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# Deep dive Exposure Draft Revisions to the Code on Using the Work of an External Expert (New Zealand)

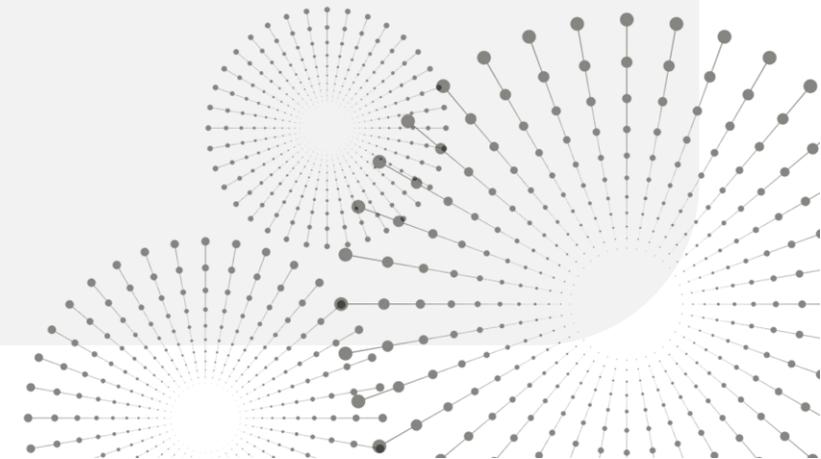
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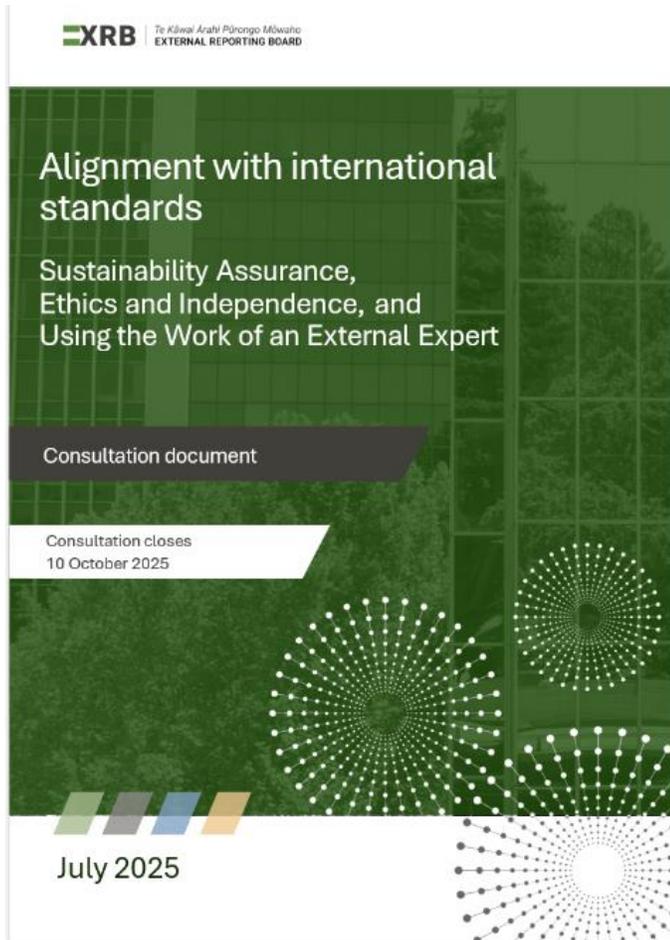
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# Agenda

- What we are consulting on
- Key principles
- Opportunities to engage



# International Alignment. Sustainability assurance, ethics and independence and using the work of an external expert



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**Closes 10 October 2025**

## Release of 3 new international standards

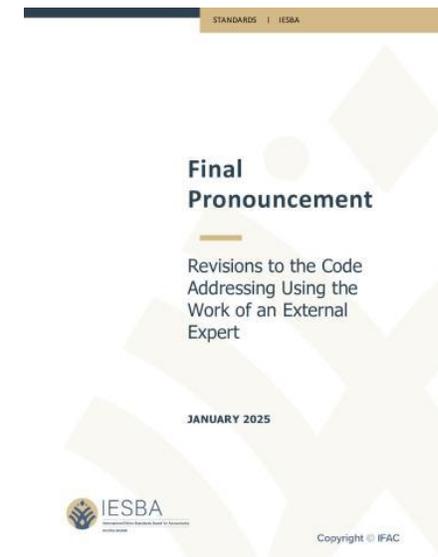
### Engagement Performance



### Ethics and Independence



### Using the Work of an External Expert



**Proposed application date for periods starting on or after  
15 December 2026**

## How these standards may be used

ED ISSA (NZ) 5000

ED IESSA (NZ)

ED Revisions to the Code on  
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- an option for mandatory GHG emissions assurance
- voluntary assurance:
  - on other information in the climate statements
  - on other reported sustainability information

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- mandatory for financial statement audits and reviews

## Poll Questions

1.

Do you currently perform financial statement audits or sustainability assurance engagements?

2.

Do you use Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (PES 1) ?

# ED Revisions to the Code on Using the Work of an External Expert (New Zealand)



## Why were these revisions proposed by the IESBA?



Response to  
recent projects

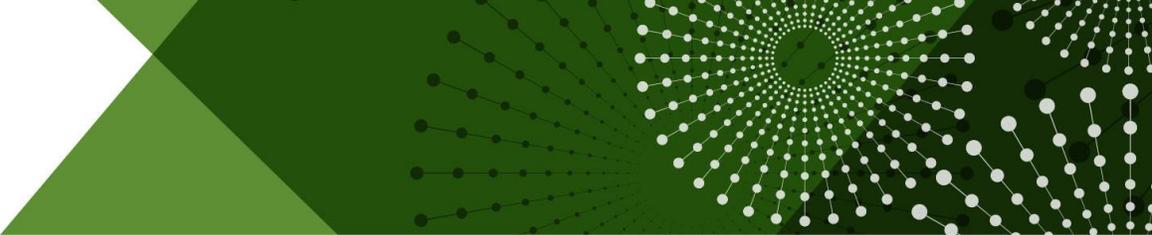


Global baseline



Heightened  
stakeholder  
expectations

# Proposed structure of the IESBA Code of Ethics



# Summary on a page

## ED International Ethics Standards for Sustainability Assurance (including International Independence Standards) New Zealand

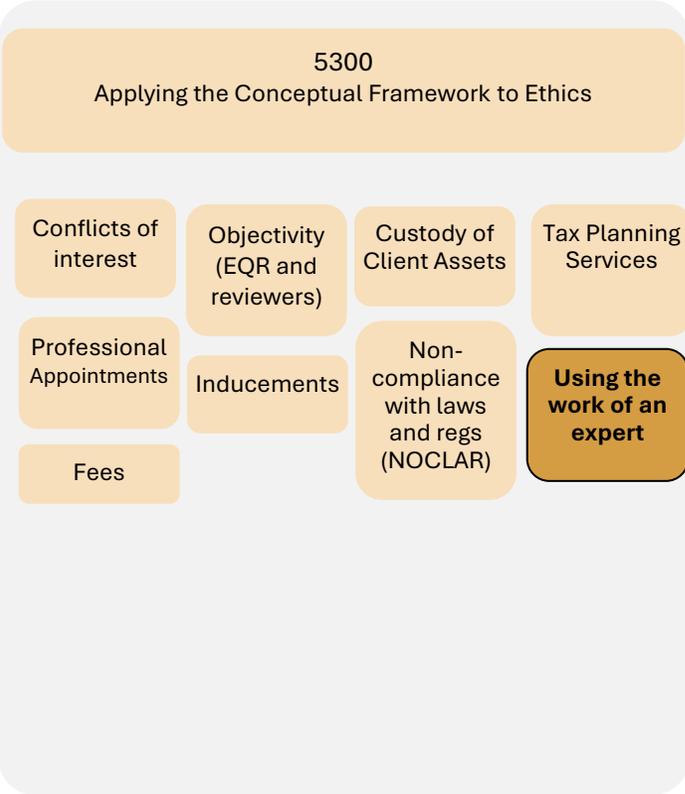
**International Ethics Standards**  
 Applicable to sustainability assurance engagements and professional services any other service to the same client

**International Independence Standards.**  
 Some only apply to Public interest Entities (PIE)

5110  
 Fundamental Principles

5120  
 Conceptual Framework

5200  
 Pressure to Breach

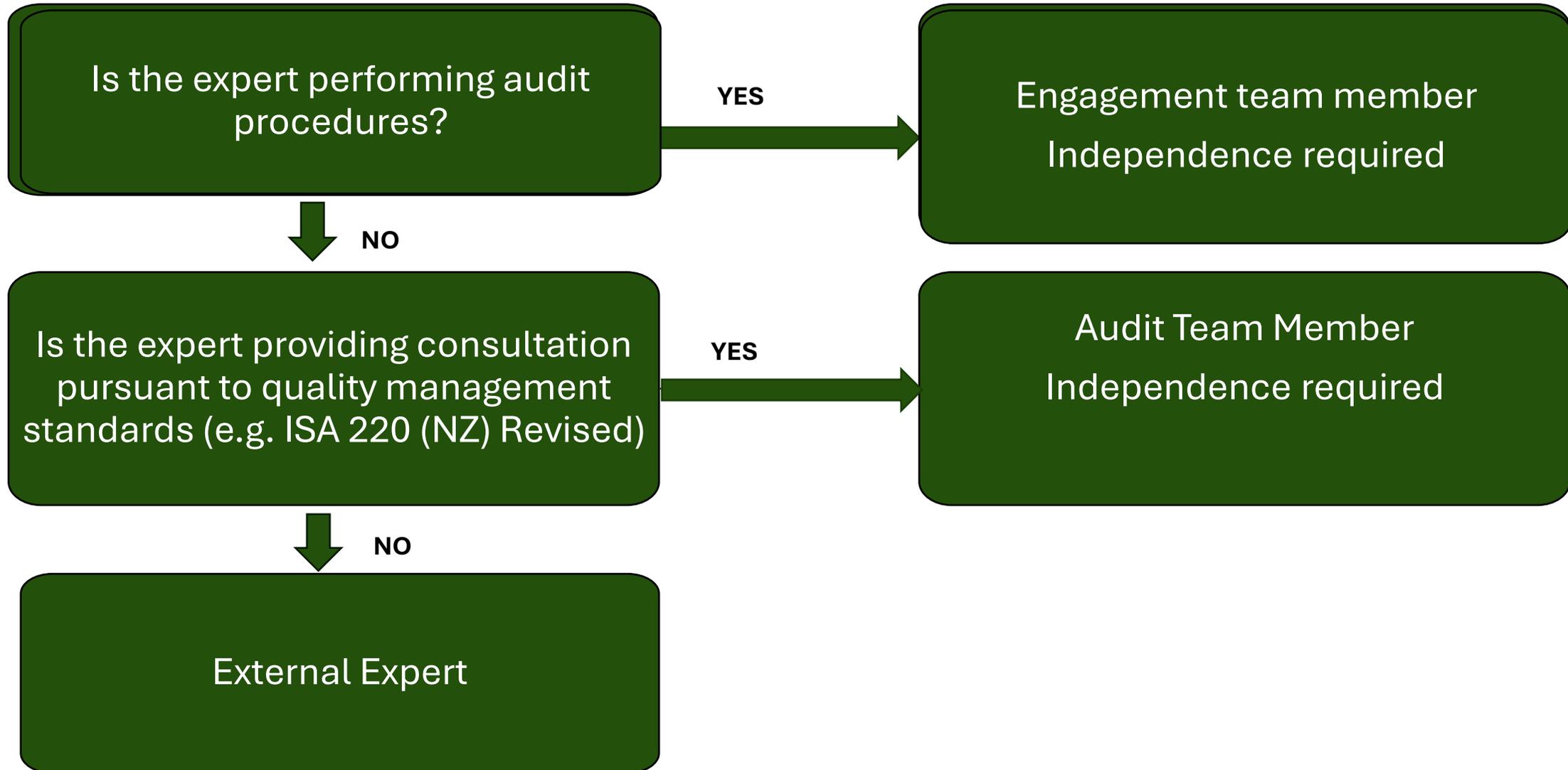


## Interoperability with the IAASB's standards



	IAASB	IESBA	Outcome
<b>Purpose</b>	Addresses whether expert's work is adequate for practitioner's purposes	Addresses ethical threats	IAASB - obtain sufficient appropriate evidence IESBA - compliance with the Code's fundamental principles
<b>Scope</b>	Currently audits and other assurance engagements	Audits and other assurance engagements, and Non Assurance Services	Code also applies to assurance practitioners performing Non Assurance Services

## Who is an external expert?



## Key Definitions



Expert



Expertise



External Expert

### **Not in scope:**

- Work of a management's expert
- Subcontractors that are under direction and review of practitioner
- Other information provided by external sources for general use
- Close business relations with an external expert

# Evaluating whether to use the work of an external expert

Requirement to evaluate and then conclude on whether the expert has the necessary, Competence, Capability and Objectivity (CCO) for their purpose

Factors relevant to evaluating Competence and Capability

Factors relevant in identifying and evaluating threats to objectivity

Examples of safeguards to address threats to external expert's objectivity

Guidance to where information on expert's CCO might be obtained

Emphasis on professional judgement and reasonable and informed third party test

Highlights pressure to breach the Code's Fundamental principles

Practitioner shall not use work of an external expert if they cannot determine or has determined that such expert does not have the necessary CCO for their purpose

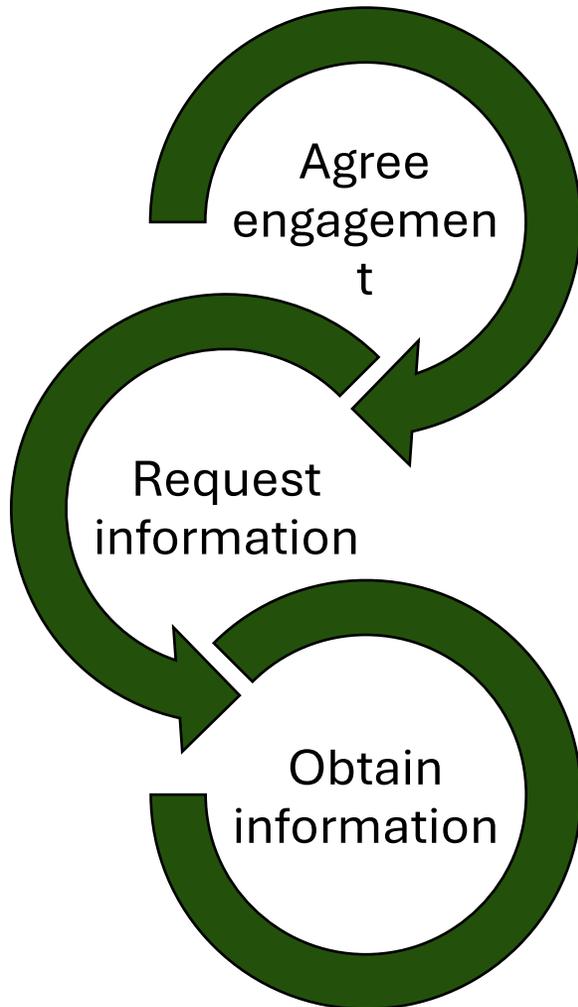
## Period covered for external expert's objectivity



### **Period Covered for the External Expert's Objectivity**

Period covered by the audit, review or other assurance report through to the issuance of that report

## Proposals to obtain information in writing from the external expert



- Proportionate requirements for public interest entities
- Specific requirements for interests, relationships and circumstances
- Requirements for the same information for all team members used by the expert

## Poll Questions

3.

Do you agree with the proposed revisions to the Code for using the work of an external expert?

## Events



### Panel

- 1 October 2025 - Panel Discussion

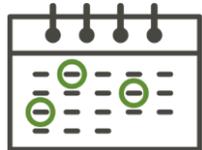
### Deep dives

- ED ISSA (NZ) 5000
- ED IESSA (NZ)

## Climate and GHG assurance standards



Proposed 2025 Amendments to Climate and Assurance Standards



Closes 24 September 2025



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