

Engagement Quality Reviews (EQRs)

IAASA's Audit Quality Unit evaluated the quality of EQRs for each audit selected for inspection in 2023.



Key messages for auditors

1. ISQM (Ireland) 1 requires that the firm establish policies or procedures addressing EQRs in accordance with ISQM (Ireland) 2, including setting criteria for eligibility to be appointed as an engagement quality reviewer
2. ISQM (Ireland) 2 sets out the required procedures that the engagement quality reviewer is required to perform on all audit engagements where an EQR is required, including the documentation requirements for an EQR
3. Firms must ensure that, for audit engagements where an EQR is required, the engagement partner determines that an engagement quality reviewer is appointed as required by ISA (Ireland) 220 "Quality Management For An Audit Of Financial Statements"
4. The engagement quality reviewer is required to review selected engagement documentation relating to the significant judgments made by the engagement team
5. The audit report cannot be dated until the completion of the EQR
6. Additional requirements relating to EQRs for audits of PIEs are contained in ISQM (Ireland) 2 including the requirement for the engagement quality reviewer to record the oral and written information provided by the key audit partner to support the significant judgments
7. For audits of PIEs, the engagement quality reviewer is required to discuss the results of the review with the key audit partner

Further information



Please see the video on IAASA's YouTube channel on EQRs, including recent inspection findings and areas of good practice identified during the 2023 inspections of audits of PIEs. See [here](#)