

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ON AUDITING 700 (REVISED) FORMING AN OPINION AND REPORTING ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Malaysian Institute of Accountants has approved this standard in July 2018 for publication. This standard should be read in conjunction with the Preface to the Malaysian Quality Control, Auditing, Review, Other Assurance and Related Services Pronouncements; and the Malaysian Approved Preface to the International Quality Control, Auditing, Review, Other Assurance, and Related Services Pronouncements; Glossary of Terms; and International Framework for Assurance Engagements.

The status of International Standards on Auditing is set out in the Preface to the Malaysian Quality Control, Auditing, Review, Other Assurance and Related Services Pronouncements.

Applicability

International Standards on Auditing are to be applied in the audit of historical financial information.

Notes and Exceptions

The Institute wishes to highlight that where reference is made in the Standard to the *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, it should be deemed as reference to the *By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice)* of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.

The Institute also wishes to draw members' attention to paragraph 40 in the Standard. In August 2016, the Institute resolved not to provide the option allowed for part of the description of the auditors' responsibilities to be included within an appendix to the auditors' report or by a specific reference within the auditors' report to the location of such a description on a website of an appropriate authority¹.

Changes of substance from April 2015

1. Conforming amendments have been made to this Standard as a result of:
 - (a) ISA 720 (Revised), *The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Other Information and Related Conforming Amendments* and those amendments are effective for audits of financial statements for periods ending on or after 15 December 2016. The conforming amendments are set out in ISA 720 (Revised) issued in July 2015.
 - (b) ISA 800 (Revised), *Special Considerations—Audits of Financial Statements Prepared in Accordance with Special Purpose Frameworks* and those amendments are effective for audits of financial statements for periods ending on or after 15 December 2016. The conforming amendments are set out in ISA 800 (Revised) issued in May 2016.
 - (c) ISA 805 (Revised), *Special Considerations—Audits of Single Financial Statements and Specific Elements, Accounts or Items of a Financial Statement* and those amendments are effective for audits of financial statements for periods ending on or after 15 December 2016. The conforming amendments are set out in ISA 805 (Revised) issued in May 2016.
2. Revision has been made to this Standard as a result of *Addressing Disclosures in the Audit of Financial Statements – Revised ISAs and Related Conforming Amendments* and is effective for audits of financial statements for periods ending on or after 15

¹ Added in November 2016.

December 2016. The changes are set out in *Addressing Disclosures in the Audit of Financial Statements* issued in October 2015.

3. Changes made as appropriate, for cross-referencing and other changes as necessary.

Effective Date in Malaysia

This ISA is effective for audits of financial statements for periods ending on or after 15 December 2016.

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