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[Covering all Engagement & Quality Control Standards]



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# PREFACE

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The BoS (Academic) is now coming out with the revised edition of the booklet 'Saransh - Last Mile Referencer for Auditing', covering all Engagement and Quality Control Standards, thereby helping students in effective revision and recap before examinations. In Auditing, the significant features of the Engagement and Quality Control Standards included within the scope of syllabi at intermediate and final levels are presented. The important concepts of Standards on Quality Control (SQC), Standards on Auditing (SAs), Standards on Review Engagement (SREs), Standards on Assurance Engagements (SAEs), and Standards on Related Services (SRSs) covered in syllabi have been explained precisely. Students would be able to grasp these significant concepts quickly with the help of this booklet.

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At ICAI, we believe that continuously enhancing our educational materials is essential for the continued success of our students. In our ongoing commitment to update the educational content, we are pleased to announce the revised edition of Saransh – Last Mile Referencer on Auditing. This invaluable resource now incorporates all Engagement and Quality Control Standards in a concise and precise format. Our mission is to empower CA students by providing them with a updated material of these standards, enabling them to revise, recap and excel in their examinations.



CA. Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal Vice President, ICAI

ICAI consistently strives to keep its students well-informed about the dynamic landscape of accounting and auditing. In pursuit of this commitment, the Board of Studies (Academic) introduces an updated version of 'Saransh-Last Mile Referencer on Auditing'. The latest version of Saransh now incorporates all Engagement and Quality Control Standards in a concise and precise form. This updated Saransh edition aims to further support students in their academic journey, equipping them with the knowledge necessary in the ever-evolving field of auditing and enabling them to perform well in examinations.



**CA. Vishal Doshi** Chairman, Board of Studies (Academic)

In our commitment to provide the most relevant and up-to-date content, the Board is happy to announce that the Saransh on Auditing now encompasses all Engagement and Quality Control Standards in a concise and precise form. By capturing key points in an easily accessible format, Saransh facilitates effective revision of concepts, offering students an overview of the standards. The content is thoughtfully presented using attractive colours, tables, diagrams, and flow charts, enhancing the visual appeal and aiding in quick comprehension and retention.



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The Board of Studies (Academic) is excited to introduce an updated version of Saransh – Last Mile Referencer on Auditing. Saransh represents our dedication to provide students with a concise and precise resource for quick understanding and revision of critical concepts. The inclusion of all Engagement and Quality Control Standards in the Auditing referencer ensures that students can grasp the essence of the subject more effectively, fostering a deeper comprehension. These capsules, thoughtfully designed to facilitate effective revision, play a pivotal role in elevating students' preparedness for examinations.

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#### Engagement & Quality Control Standards

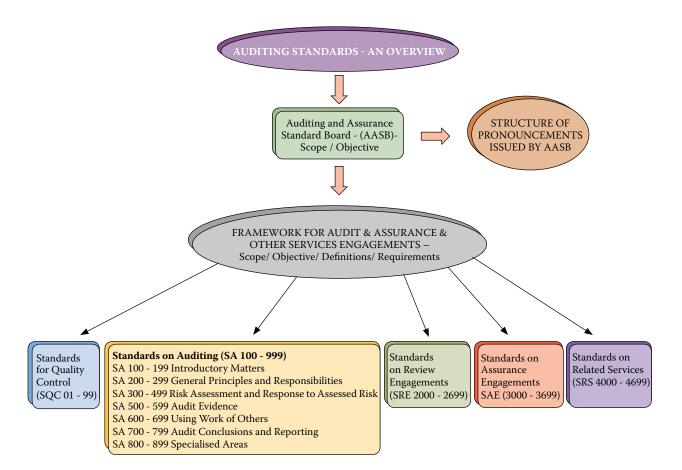
# International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB):

- The IFAC Board has established the IAASB to develop and issue, in the public interest and under its own authority, high quality auditing standards for use around the world.
- The IAASB functions as an independent standard setting body under the auspices of IFAC.

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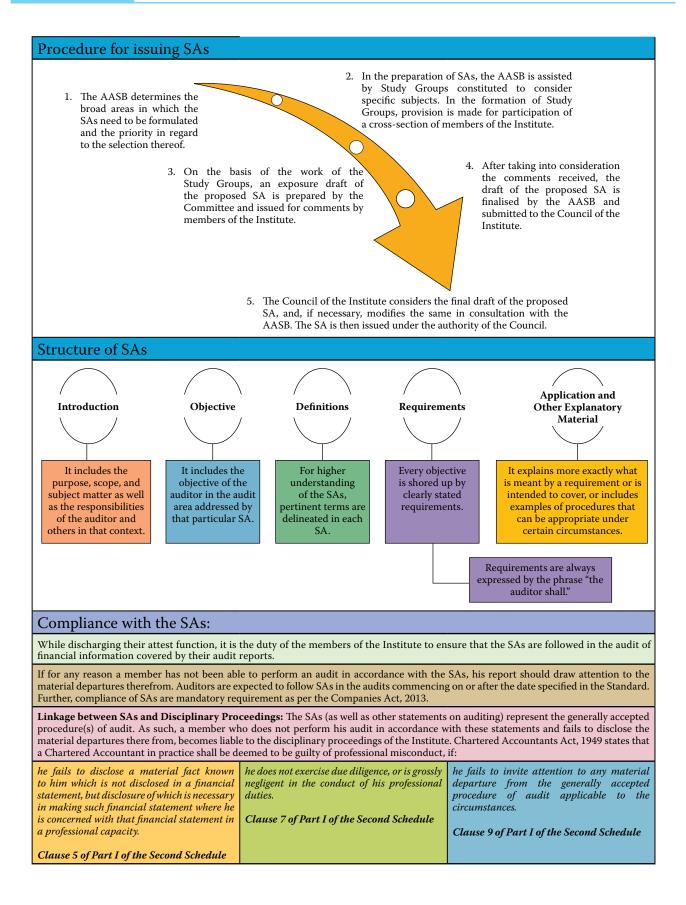
- ICAI is a member of the IFAC and is committed to work towards the implementation of the guidelines issued by the IFAC.
- ICAI constituted the AASB to review the existing auditing practices in India and to develop Engagement and Quality Control Standards so that these may be issued by the Council of the Institute.

#### Diagrammatic Representation of the Structure of Standards Under the New Preface



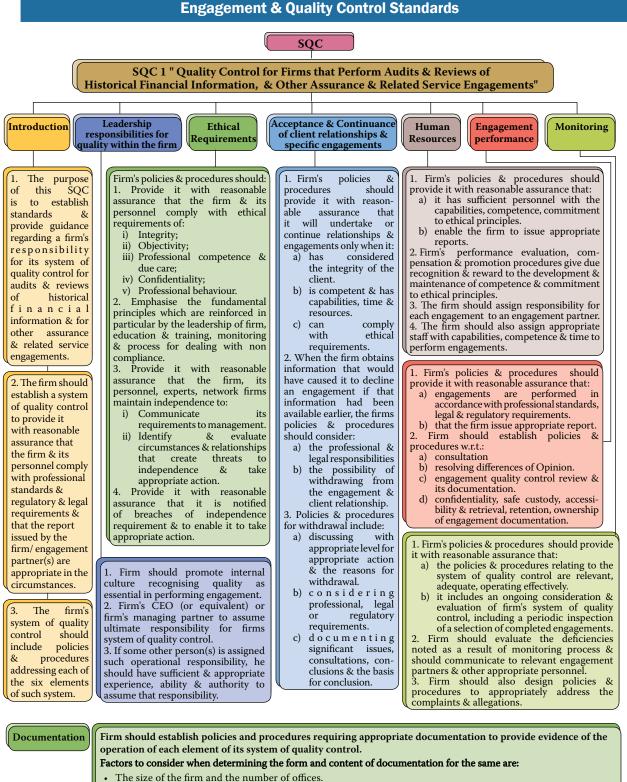
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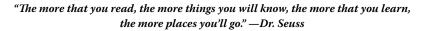


- The size of the firm and the number of offices.
- The degree of authority both personnel and offices have.
- The nature and complexity of the firm's practice and organization.

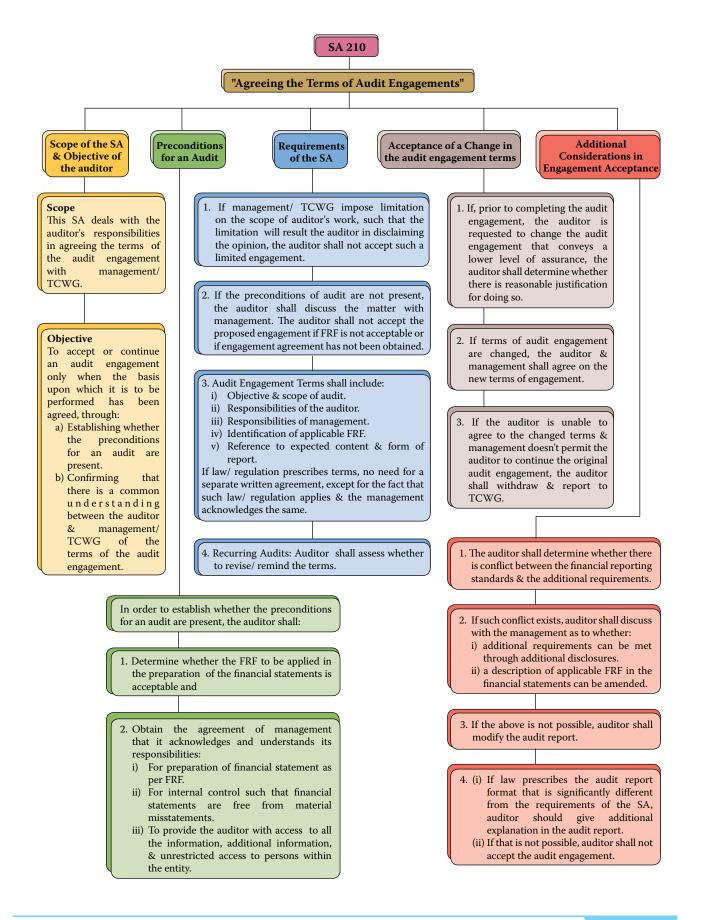
The firm retains this documentation for a period of time sufficient to permit those performing monitoring procedures to evaluate the firm's compliance with its system of quality control, or for a longer period if required by law or regulation.

# SA 200 - 299 General Principles and Responsibilities

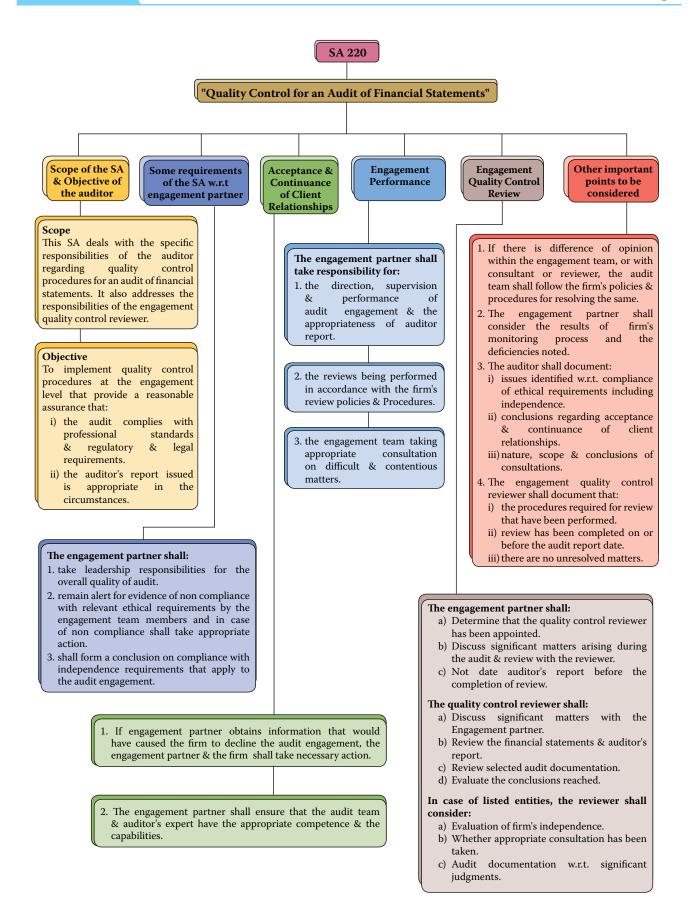
Scope of the SA	This SA establishes the independent auditor's overall responsibilities when conducting an audit of financial statements in accordance with SAs. It sets out the overall objectives of the independent auditor, and explains the nature and scope of an audit.
Overall objectives of the Auditor	In conducting an audit of financial statements, the overall objectives of the auditor are: (a) To obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, thereby enabling the auditor to express an opinion on whether the financial statements are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with an applicable financial reporting framework; and (b) To report on the financial statements, and communicate as required by the SAs, in accordance with the auditor's findings.
Ethical requirements, professional skepticism, professional judgement and SAAE & audit risk	<ul> <li>The auditor shall:</li> <li>1. comply with ethical requirements including independence.</li> <li>2. plan &amp; perform an audit with professional skepticism.</li> <li>3. exercise professional judgement in planning &amp; performing an audit of financial statements.</li> <li>4. obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence (SAAE) to reduce audit risk to an acceptably low level.</li> </ul>
Conduct of an Audit in accordance with SAs	<ul> <li>A) The auditor shall: <ol> <li>comply with all SAs relevant to the audit.</li> <li>have an understanding of the entire text of SA, including its application &amp; other explanatory material.</li> <li>not represent compliance with SAs in the auditor's report unless the auditor har complied with the requirements of this SA &amp; all other SAs relevant to the audit.</li> <li>B) To achieve the overall objectives, the auditor shall use the objectives stated in the relevant SAs in planning &amp; performing the audit.</li> <li>C) The auditor shall comply with each requirement of an SA unless, in the circumstance of the audit: <ul> <li>(a) The entire SA is not relevant; or</li> <li>(b) The requirement is not relevant because it is conditional and the condition does not exist.</li> </ul> </li> <li>In exceptional circumstances, the auditor may judge it necessary to depart from a relevant requirement in an SA. In such circumstances, the auditor shall perform alternative audit procedures to achieve the aim of that requirement.</li> <li>D) If an objective in a relevant SA cannot be achieved, the auditor shall evaluate whethe this prevents the auditor from achieving the overall objectives of the auditor and therebing the opinion or withdraw from the engagement.</li> </ol></li></ul>



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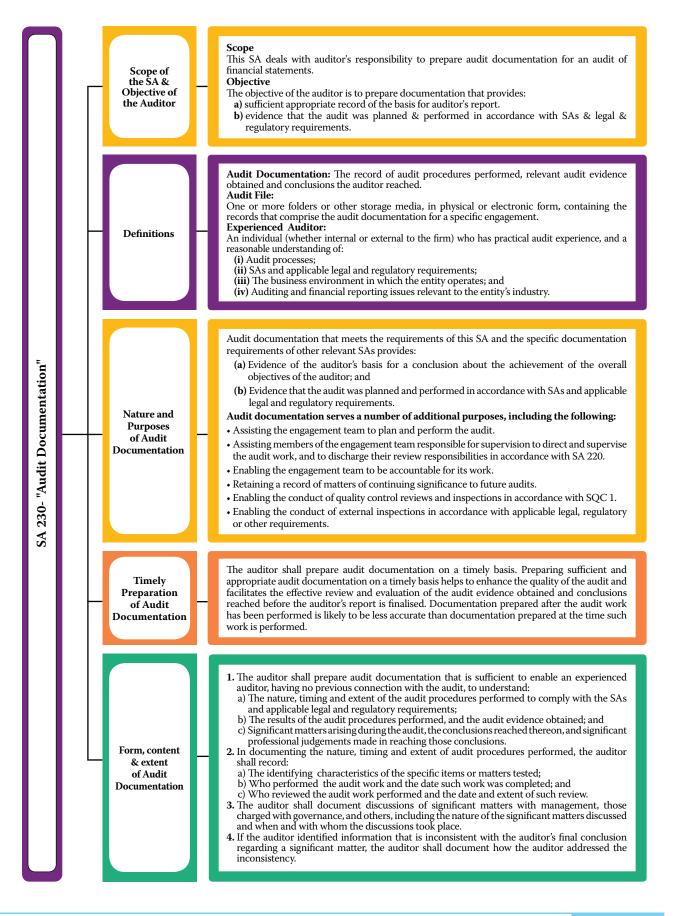


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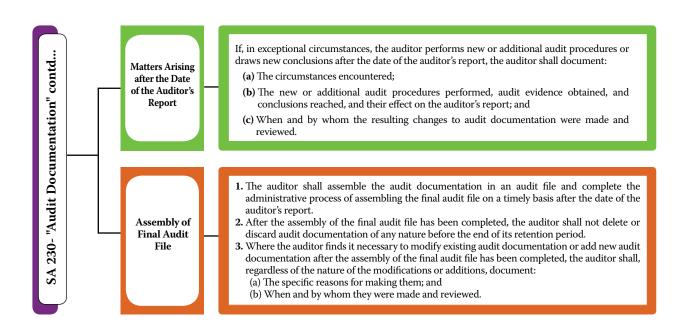
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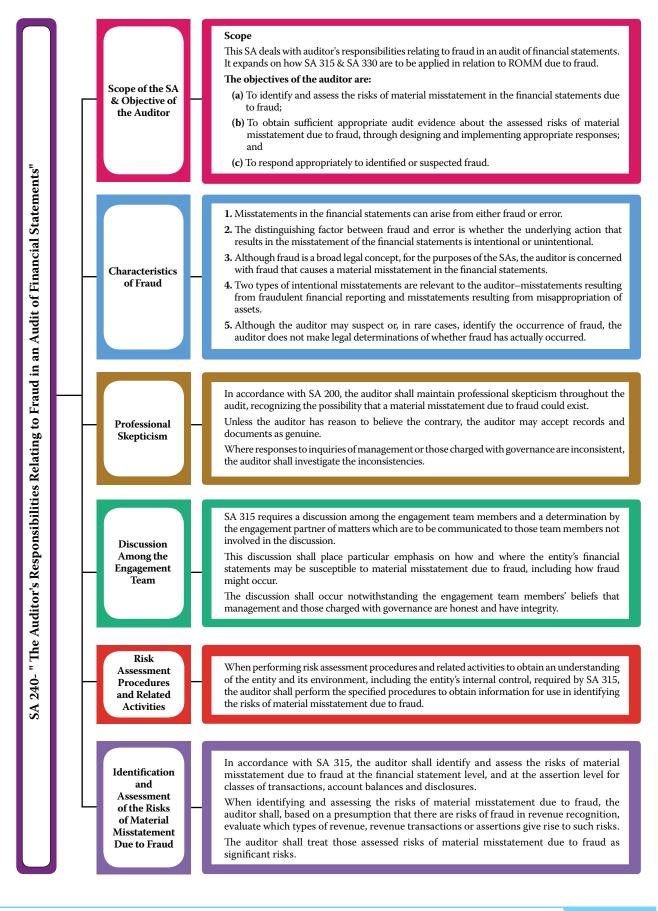




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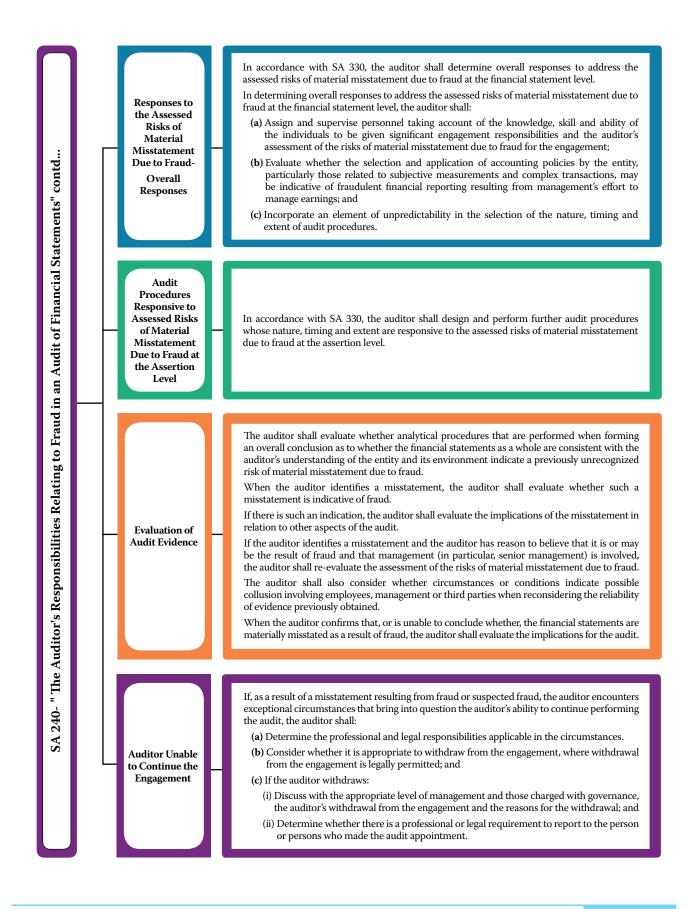
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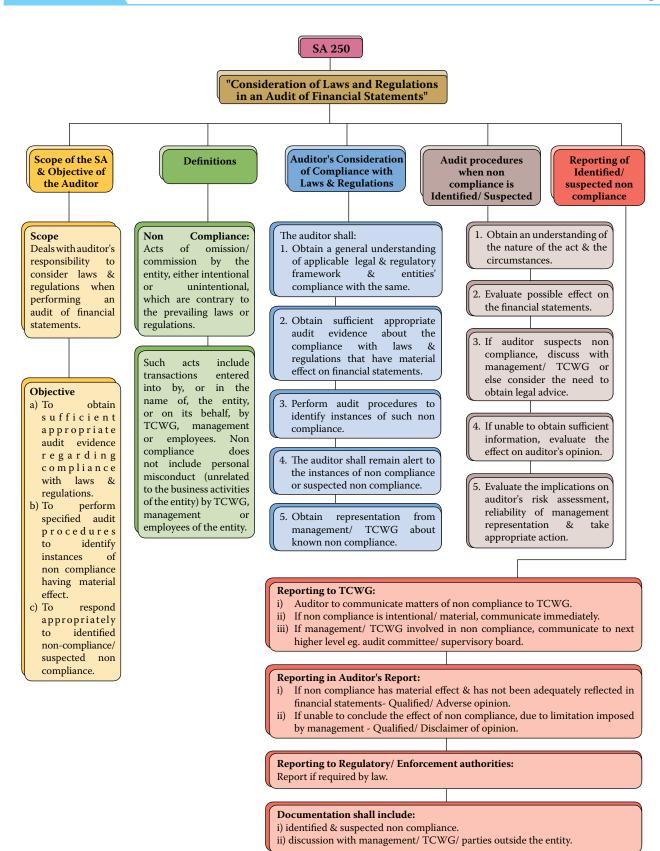


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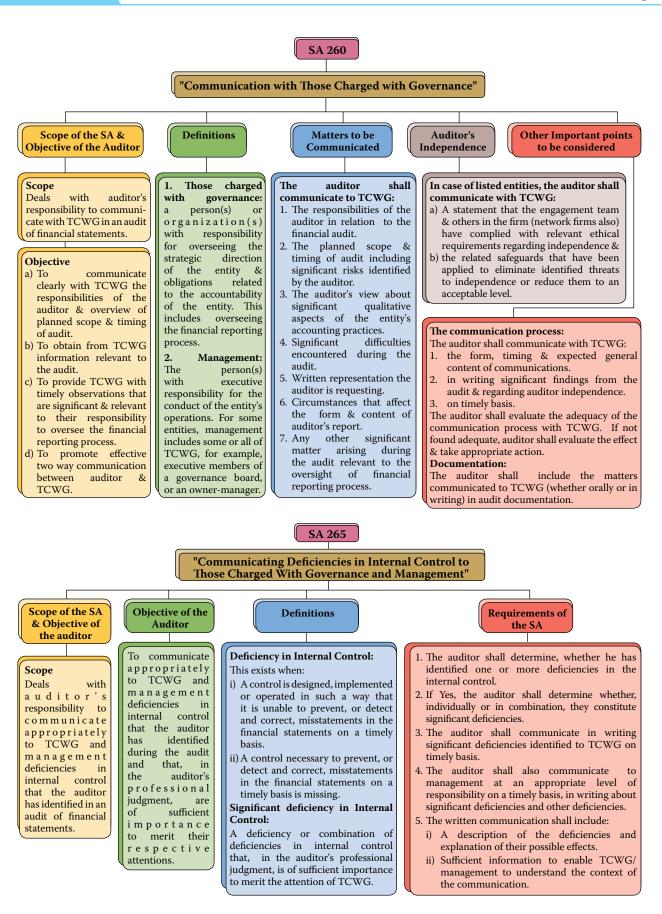


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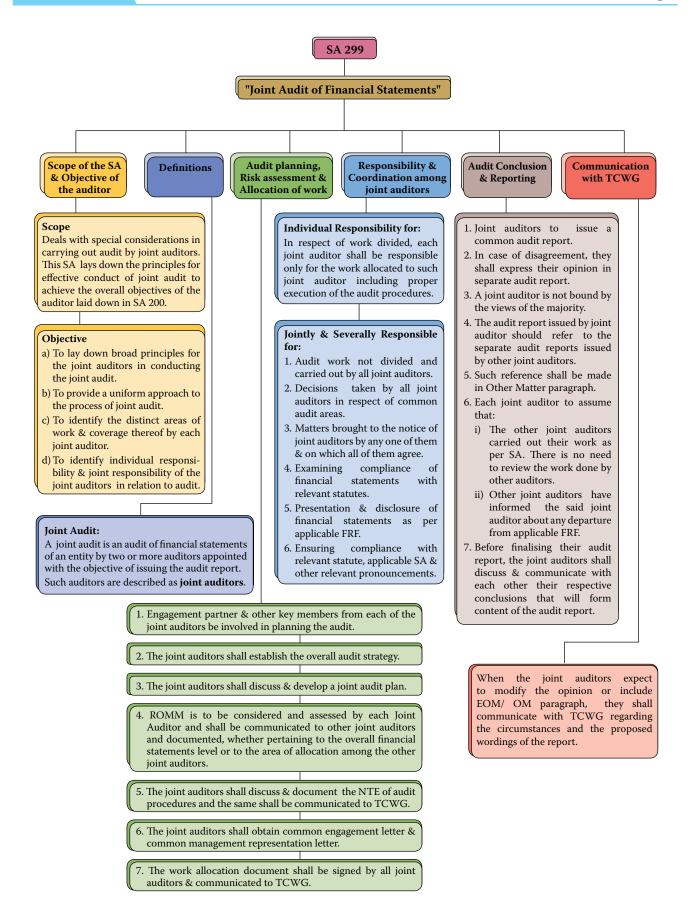


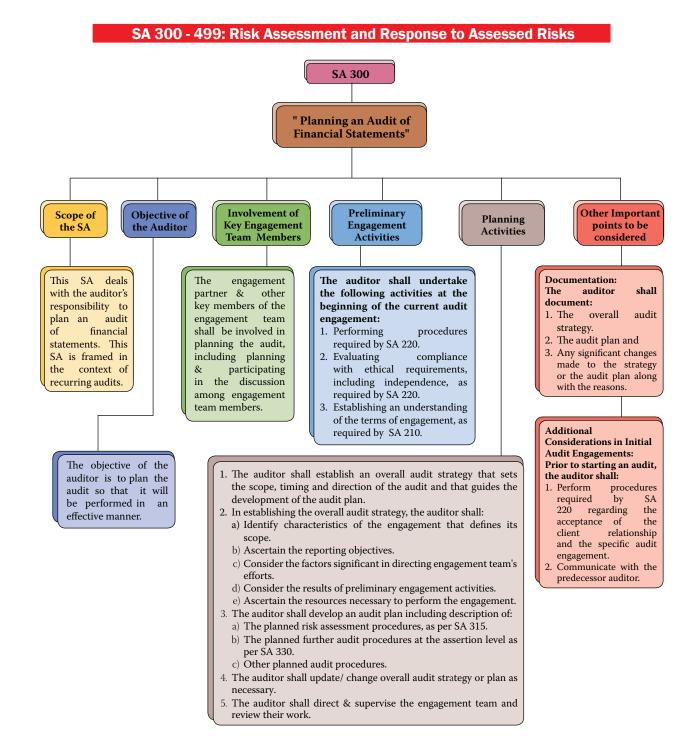
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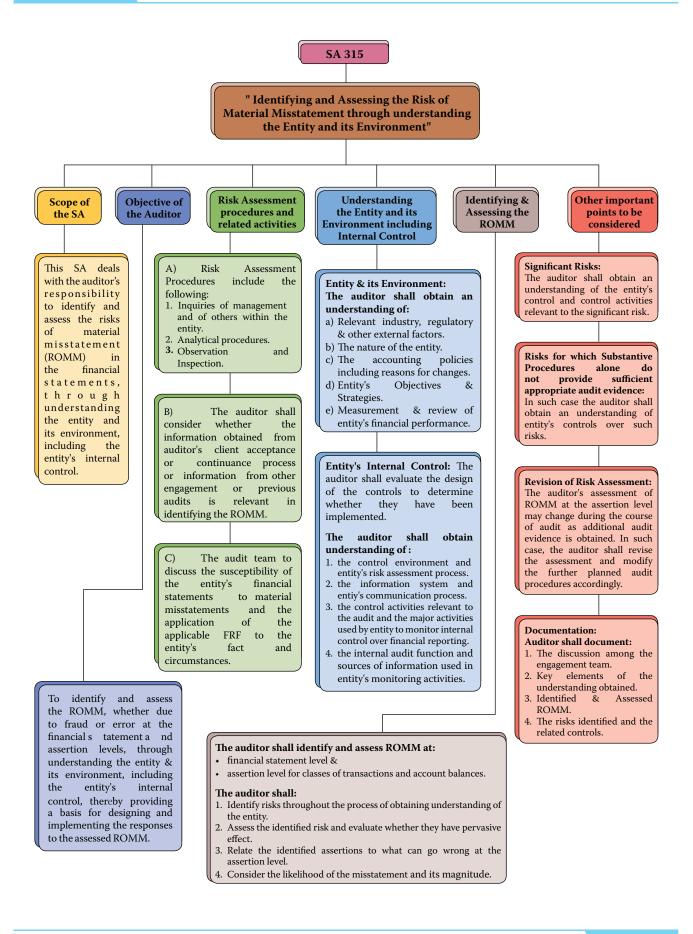


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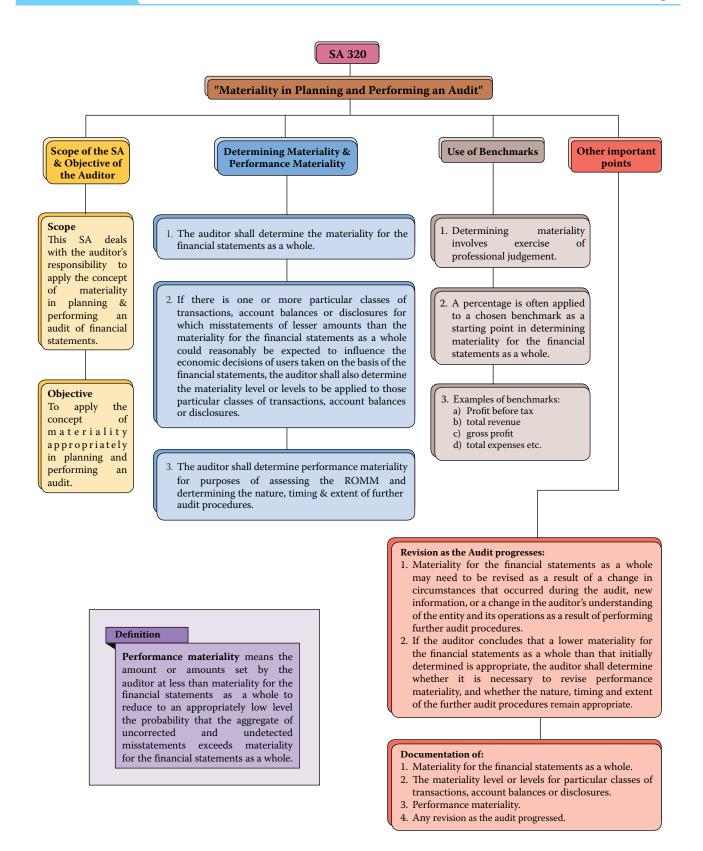


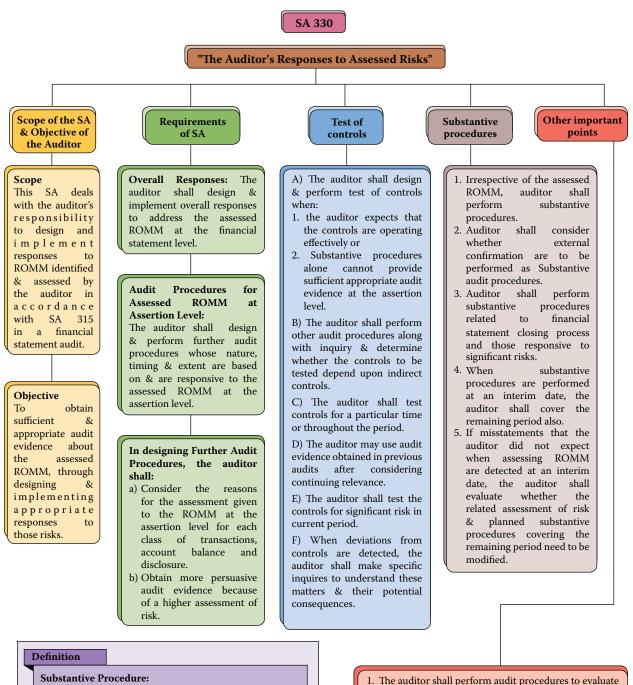
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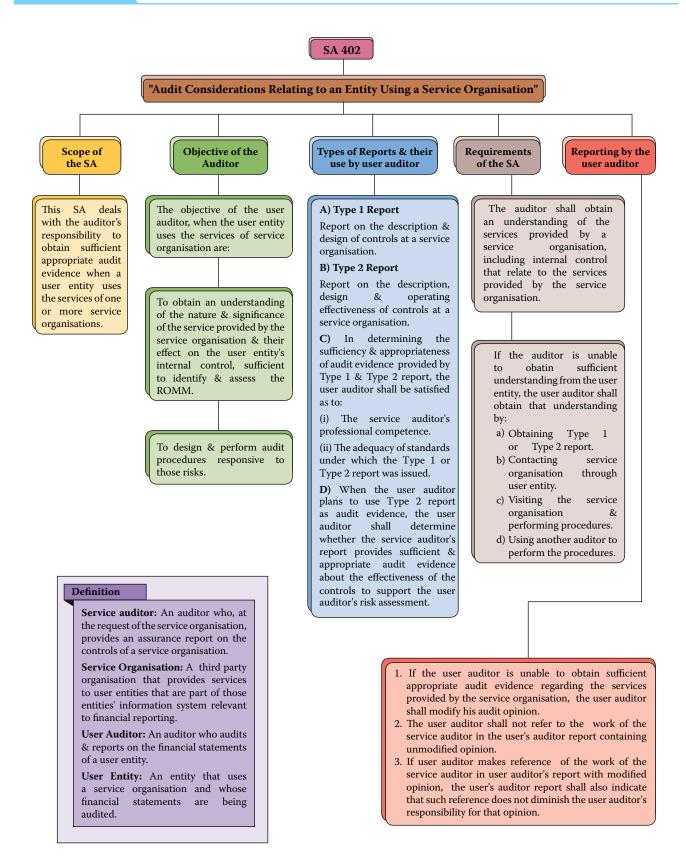
- An audit procedure designed to detect material
- misstatements at the assertion level. It comprises of:1. Test of details (of classes of transactions, account balances, & disclosures), &
- 2. Substantive analytical procedures.

#### Test of Controls:

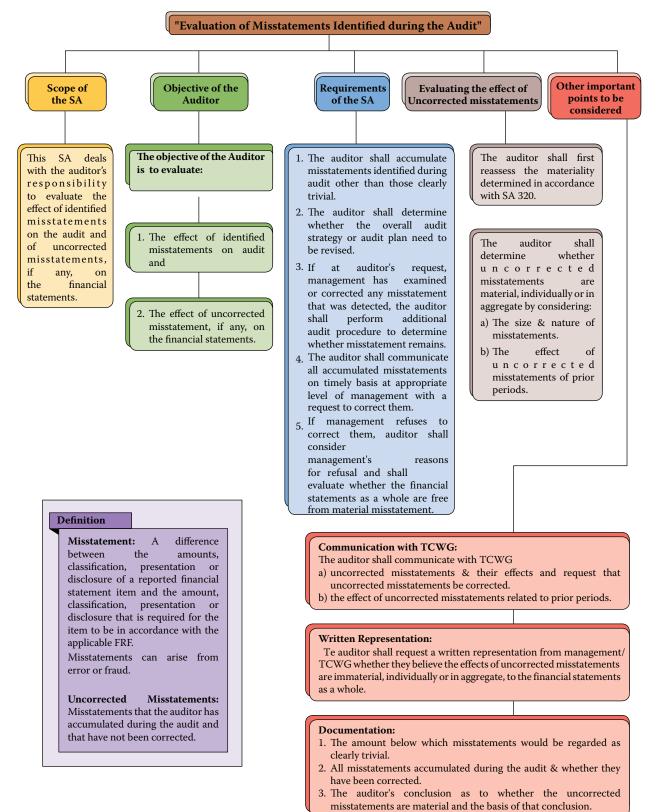
An audit procedure designed to evaluate operating effectiveness of controls in preventing, or detecting and correcting, material misstatements at the assertion level.

- 1. The auditor shall perform audit procedures to evaluate the adequacy of presentation & disclosures made in the financial statements.
- 2. The auditor shall evaluate the sufficiency & appropriateness of audit evidence.
- 3. The auditor shall document: a) the overall responses and the nature , timing, extent
  - b) the linkage of those procedures with assessed risks
  - at the assertion level.
  - c) the results of audit procedures.





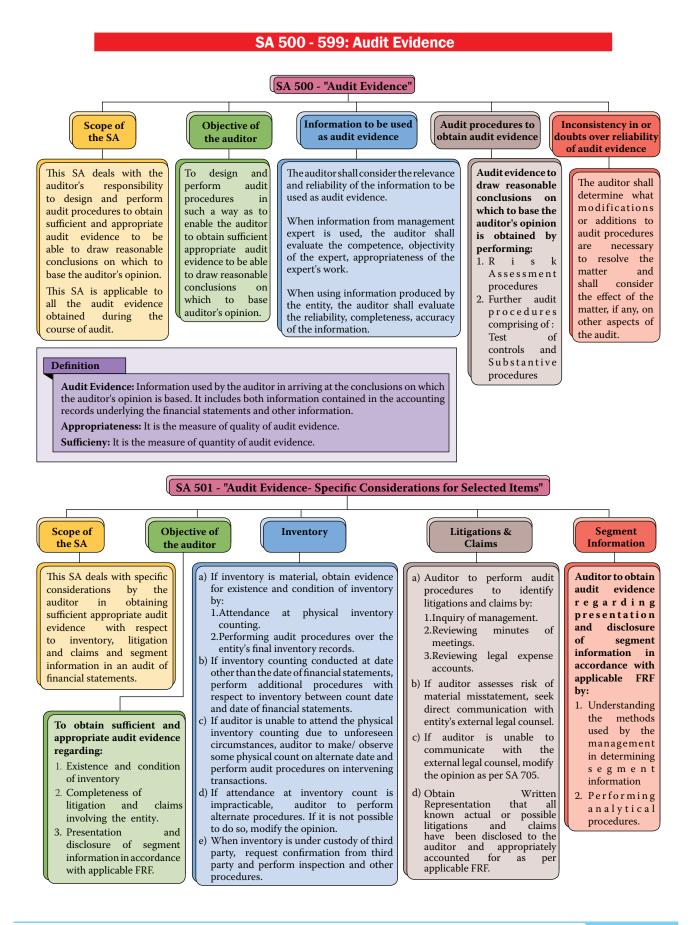




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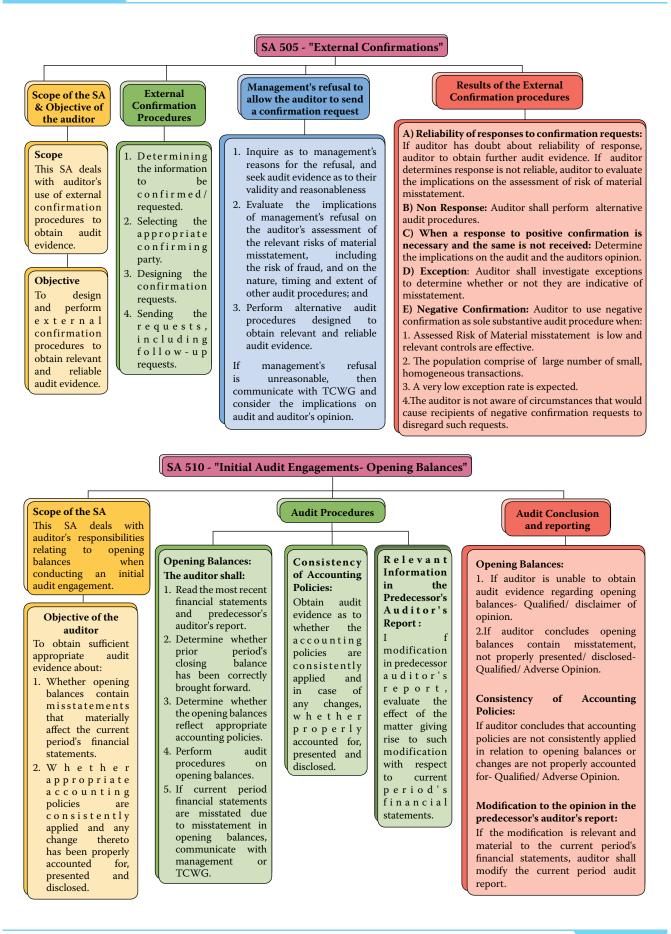
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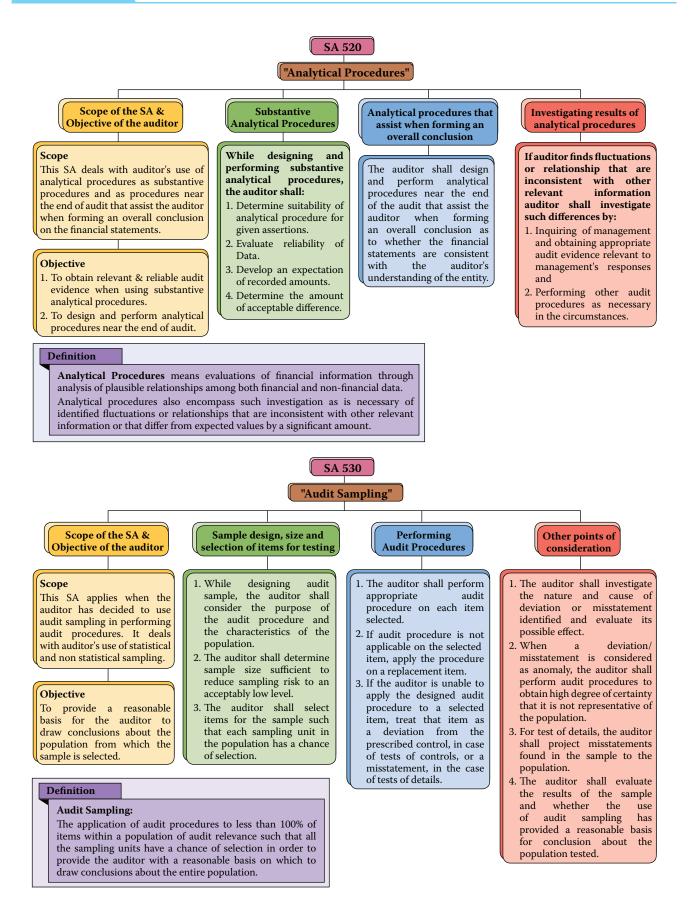
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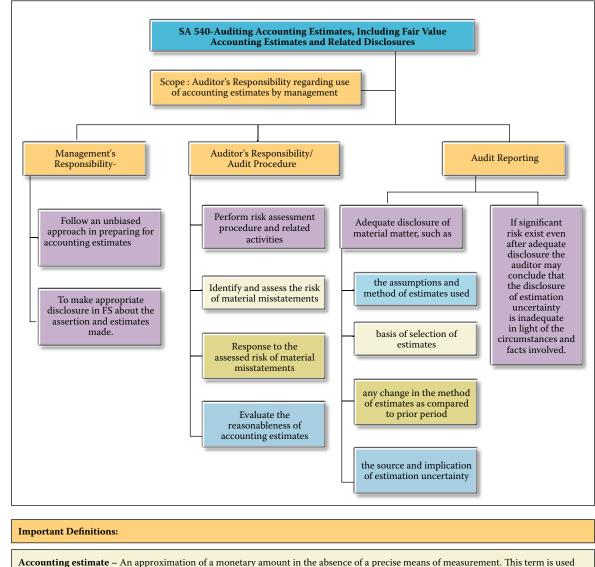




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for an amount measured at fair value where there is estimation uncertainty, as well as for other amounts that require estimation. Where this SA addresses only accounting estimates involving measurement at fair value, the term "fair value accounting estimates" is used.

Auditor's point estimate or auditor's range - The amount, or range of amounts, respectively, derived from audit evidence for use in evaluating management's point estimate

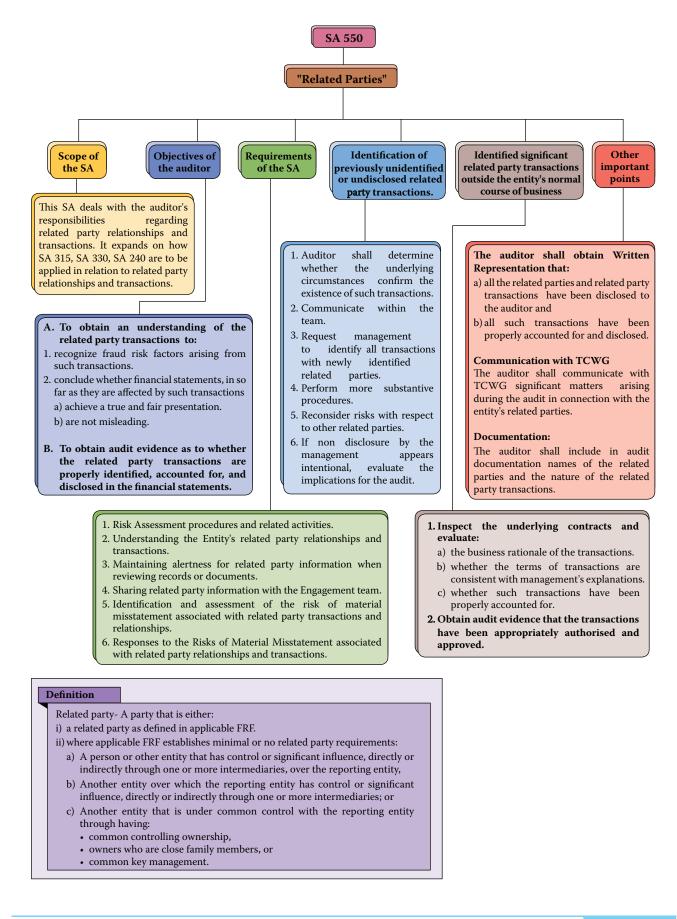
Management bias - A lack of neutrality by management in the preparation and presentation of information.

Management's point estimate - The amount selected by management for recognition or disclosure in the financial statements as an accounting estimate.

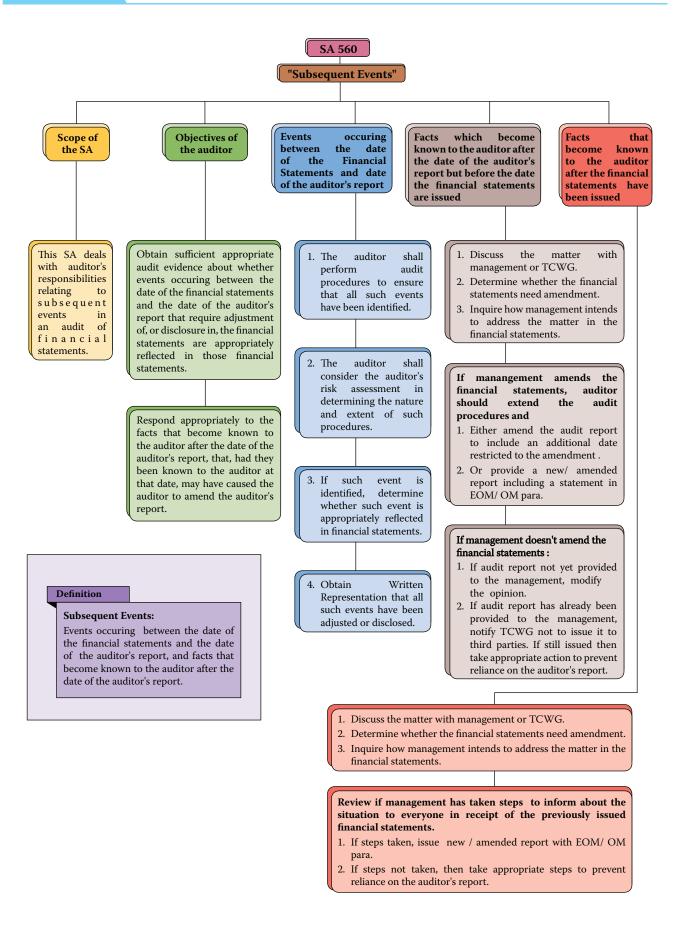
Estimation uncertainty - The susceptibility of an accounting estimate and related disclosures to an inherent lack of precision in its measurement.

Outcome of an accounting estimate - The actual monetary amount which results from the resolution of the underlying transaction(s), event(s) or condition(s) addressed by the accounting estimate.

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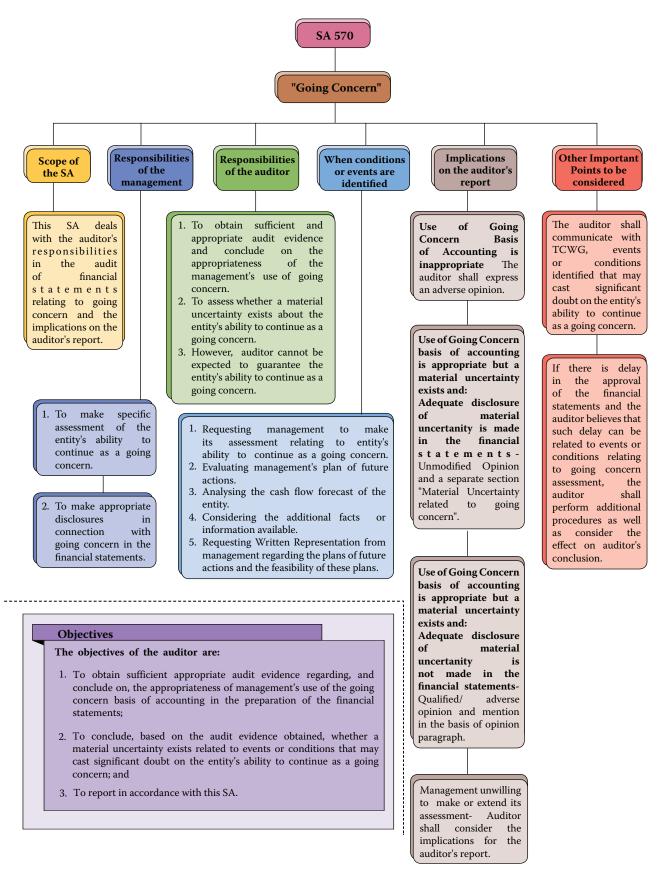


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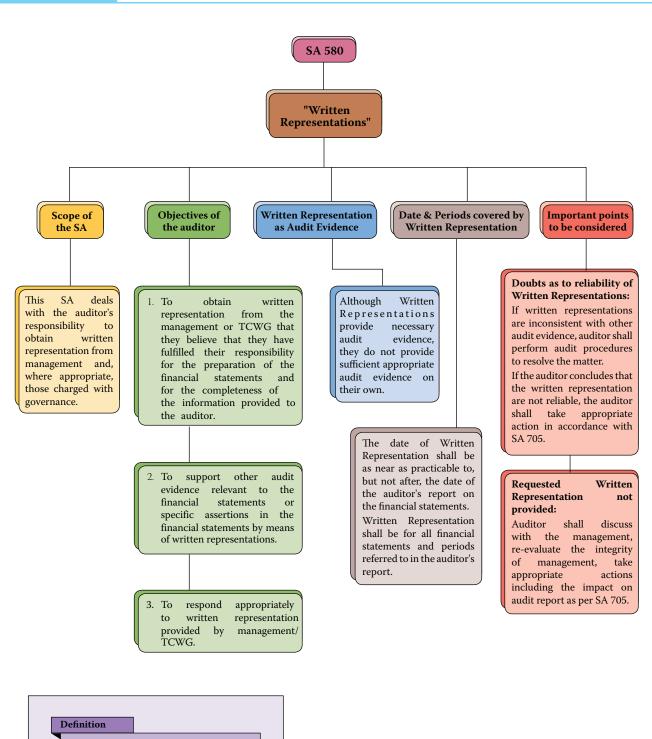


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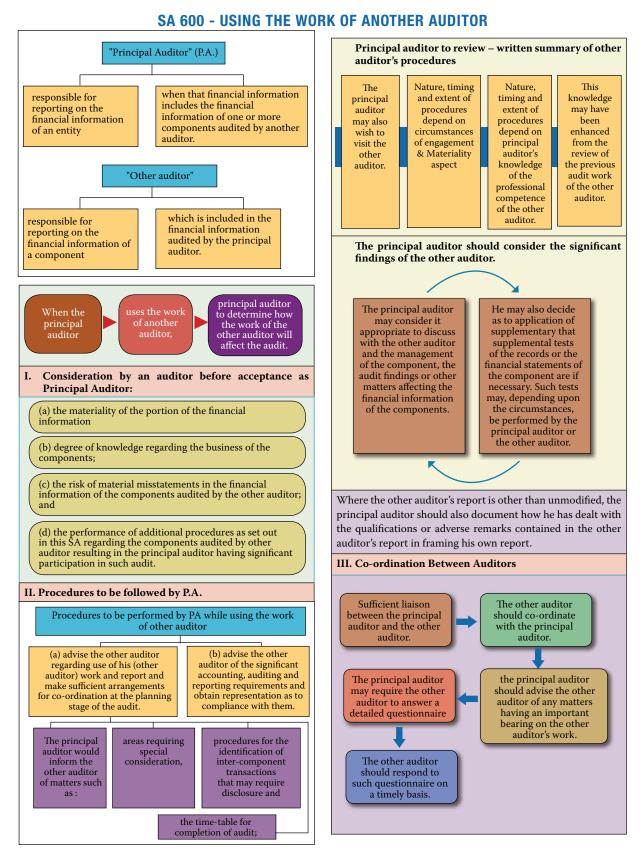
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Written Representation:

A written statement by management provided to the auditor to confirm certain matters or to support other audit evidence. Do not include financial statements, the assertions therein, or supporting books or records.



#### SA 600 - 699: Using Work of Others

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#### **IV Reporting Considerations**

1. Principal auditor to express a qualified opinion or disclaimer of opinion in case of a limitation on the scope of audit.

When the principal auditor concludes, based on his procedures, that the work of the other auditor cannot be used and the principal auditor has not been able to perform sufficient additional procedures regarding the financial information of the component audited by the other auditor, the principal auditor should express a qualified opinion or disclaimer of opinion because there is a limitation on the scope of audit.

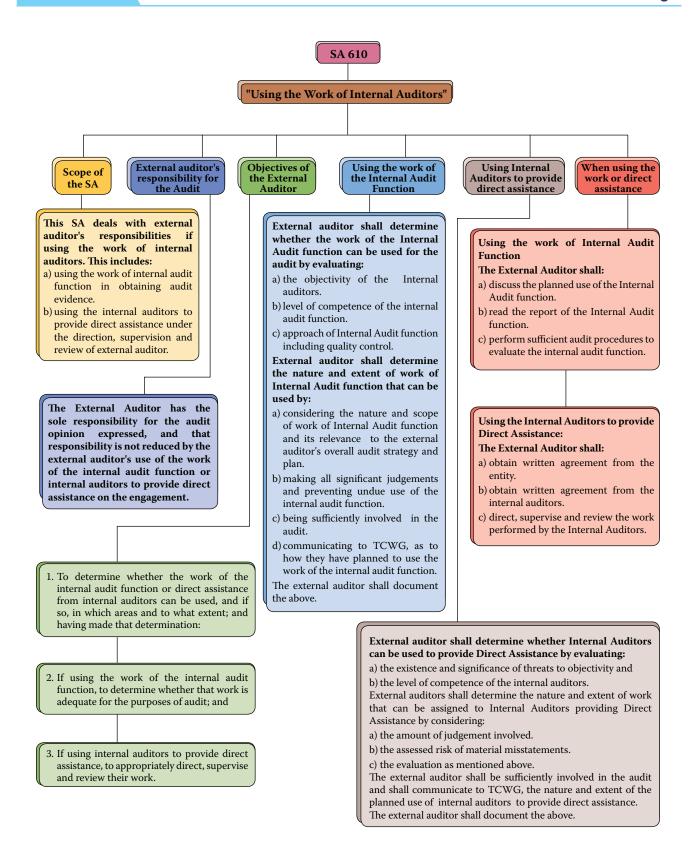
#### 2. If the other auditor issues a Modified Report

In all circumstances, if the other auditor issues, or intends to issue, a modified auditor's report, the principal auditor should consider whether the subject of the modification is of such nature and significance, in relation to the financial information of the entity on which the principal auditor is reporting that it requires a modification of the principal auditor's report.

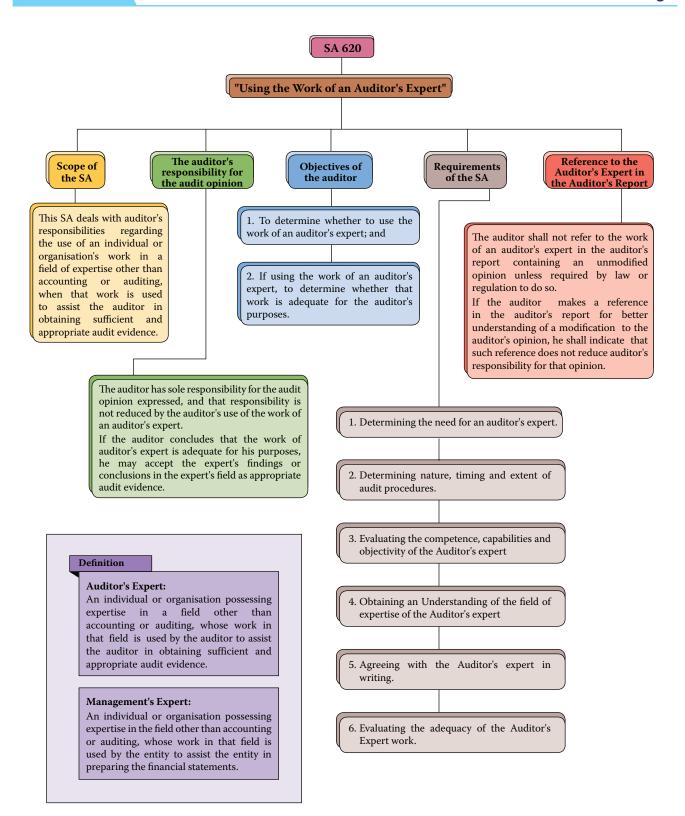
#### V. Division of Responsibility

When the principal auditor has to base his opinion on the financial information of the entity as a whole relying upon the statements and reports of the other auditors, his report should state clearly the division of responsibility for the financial information of the entity by indicating the extent to which the financial information of components audited by the other auditors have been included in the financial information of the entity, e.g., the number of divisions/branches/subsidiaries or other components audited by other auditors. However, if the Principal Auditor notices any material discrepancies the same has to be brought to the knowledge of other Auditor. This should be incorporated in the Audit Report.

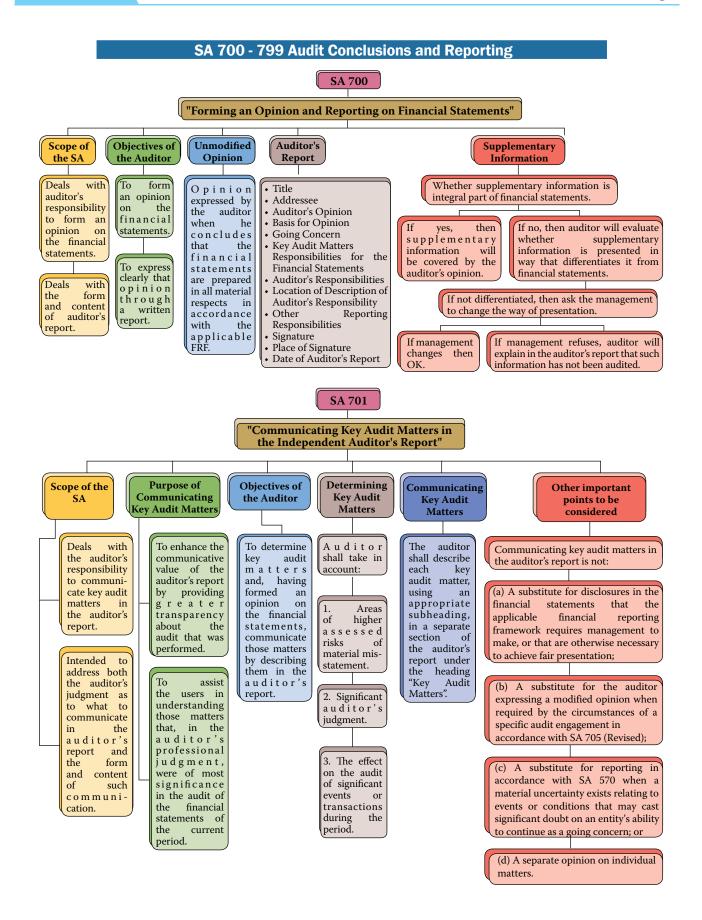




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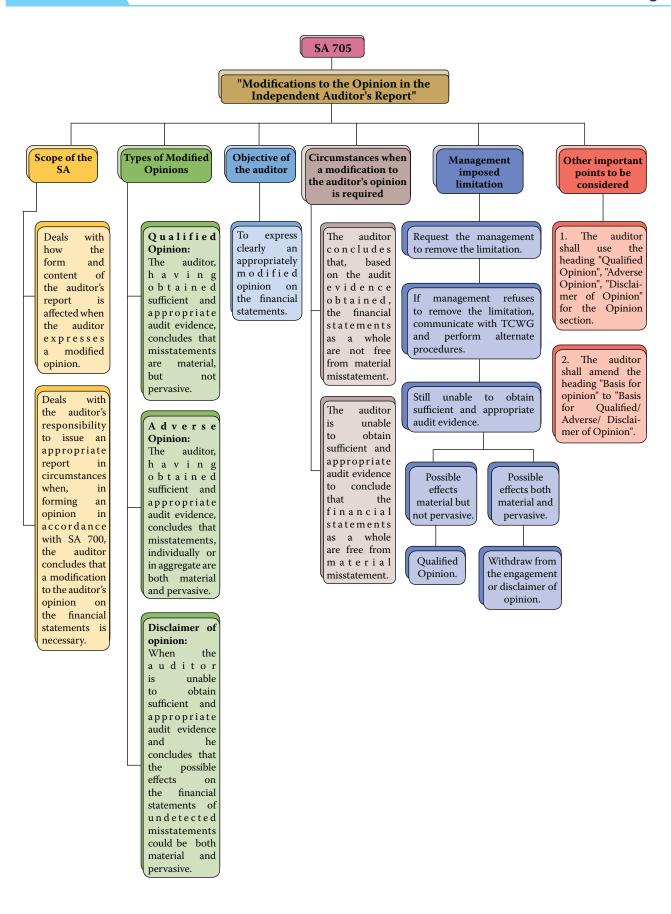


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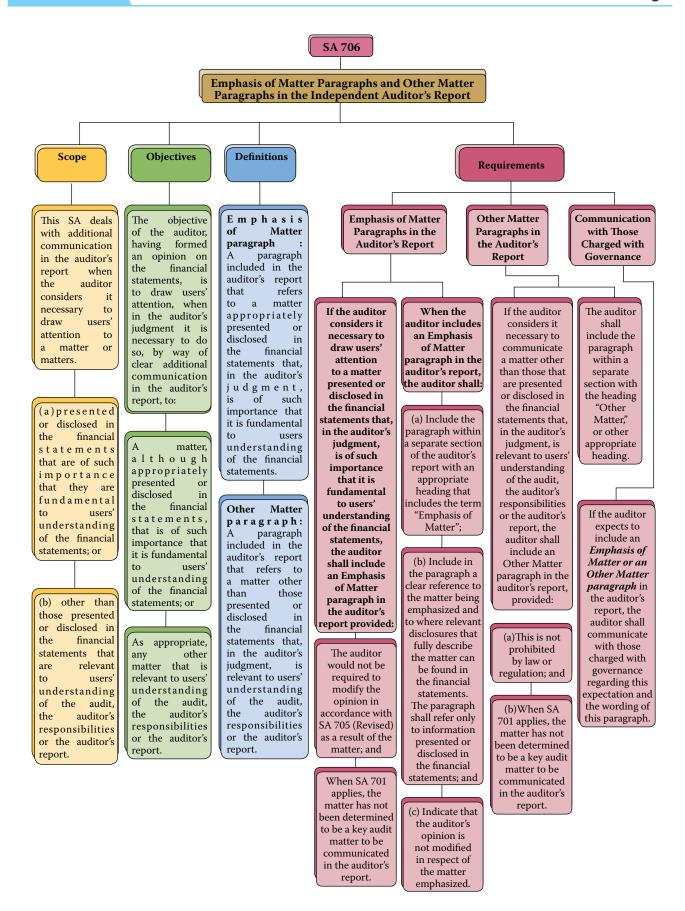
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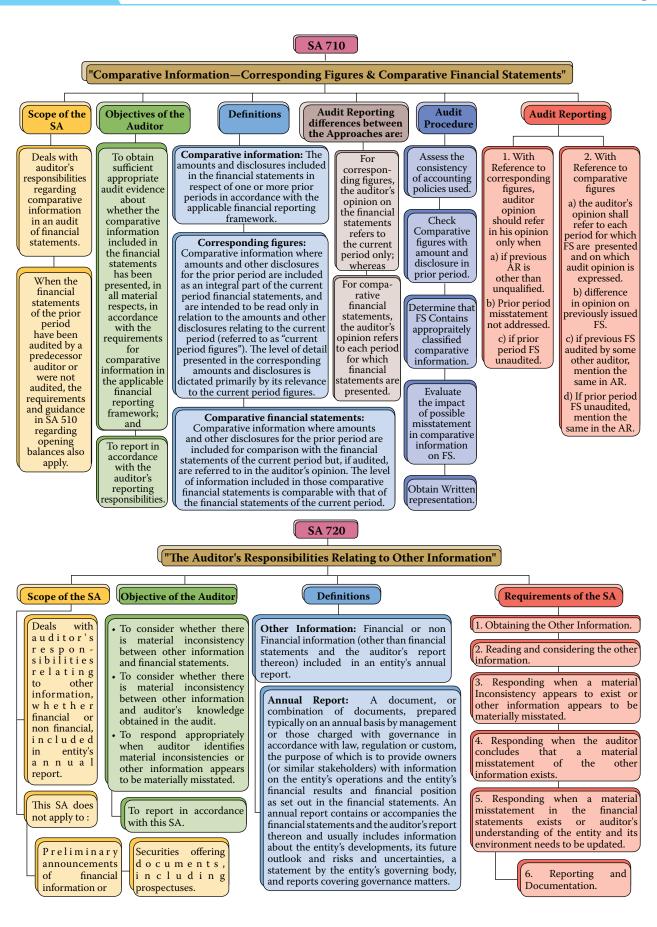


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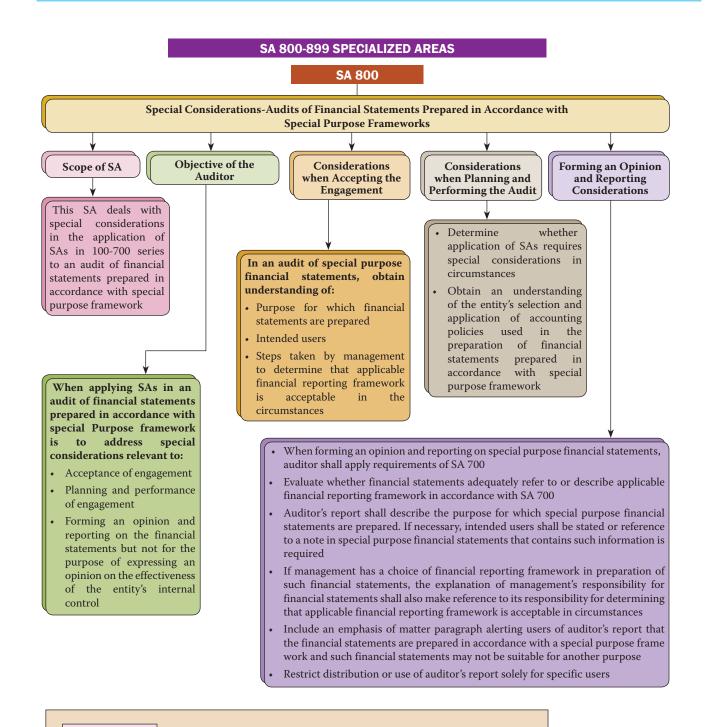


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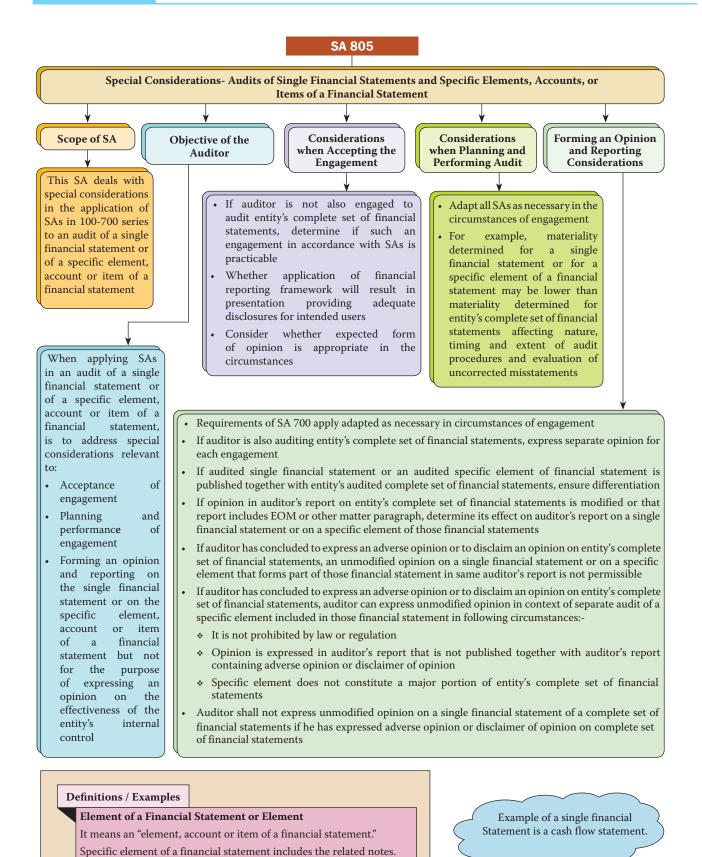
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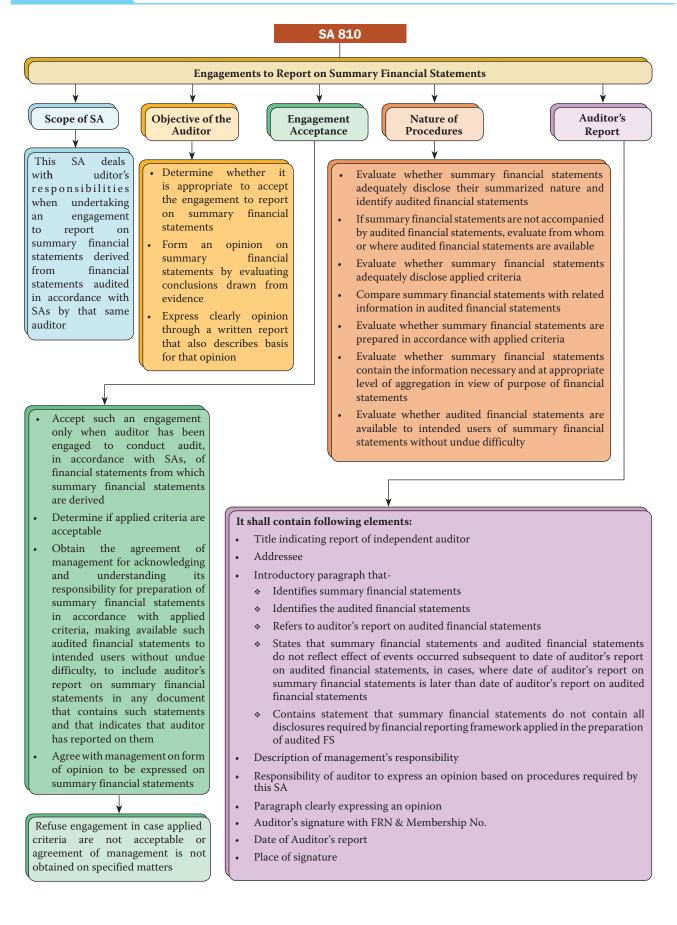
Special Purpose Financial Statements

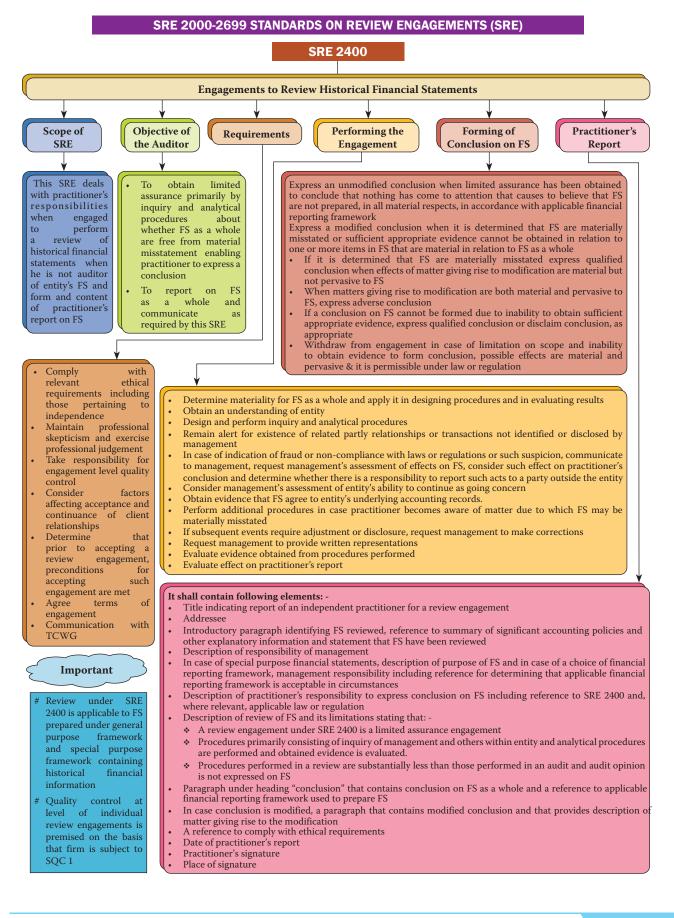
Financial statements prepared in accordance with special purpose framework

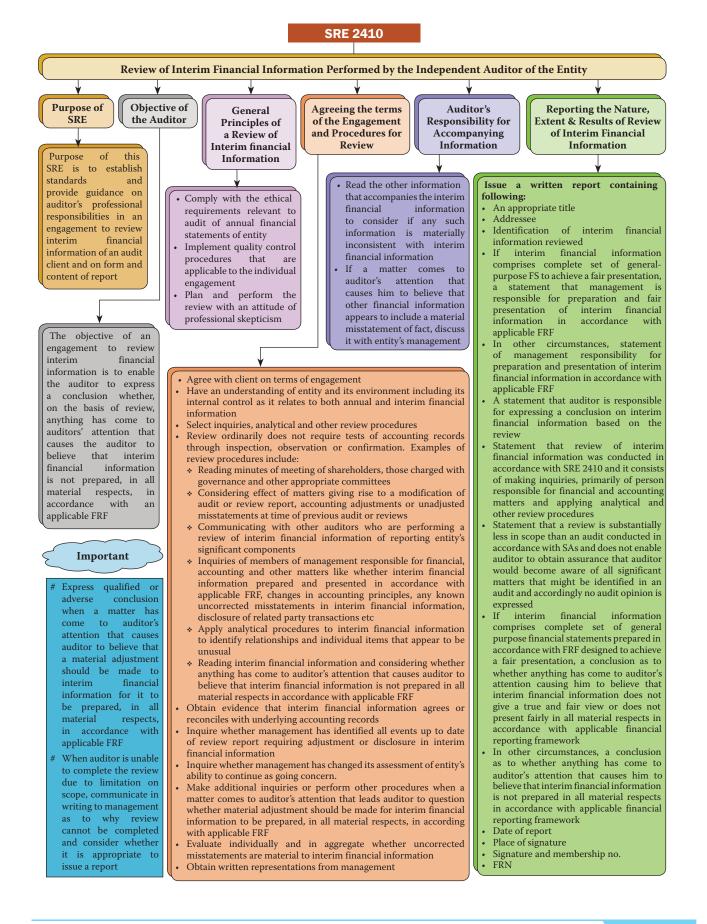
Special Purpose Framework

A financial reporting framework designed to meet the financial information needs of specific users. For example-cash receipts and disbursement basis of accounting for cash flow information that an entity may be requested to prepare for creditors, financial reporting provisions of a contract such as a bond indenture, loan agreement or a project grant

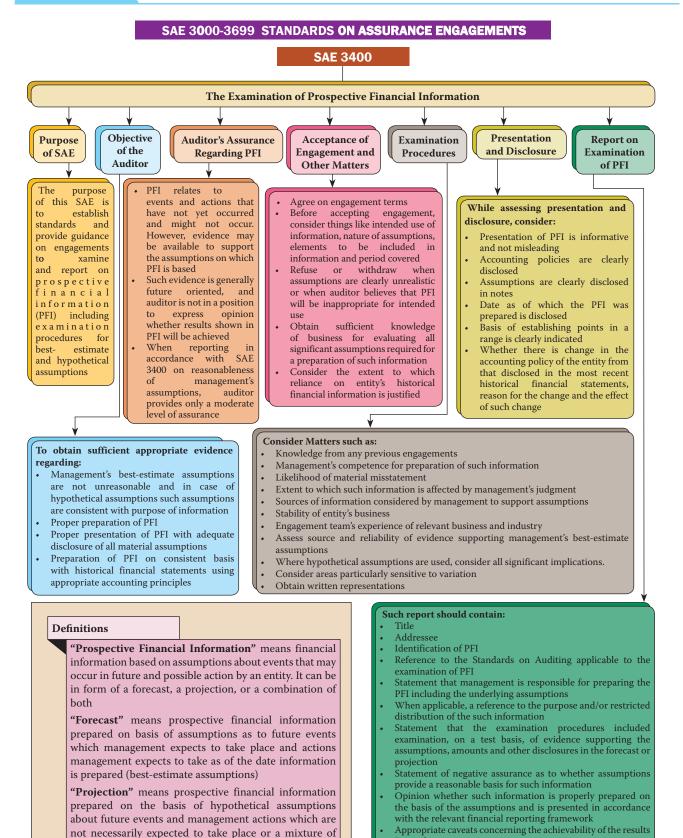










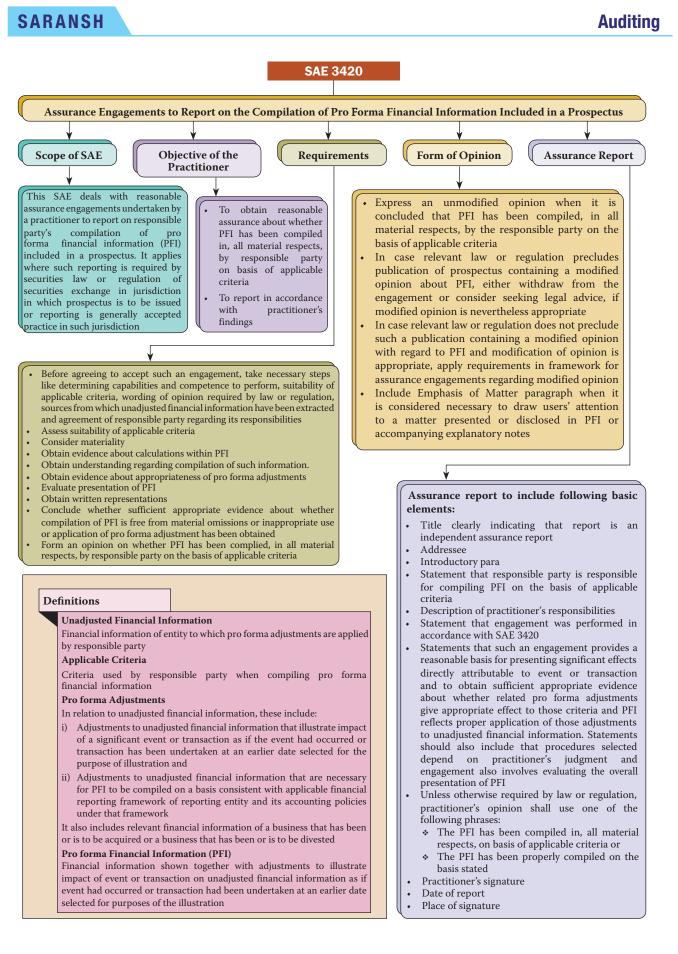


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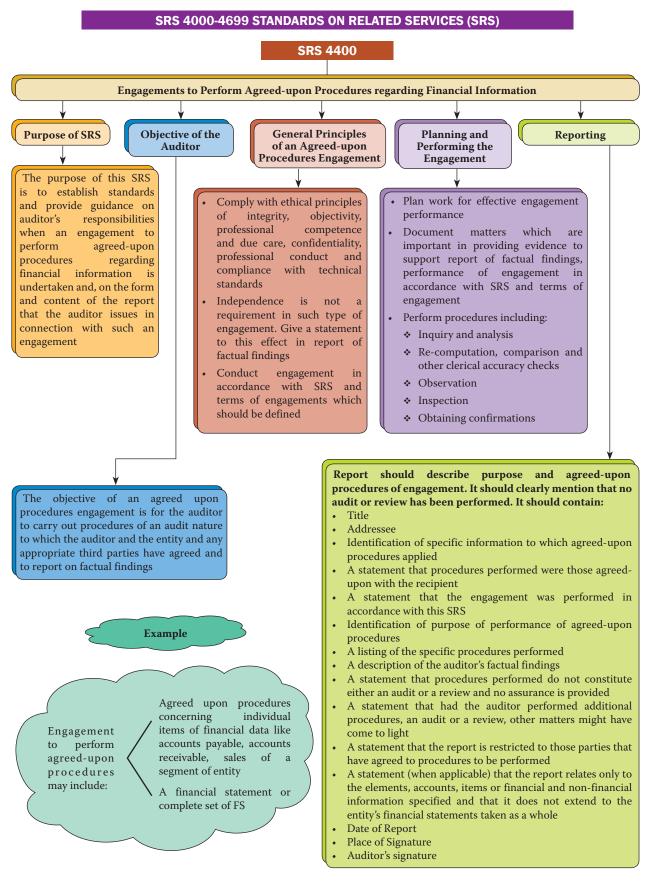
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#### SARANSH Auditing SAE 3402 Assurance Reports on Controls at a Service Organisation Scope of SAE Objectives of the Type 1 Report & Service Auditor's Requirements Service Auditor Type 2 Report **Assurance Report** This SAE deals with assurance To obtain reasonable assurance, whether Type 1 Report: It is a report on description and design e n g a g e m e n t s in all material respects, based on suitable of controls at a service organisation. It comprises: undertaken by criteria: Service organisation's description of its system professional Service organisation's description of Written assertion by service organisation that in all material accountant to its system fairly presents the system as respects and based on suitable criteria, description fairly provide a report designed and implemented throughout presents service organisation's system at the specific date specified Period (or in case of type 1 report for use by user and controls related to control objectives stated in service entities and as at a specified date) organisation's description of its system were suitably auditors Controls related to control objectives their designed as at specific date and on the controls stated in service organisation's description Service auditor's assurance report that conveys reasonable service of its system were suitably designed а assurance about above written assertions organisation that throughout specified period (or in case of Type 2 Report: It is a report on description, design and type 1 report as at a specified date) provides a service operating effectiveness of controls at a service organization. Where included in the scope of to user entities It comprises: that is likely to engagement, the controls operated Service Organisations description of its system be relevant to effectively to provide reasonable assurance Written assertion by service organisation that in all material entities' user that control objectives stated in service respects and based on suitable criteria, the description internal control organisation's description of its system fairly presents service organisation's system designed and as it relates were achieved throughout the specified implemented throughout the period, controls related to control objectives stated in service organisation's financial period and to report on the matters stated to reporting above in accordance with service auditor's description of its system were suitably designed throughout findings the specified period and such controls operated effectively throughout the specified period and Service auditor's assurance report that conveys assurance relating to above written assertions and includes a Comply with relevant ethical requirements description of tests of control and results thereof including those pertaining to independence Before agreeing to accept or continue, determine whether service auditor has capabilities and competence to perform Service Auditor's Report to include following elements: -Title indicating that it is independent service auditor's assurance report engagement, criteria to be applied by service Addressee organisation to prepare description of its Identification of service organisation's description of its system and service organisation's system and scope of engagement Obtain agreement of service organisation assertions as stated for type 1 report and type 2 report, identification of those parts of service organisation's description of its system not covered by service auditor's opinion, regarding its responsibilities in case of description referring to need for complementary user entity controls, a Assess whether service organisation has used statement of non-evaluation of design or operating effectiveness of complementary user suitable criteria in preparing description of its system, in evaluating whether controls are entity controls and related matters, in case of performance of service by sub-service organisation, use of inclusive method or carve out method suitably designed and in case of type 2 report Identification of criteria and party specifying control objectives whether controls are operating effectively Statement that report and in case of type 2 report, description of tests of controls are Consider materiality with respect to fair intended only for user entities and their auditors presentation of description, suitability of Statement regarding responsibility of service organisation design of controls and in case of type 2 Statement regarding service auditor's responsibility to express an opinion on matters report, operating effectiveness of controls of already described Obtain understanding service Statement of performance of engagement in accordance with SAE 3402 organisation's system Obtain evidence regarding description of Summary of service auditor's procedures system of service organisation and design of Statement of limitations of controls & in case of type 2 report, of risk of projecting to controls future periods, any evaluation of operating effectiveness of controls Obtain evidence regarding operating Service auditor's opinion expressed in positive form for matters already described in case effectiveness of controls while providing a of type 1 report and type 2 report type 2 report Date of service auditor's assurance report Apply appropriate procedure when using Practitioner's Signature sampling Place of Signature Obtain understanding and relevance of Modified Opinion- If service auditor concludes that: internal audit function to engagement if Service organisation's description does not fairly present in, all material respects, system service organization has such a function and as designed and implemented perform procedures Obtain written representations from service Controls related to control objectives were not suitably designed in all material respects In case of type 2 report, controls tested did not operate effectively in all material respects or organisation Service auditor is unable to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence modify opinion and Consider effect of subsequent events on give reasons for modification service auditor's assurance report

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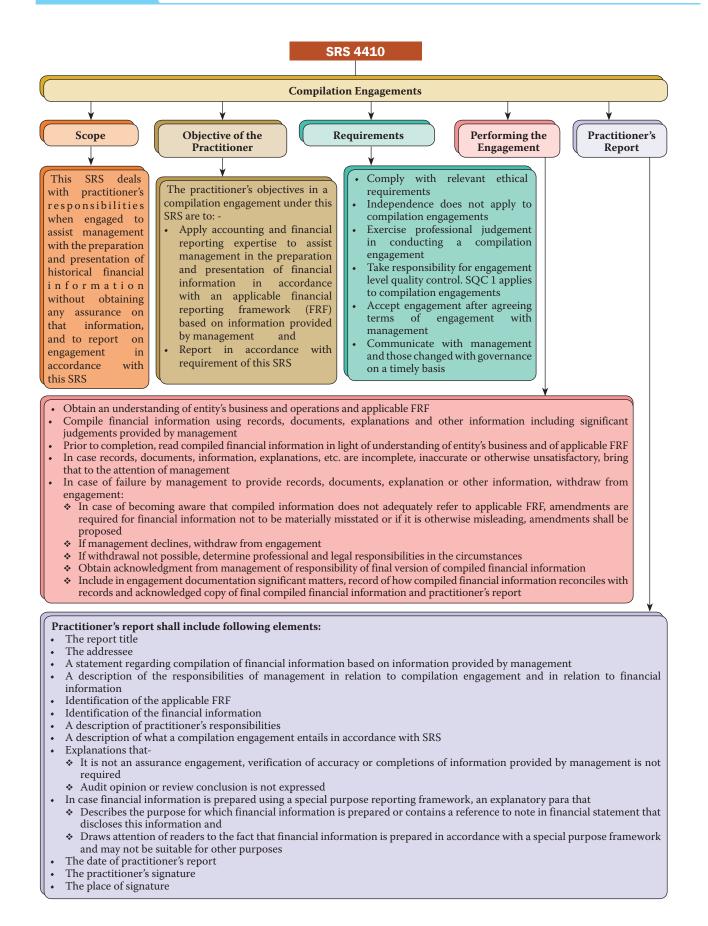


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