



Reference: Auditor report templates
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Circular 35 of 2025: Prescribed auditor report templates (ISA700 revised reports)

This Circular serves to inform all stakeholders that the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' (IRBA) Committee for Auditing Standards (CFAS) has approved the publication of the [Revised Illustrative Auditor's Reports on Financial Statements \(International Standard on Auditing \(ISA\) 700 \(Revised\) Reports\) of Medical Schemes.](#)

Section 37(2) of the Medical Schemes Act of South Africa (the Act) requires an auditor to report on a medical scheme's annual financial statements (AFS).

[Circular 65 of 2015](#) requires the auditors of medical schemes in terms of Sections 36(5)(d) and 37(2) of the Act to report on Key Audit Matters.

[Circular 38 of 2018](#) requires the auditor's report on the annual financial statements to disclose the number of years both the audit firm and the engagement partner have been the auditor of a medical scheme (audit tenure).

The ISA 700 (Revised) report provides reasonable assurance that the AFS were prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Act.

All non-compliance matters, which are considered to be material by an auditor, should be reported on under the sub-heading "Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements". Where no material instances of non-compliance have come to an auditor's attention, a statement to this effect should be made.

The illustrative auditor's report template had been updated for, among others:

- International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board's [Narrow Scope Amendments to ISA 700 \(Revised\) as a Result of the Revisions to the IESBA Code that Require a Firm to Publicly Disclose When a Firm Has Applied the Independence Requirements for PIEs](#) (Narrow Scope Amendments to ISA 700 (Revised)).
- IRBA Rule on [Enhanced Auditor Reporting for the Audit of Financial Statements of Public Interest Entities](#) (EAR Rule). A new template was added to distinguish between a public interest entity (PIE) and a non-PIE medical scheme.

- Removal of the extant options in the Basis for Opinion paragraph that accommodated the different effective dates for Parts 1, 3, 4A and 4B of the IRBA Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors.
- Replacing of references to the “International Financial Reporting Standards” with “IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board” in the relevant sections of each report, in line with the [IFRS Foundation® Trade Mark Guidelines](#).

The updated prescribed ISA 700 (revised) auditors’ report templates are effective for audits of financial statements for periods beginning on or after 15 December 2024, with early adoption permitted.

Please click here for the template report published on the Council for Medical Schemes’ website: [ISA 700 \(Revised\) auditor report template](#).

Yours sincerely,



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