic direction of internal audit activities; • Directing and taking responsibility for the actions of the entity’s internal audit employees; • Deciding which recommendations resulting from internal audit activities to implement; • Reporting the results of the internal audit activities to those charged with governance on behalf of management; • Performing procedures that form part of the internal control, such as reviewing and approving changes to employee data access privileges; • Taking responsibility for designing, implementing, monitoring and maintaining internal control; and • Performing outsourced internal audit services, comprising all or a substantial 	

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	<p>portion of the internal audit function, where the firm is responsible for determining the scope of the internal audit work and may have responsibility for one or more of the matters noted in (a)–(f).</p>	<p>portion of the internal audit function, where the firm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is responsible for determining the scope of the internal audit work; and ○ Might have responsibility for one or more of the matters noted above. 	
290.195	<p>To avoid assuming a management responsibility, the firm shall only provide internal audit services to an audit client if it is satisfied that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The client designates an appropriate and competent resource, preferably within senior management, to be responsible at all times for internal audit activities and to acknowledge responsibility for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control; (b) The client’s management or those charged with governance reviews, assesses and approves the scope, risk and frequency of the internal audit services; (c) The client’s management evaluates the adequacy of the internal audit services and the findings resulting from their performance; 	<p>Requirements and Application Material</p> <p><i>General Provisions</i></p> <p>R606.5 <u>Paragraph R600.10 precludes a firm or a network firm from assuming a management responsibility when providing an internal audit service to an audit client.</u> When providing an internal audit service to an audit client, the firm shall be satisfied that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The client designates an appropriate and competent resource, preferably within senior management, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Be responsible at all times for internal audit activities; and (ii) Acknowledge responsibility for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control; (b) The client’s management or those charged with governance reviews, assesses and approves the scope, risk and frequency of the internal audit services; 	

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<p>(d) The client’s management evaluates and determines which recommendations resulting from internal audit services to implement and manages the implementation process; and</p> <p>(e) The client’s management reports to those charged with governance the significant findings and recommendations resulting from the internal audit services.</p>	<p>(c) The client’s management evaluates the adequacy of the internal audit services and the findings resulting from their performance;</p> <p>(d) The client’s management evaluates and determines which recommendations resulting from internal audit services to implement and manages the implementation process; and</p> <p>(e) The client’s management reports to those charged with governance the significant findings and recommendations resulting from the internal audit services.</p>	
<p>290.196 When a firm uses the work of an internal audit function, ISAs require the performance of procedures to evaluate the adequacy of that work. When a firm accepts an engagement to provide internal audit services to an audit client, and the results of those services will be used in conducting the external audit, a self-review threat is created because of the possibility that the audit team will use the results of the internal audit service without appropriately evaluating those results or exercising the same level of professional skepticism as would be exercised when the internal audit work is performed by</p>	<p>606.5 A4 When a firm uses the work of an internal audit function in an audit engagement, International Standards on Auditing require the performance of procedures to evaluate the adequacy of that audit work. When a firm accepts an engagement to provide internal audit services to an audit client, the results of those services might be used in conducting the external audit. This creates a self-review threat because it is possible that the audit team will use the results of the internal audit service for purposes of the audit engagement without:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriately evaluating those results; or • Exercising the same level of professional skepticism as would be exercised when 	

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<p>individuals who are not members of the firm.</p> <p>The significance of the threat will depend on factors such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The materiality of the related financial statement amounts; • The risk of misstatement of the assertions related to those financial statement amounts; and • The degree of reliance that will be placed on the internal audit service. <p><u>The significance of the threat shall be evaluated and safeguards applied when necessary to eliminate the threat or reduce it to an acceptable level.</u></p> <p>An example of such a safeguard is using professionals who are not members of the audit team to perform the internal audit service.</p>	<p>the internal audit work is performed by individuals who are not members of the firm.</p> <p>606.5 A3 Factors that are important in evaluating the level of any threat created by providing internal audit services to an audit client include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The materiality of the related financial statement amounts; • The risk of misstatement of the assertions related to those financial statement amounts; and • The degree of reliance that will be placed on the internal audit service. <p>606.5 A5 An example of an action that might be a safeguard to address self-review threats created by providing internal audit services is using professionals who are not audit team members to perform the internal audit service.</p>	

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<p>290.197</p> <p>Audit clients that are public interest entities</p> <p>In the case of an audit client that is a public interest entity, a firm shall not provide internal audit services that relate to:</p> <p>(a) A significant part of the internal controls over financial reporting;</p> <p>(b) Financial accounting systems that generate information that is, separately or in the aggregate, significant to the client’s accounting records or financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion; or</p> <p>(c) Amounts or disclosures that are, separately or in the aggregate, material to the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion.</p>	<p><i>Audit Clients that Are Public Interest Entities</i></p> <p>R606.4 A firm or a network firm shall not accept or provide internal audit services to an audit client that is a public interest entity, if the services relate to:</p> <p>(a) A significant part of the internal controls over financial reporting;</p> <p>(b) Financial accounting systems that generate information that is, separately or in the aggregate, material to the client’s accounting records or financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion; or</p> <p>(c) Amounts or disclosures that are, separately or in the aggregate, material to the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion.</p>	
	<p>Subsection 607 – Information Technology Systems Services</p>	
<p>290.198</p> <p>General Provisions</p> <p>Services related to information technology (IT) systems include the design or implementation of hardware or software systems. The systems may aggregate source data, form part of the internal control over financial reporting or generate information that affects the accounting</p>	<p>607.1 Services related to information technology (IT) systems include the design or implementation of hardware or software systems. The IT systems might:</p> <p>(a) Aggregate source data;</p> <p>(b) Form part of the internal control over financial reporting; or</p>	

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	records or financial statements, or the systems may be unrelated to the audit client's accounting records, the internal control over financial reporting or financial statements. Providing systems services may create a self-review threat depending on the nature of the services and the IT systems.	<p>(c) Generate information that affects the accounting records or financial statements, including related disclosures.</p> <p>However, the IT systems also involve matters that are unrelated to the audit client's accounting records or the internal control over financial reporting or financial statements.</p> <p>607.2 Providing IT systems services to an audit client might create a self-review threat depending on the nature of the services and the IT systems.</p>	
		<p>607.3 In some circumstances, providing certain IT services is expressly prohibited and there can be no safeguards to eliminate or reduce threats created to an acceptable level. In cases when providing an IT service is not prohibited, the requirements and application material set out in Section 600 are relevant to this subsection. Subsection 607 sets out specific requirements and application material relevant to applying the conceptual framework when providing an IT service to an audit client.</p>	
290.199	The following IT systems services are deemed not to create a threat to independence as long as the firm's personnel do not assume a management responsibility:	<p>Requirements and Application Material</p> <p><i>General Provisions</i></p> <p>607.4 A1 Paragraph R600.10 precludes a firm or a network firm from assuming a management responsibility when providing an IT to an audit client. Providing the following IT systems services to an audit client does not usually create</p>	

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<p>(a) Design or implementation of IT systems that are unrelated to internal control over financial reporting;</p> <p>(b) Design or implementation of IT systems that do not generate information forming a significant part of the accounting records or financial statements;</p> <p>(c) Implementation of “off-the-shelf” accounting or financial information reporting software that was not developed by the firm if the customization required to meet the client’s needs is not significant; and</p> <p>(d) Evaluating and making recommendations with respect to a system designed, implemented or operated by another service provider or the client.</p>	<p>a threat as long as personnel of the firm or network firm do not assume a management responsibility:</p> <p>(a) Designing or implementing IT systems that are unrelated to internal control over financial reporting;</p> <p>(b) Designing or implementing IT systems that do not generate information forming a significant part of the accounting records or financial statements;</p> <p>(c) Implementing “off-the-shelf” accounting or financial information reporting software that was not developed by the firm, if the customization required to meet the client’s needs is not significant; and</p> <p>(d) Evaluating and making recommendations with respect to a system designed, implemented or operated by another service provider or the client.</p>	

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290.200	<p>Providing services to an audit client that is not a public interest entity involving the design or implementation of IT systems that</p> <p>(a) form a significant part of the internal control over financial reporting or (b) generate information that is significant to the client's accounting records or financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion creates a self-review threat.</p>	<p><i>Audit Clients that Are Not Public Interest Entities</i></p> <p>R607.6 A firm or a network firm shall not provide an IT systems service to an audit client that is not a public interest entity if the service involves the design or implementation of IT systems that:</p> <p>(a) Form a significant part of the internal control over financial reporting; or</p> <p>(b) Generate information that is significant to the client's accounting records or financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion,</p> <p>unless appropriate policies and procedures are put in place ensuring that:</p> <p>(i) The client acknowledges its responsibility for establishing and monitoring a system of internal controls;</p> <p>(ii) The client assigns the responsibility to make all management decisions with respect to the design and implementation of the hardware or software system to a competent employee, preferably within senior management;</p> <p>(iii) The client makes all management decisions with respect to the design and implementation process;</p>	
290.201	<p>The self-review threat is too significant to permit such services unless appropriate safeguards are put in place ensuring that:</p> <p>(a) The client acknowledges its responsibility for establishing and monitoring a system of internal controls;</p> <p>(b) The client assigns the responsibility to make all management decisions with respect to the design and implementation of the hardware or software system to a competent employee, preferably within senior management;</p>		

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	<p>(c) The client makes all management decisions with respect to the design and implementation process;</p> <p>(d) The client evaluates the adequacy and results of the design and implementation of the system; and</p> <p>(e) The client is responsible for operating the system (hardware or software) and for the data it uses or generates.</p>	<p>(iv) The client evaluates the adequacy and results of the design and implementation of the system; and</p> <p>(v) The client is responsible for operating the system (hardware or software) and for the data it uses or generates.</p>	
290.202	<p>Depending on the degree of reliance that will be placed on the particular IT systems as part of the audit, a determination shall be made as to whether to provide such non-assurance services only with personnel who are not members of the audit team and who have different reporting lines within the firm.</p>	<p>R607.5 If a firm or network firm determines that it is permitted to provide an IT systems service to an audit client, the firm or the network firm shall determine whether to provide that service only with personnel who are not audit team members and who have different reporting lines from the audit team members.</p> <p>607.5 A1 The determination to be made in paragraph R607.5 depends on the degree of reliance that will be placed on the particular IT systems as part of the audit.</p>	

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290.202 <u>The significance of any remaining threat shall be evaluated and safeguards applied when necessary to eliminate the threat or reduce it to an acceptable level.</u> An example of such a safeguard is having a professional accountant review the audit or non-assurance work.	607.5A2 An example of an action that might be a safeguard to address self-review threats created when providing IT systems services to an audit client is using professionals who are not audit team members to perform the service.	Underlined text included in the requirement to comply the conceptual framework.
290.203 In the case of an audit client that is a public interest entity, a firm shall not provide services involving the design or implementation of IT systems that (a) form a significant part of the internal control over financial reporting or (b) generate information that is significant to the client's accounting records or financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion.	<i>Audit Clients that Are Public Interest Entities</i> R607.7 A firm or a network firm shall not provide IT systems services to an audit client that is a public interest entity if the services involve designing or implementing IT systems that: (a) Form a significant part of the internal control over financial reporting; or (b) Generate information that is significant to the client's accounting records or financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion.	

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	<i>Litigation Support Services</i>	Subsection 608 – Litigation Support Services	
290.204	<p>Litigation support services may include activities such as acting as an expert witness, calculating estimated damages or other amounts that might become receivable or payable as the result of litigation or other legal dispute, and assistance with document management and retrieval.</p> <p>These services may create a self-review or advocacy threat.</p>	<p>Introduction</p> <p>608.1 Litigation support services might include activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting with document management and retrieval; • Acting as an expert witness; and • Calculating estimated damages or other amounts that might become receivable or payable as the result of litigation or other legal dispute <p>608.2 Providing litigation support services to an audit client might create a self-review or advocacy threat.</p>	
		<p>608.3 The application material set out in Section 600 are relevant to this subsection. Subsection 608 sets out specific application material relevant to applying the conceptual framework when providing a litigation support service to an audit client.</p>	

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290.205 If the firm provides a litigation support service to an audit client and the service involves estimating damages or other amounts that affect the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion, the valuation service provisions included in paragraphs 290.172 to 290.177 shall be followed. <u>In the case of other litigation support services, the significance of any threat created shall be evaluated and safeguards applied when necessary to eliminate the threat or reduce it to an acceptable level.</u>	Application Material 608.4 A1 The type and level of the threat created varies based on the type of litigation support service. If a firm or a network firm provides a litigation support service to an audit client and the service involves estimating damages or other amounts that affect the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion, the requirements and application material set out in Subsection 603 related to valuation services apply.	
	608.4 A2 A factor that is important in evaluating the level of any threat created by providing litigation support services to an audit client is the legal and regulatory environment in which the service is provided.	

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	<i>Legal Services</i>	Subsection 609 – Legal Services	
290.206	<p>For the purpose of this section, legal services are defined as any services for which the person providing the services must either be admitted to practice law before the courts of the jurisdiction in which such services are to be provided or have the required legal training to practice law. Such legal services may include, depending on the jurisdiction, a wide and diversified range of areas including both corporate and commercial services to clients, such as contract support, litigation, mergers and acquisition legal advice and support and assistance to clients' internal legal departments. Providing legal services to an entity that is an audit client may create both self-review and advocacy threats.</p>	<p>Introduction</p> <p>609.1 Legal services are defined as any services for which the individual providing the services must either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Be admitted to practice law before the courts of the jurisdiction in which such services are to be provided; or (b) Have the required legal training to practice law. <p>Depending on the jurisdiction, legal services might include a wide and diversified range of areas including both corporate and commercial services to clients, such as contract support, litigation, mergers and acquisition legal advice and support and assistance to clients' internal legal departments.</p> <p>609.2 Providing legal services to an audit client might create a self-review or advocacy threat.</p> <p>609.3 Legal services that support an audit client in executing a transaction might create self-review threats.</p>	

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		<p>609.5 In some circumstances, providing certain legal services is expressly prohibited and there can be no safeguards to eliminate or reduce threats created to an acceptable level. In cases when providing a legal service is not prohibited, the requirements and application material set out in Section 600 are relevant to this subsection. Subsection 609 sets out specific requirements and application material relevant to applying the conceptual framework when providing a legal service to an audit client.</p>	
290.207	<p>Legal services that support an audit client in executing a transaction (for example, contract support, legal advice, legal due diligence and restructuring) may create self-review threats. The existence and significance of any threat will depend on factors such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature of the service; • Whether the service is provided by a member of the audit team; and • The materiality of any matter in relation to the client's financial statements. <p><u>The significance of any threat created shall be evaluated and safeguards applied when</u></p>	<p>609.5 A3 Legal services that support an audit client in executing a transaction might create self-review threats. Examples of such legal services might be, contract support, legal advice, legal due diligence and restructuring.</p> <p>609.4 Acting in an advocacy role for an audit client in resolving a dispute or litigation when the amounts involved are not material to the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion might create advocacy and self-review threats.</p> <p>Requirements and Application Material</p> <p>609.4 A1 609.6 A1 Examples of legal services that support an audit client in executing a transaction</p>	

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	<p><u>necessary to eliminate the threat or reduce it to an acceptable level.</u></p> <p>Examples of such safeguards include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using professionals who are not members of the audit team to perform the service; or • Having a professional who was not involved in providing the legal services provide advice to the audit team on the service and review any financial statement treatment. 	<p>might be contract support, legal advice, legal due diligence and restructuring.</p>	
290.208	<p>Acting in an advocacy role for an audit client in resolving a dispute or litigation when the amounts involved are material to the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion would create advocacy and self-review threats so significant that no safeguards could reduce the threat to an acceptable level. Therefore, the firm shall not perform this type of service for an audit client.</p>	<p>R609.7 A firm or a network firm shall not act in an advocacy role for an audit client in resolving a dispute or litigation when the amounts involved are material to the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion.</p> <p>609.6 A2 Acting in an advocacy role for an audit client in resolving a dispute or litigation when the amounts involved are not material to the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion might create advocacy and self-review threats.</p>	

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<p>290.209</p> <p>When a firm is asked to act in an advocacy role for an audit client in resolving a dispute or litigation when the amounts involved are not material to the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion, <u>the firm shall evaluate the significance of any advocacy and self-review threats created and apply safeguards when necessary to eliminate the threat or reduce it to an acceptable level.</u> Examples of such safeguards include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using professionals who are not members of the audit team to perform the service; or • Having a professional who was not involved in providing the legal services advise the audit team on the service and review any financial statement treatment. 		<p>Underlined text included in the requirement to comply the conceptual framework.</p>
<p>290.210</p> <p>The appointment of a partner or an employee of the firm as General Counsel for legal affairs of an audit client would create self-review and advocacy threats that are so significant that no safeguards could reduce the threats to an acceptable level. The position of General Counsel is generally a senior management position with broad responsibility for the legal affairs</p>	<p>R609.8 A partner or employee of the firm or the network firm shall not accept an appointment as General Counsel for legal affairs of an audit client.</p> <hr/> <p>609.8 A1 The position of General Counsel is usually a senior management position with broad responsibility for the legal affairs of a company.</p>	

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	of a company, and consequently, no member of the firm shall accept		
	<i>Recruiting Services</i>	Subsection 610 – Recruiting Services	
290.211	Providing recruiting services to an audit client may create self-interest, familiarity or intimidation threats.	Introduction 610.1 Providing recruiting services to an audit client might create a self-interest, familiarity or intimidation threat.	
		610.2 In some circumstances providing recruiting services to an audit client is expressly prohibited and there can be no safeguards to eliminate or reduce threats created to an acceptable level. In cases when providing a recruiting service is not prohibited, the requirements and application material set out in Section 600 are relevant to this subsection. Subsection 610 sets out specific requirements and application material relevant to applying the conceptual framework when providing recruiting services to an audit client.	New introductory material.
290.211	The existence and significance of any threat will depend on factors such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature of the requested assistance; and • The role of the person to be recruited. <u>The significance of any threat created shall be evaluated and safeguards applied when necessary to eliminate the threat or reduce it to an acceptable level.</u>	Requirements and Application Material 610.4 A1 Factors that are important in evaluating the level of any threat created by providing recruiting services to an audit client include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature of the requested assistance; and • The role of the individual to be recruited. 	

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	<p>610.4 A2 Examples actions that might be safeguards to address self-interest, familiarity or intimidation threats created by providing recruiting services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using professionals who are not audit team members to perform the service; or • Having a recruiting services professional not involved in performing the service review the service. 	
<p>In all cases, the firm shall not assume management responsibilities, including acting as a negotiator on the client's behalf, and the hiring decision shall be left to the client.</p>	<p>R610.6 Paragraph R600.10 precludes a firm or a network firm from assuming a management responsibility when providing a recruiting service to an audit client. When providing recruiting services to an audit client, the firm or the network firm shall not act as a negotiator on the client's behalf, and the hiring decision shall be made by the client.</p>	
<p>The firm may generally provide such services as reviewing the professional qualifications of a number of applicants and providing advice on their suitability for the post. In addition, the firm may interview candidates and advise on a candidate's competence for financial accounting, administrative or control positions.</p>	<p>610.6 A1 Providing the following services does not usually create threats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the professional qualifications of a number of applicants and providing advice on their suitability for the post; or • Interviewing candidates and advising on a candidate's competence for financial accounting, administrative or control positions. 	

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290.212	<p>A firm shall not provide the following recruiting services to an audit client that is a public interest entity with respect to a director or officer of the entity or senior management in a position to exert significant influence over the preparation of the client's accounting records or the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion:</p> <p>(a) Searching for or seeking out candidates for such positions; and</p> <p>(b) Undertaking reference checks of prospective candidates for such positions.</p>	<p>R610.5 A firm or a network firm shall not provide a recruiting service to an audit client with respect to a director or officer of the entity or senior management in a position to exert significant influence over the preparation of the client's accounting records or the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion if the service involves:</p> <p>(a) Searching for or seeking out candidates for such positions; and</p> <p>(b) Undertaking reference checks of prospective candidates for such positions.</p>	Requirement is extended to non-PIEs.
	<i>Corporate Finance Services</i>	Subsection 611 – Corporate Finance Services	
		<p>611.2 In some circumstances providing corporate finance services to an audit client is expressly prohibited and there can be no safeguards to eliminate or reduce threats created to an acceptable level. In cases when providing a corporate finance service is not prohibited, the requirements and application material set out in Section 600 are relevant to this subsection. Subsection 611 sets out specific requirements and application material relevant to applying the conceptual framework when providing a</p>	

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		corporate finance services to an audit client.	
290.213	Providing corporate finance services such as: (a) Assisting an audit client in developing corporate strategies; (b) Identifying possible targets for the audit client to acquire; (c) Advising on disposal transactions; (d) Assisting finance raising transactions; and (e) Providing structuring advice, may create advocacy and self-review threats.	611.1 Providing corporate finance services to an audit client might create an advocacy or self-review threat. Requirements and Application Material 611.3 A1 Examples of corporate finance services that might create a threat include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting an audit client in developing corporate strategies; • Identifying possible targets for the audit client to acquire; • Advising on disposal transactions; • Assisting finance raising transactions; • Providing structuring advice; and • Providing advice on the structuring of a corporate finance transaction or on financing arrangements that will directly affect amounts that will be reported in the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion. 	

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<p>290.213 <u>The significance of any threat shall be evaluated and safeguards applied when necessary to eliminate the threat or reduce it to an acceptable level.</u></p> <p>Examples of such safeguards include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using professionals who are not members of the audit team to provide the services; or • Having a professional who was not involved in providing the corporate finance service advise the audit team on the service and review the accounting treatment and any financial statement treatment. 		<p>Dropped because the guidance for evaluating threats and the examples of safeguards in paragraph 290.213 in the extant Code is duplicated in paragraph 290.214. See paragraph 290.214.</p>

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<p>290.214</p>	<p>Providing a corporate finance service, for example advice on the structuring of a corporate finance transaction or on financing arrangements that will directly affect amounts that will be reported in the financial statements on which the firm will provide an opinion may create a self-review threat.</p> <p>The existence and significance of any threat will depend on factors such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The degree of subjectivity involved in determining the appropriate treatment for the outcome or consequences of the corporate finance advice in the financial statements; • The extent to which the outcome of the corporate finance advice will directly affect amounts recorded in the financial statements and the extent to which the amounts are material to the financial statements; and • Whether the effectiveness of the corporate finance advice depends on a particular accounting treatment or presentation in the financial statements and there is doubt as to the appropriateness of the related accounting treatment or presentation under the relevant financial reporting framework. 	<p>611.3 A2</p> <p>Factors that are important in evaluating the level of any threat created by providing corporate finance services to an audit client include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The degree of subjectivity involved in determining the appropriate treatment for the outcome or consequences of the corporate finance advice in the financial statements; • The extent to which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The outcome of the corporate finance advice will directly affect amounts recorded in the financial statements; and ○ The amounts are material to the financial statements; and • Whether the effectiveness of the corporate finance advice depends on a particular accounting treatment or presentation in the financial statements and there is doubt as to the appropriateness of the related accounting treatment or presentation under the relevant financial reporting framework. 	
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	<p><u>The significance of any threat shall be evaluated and safeguards applied when necessary to eliminate the threat or reduce it to an acceptable level.</u></p> <p>Examples of such safeguards include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using professionals who are not members of the audit team to perform the service; or • Having a professional who was not involved in providing the corporate finance service to the client advise the audit team on the service and review the accounting treatment and any financial statement treatment. 	<p>611.3 A3 Examples actions that might be safeguards to address advocacy or self-review threats created by providing a corporate finance service to an audit client include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using professionals who are not audit team members to perform the service; or • Having a professional who was not involved in providing the corporate finance service advise the audit team on the service and review the accounting treatment and any financial statement treatment. 	<p>Underlined text included in the requirement to comply the conceptual framework.</p>
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<p>290.215 Where the effectiveness of corporate finance advice depends on a particular accounting treatment or presentation in the financial statements and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The audit team has reasonable doubt as to the appropriateness of the related accounting treatment or presentation under the relevant financial reporting framework; and • The outcome or consequences of the corporate finance advice will have a material effect on the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion. <p><u>The self-review threat would be so significant that no safeguards could reduce the threat to an acceptable level, in which case the corporate finance advice shall not be provided.</u></p>	<p>R611.5 A firm or a network firm shall not provide corporate finance advice to an audit client where the effectiveness of corporate finance advice depends on a particular accounting treatment or presentation in the financial statements and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The audit team has reasonable doubt as to the appropriateness of the related accounting treatment or presentation under the relevant financial reporting framework; and (b) The outcome or consequences of the corporate finance advice will have a material effect on the financial statements on which the firm will express an opinion. 	
<p>290.216 Providing corporate finance services involving promoting, dealing in, or underwriting an audit client's shares <u>would create an advocacy or self-review threat that is so significant that no safeguards could reduce the threat to an acceptable level.</u> Accordingly, a firm shall not provide such services to an audit client.</p>	<p>R611.4 A firm or a network firm shall not provide corporate finance services to an audit client that involve promoting, dealing in, or underwriting the audit client's shares.</p>	