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Dear Steve

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ON AUDITING (UK AND IRELAND) 700, 705 AND 706**

ICAEW is pleased to respond to your request for comments on the APB Consultation Paper which proposes revisions to the above-named standards.

Please contact me should you wish to discuss any of the points raised in the attached response.

Yours sincerely

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## ICAEW REPRESENTATION

### **PROPOSED REVISIONS TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ON AUDITING (UK AND IRELAND) 700, 705 AND 706**

**Memorandum of comment submitted in May 2012 by ICAEW, in response to the APB Consultation Paper published in February 2012 which proposes revisions to the above-named standards**

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## INTRODUCTION

1. ICAEW welcomes the opportunity to comment on the APB Consultation Paper published on 23 February 2012, which proposes revisions to International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) (ISAs (UK&I)) 700, 705 and 706, a copy of which is available from this [link](#).

## WHO WE ARE

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## COMMENTS

### Support for the proposed revisions

5. We note that the APB's objective in proposing these revisions to ISAs (UK&I) 700, 705 and 706 is to make these standards effective in the Republic of Ireland. The proposed revisions should not affect the audit reports issued by UK auditors that follow the APB's illustrative examples in Bulletin 2010/2 (revised).
6. Our understanding is that the proposed changes do accurately reflect the different legislative requirements in the UK and the Republic of Ireland so that, with the changes, the standards will be in line with the respective countries' legal requirements for audit reports.
7. Furthermore, we agree with the need to tidy up these standards to take account of feedback following the original implementation of the standards and in particular to ensure consistency with the illustrative examples in Bulletin 2010/2 (revised).
8. We therefore support the APB making the proposed revisions to the standards to be effective as soon as is practicable.

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