

Technical Alert

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Proposed revisions to the definitions of Listed Entity and Public Interest Entity in the Code

Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board Limited (APESB) is seeking feedback on an exposure draft that proposes revisions to the definitions of Listed Entity and Public Interest Entity in APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code).

The exposure draft incorporates changes made by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) to the IESBA Code to expand the extant definition of Public Interest Entity (PIE) and provide guidance on the factors to consider when determining whether an entity should be subject to the additional independence requirements applicable to entities that are PIEs.

Key revisions include an expanded definition of 'Public Interest Entity', replacing the term 'listed entity' with 'Publicly Traded Entity', and the requirement for firms to disclose if an audit client has been treated as a PIE. Guidance has also been updated, including new factors to consider when determining the level of public interest in an entity.

APESB is seeking respondents' specific comments and feedback on whether there are categories of entities that are not currently captured by the extant Australian provisions on PIEs but should be going forward, as these entities may be considered to be PIEs in Australia.

The Exposure Draft provides details of the proposed revisions and is available on the APESB website: www.apesb.org.au. Feedback on the proposed changes should be received by the APESB no later than **28 October 2022**.

The Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB) recently proposed amendments to auditing standards to address the transparency of the application of the PIE Independence requirements. Details on the proposals to disclose this information in the audit report is available on the AUASB website: www.auasb.gov.au.

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