### INDEPENDENT REGULATORY BOARD FOR AUDITORS

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## Revised Guide for Registered Auditors:

Assurance Engagements on Financial Service Providers' Separate Accounts (Section 19(3)) and Reporting Requirements (Section 19(4)) of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act

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The Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' (IRBA) Committee for Auditing Standards (CFAS), at its meeting on 28 May 2019, approved the issue of the Revised Guide for Registered Auditors: Assurance Engagements on Financial Service Providers' Separate Accounts (Section 19(3)) and Reporting Requirements (Section 19(4)) of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act (this Revised Guide) for use by registered auditors (auditors).

This Revised Guide provides guidance to auditors on various matters relating to the audit, limited assurance engagement and other reporting obligations for authorised financial services providers (Providers), in compliance with the requirements of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002 (Act No. 37 of 2002) as amended (the Act), and its subordinate legislation.

The purpose of this Revised Guide is to provide assistance to auditors of Providers with respect to the auditor's responsibilities:

- 1. To report to the Provider in terms of Section 19(3) of the Act;
- 2. To report to the Financial Sector Conduct Authority in terms of Section 19(4) of the Act; and
- 3. Relating to his/her other reporting obligations.

This Revised Guide has been updated for the following:

- 1. Clarifying that the limited assurance engagement (Section 19(3)) is conducted in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised), Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information;
- 2. Changes to legislation and the *IRBA Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors* (Revised November 2018);
- 3. Assurance related guidance in this regard; and
- 4. The auditor's other reporting responsibilities.

# **Effective Date**

This Revised Guide is effective for engagements commencing on or after 1 July 2019. Early adoption is permitted.

On the IRBA website (<a href="www.irba.co.za">www.irba.co.za</a>), this Revised Guide is available for downloading in both PDF and Word formats. Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Standards Department by email at <a href="mailto:standards@irba.co.za">standards@irba.co.za</a>.

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