

ICAI PEER REVIEW- ICAI ANNOUNCEMENT DTD 09.11.2022

Peer Review Phase I: Implemented from 01/04/2022

On April 1, 2022, the first phase of the peer review process has been implemented, which requires practice Units to obtain a Peer Review Certificate before conducting Statutory Audits of enterprises whose equity or debt securities are listed in India or abroad, as defined by the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. Practice Units covered by Phase I must submit a declaration form, which can be found at <https://forms.office.com/r/AA5Zpgdsrr>.

Peer Review Phase II: To be implemented from 01/04/2023

The second phase of the peer review process will begin on April 1, 2023, with Practice Units required to obtain a Peer Review Certificate before undertaking Statutory Audit of unlisted public companies with paid-up capital of not less than Rs. 500 crores, annual turnover of not less than Rs. 1000 crores, or outstanding loans, debentures, and deposits of not less than Rs. 500 crores as of March 31, 2023. Additionally, Practice Units that provide attestation services and have 5 or more partners must obtain a Peer Review Certificate before conducting any Statutory Audit.

Peer Review Phase III: Proposed Implementation date 01/04/2024

On April 1, 2024, Phase III of the peer review process is proposed to begin, requiring practise units to obtain a peer review certificate before undertaking statutory audits of entities that have raised funds from the public or banks or financial institutions in excess of fifty crores rupees during the period under review or of any body corporate, including trusts, that are covered under public interest entities. In addition, practise units that provide attestation services and have four or more partners must obtain a peer review certificate before conducting any statutory audit.

Peer Review Phase IV: Proposed Implementation date 01/04/2025

Phase IV of the peer review process is scheduled to begin on April 1, 2025, and will require practise units to obtain a peer review certificate before auditing public sector bank branches. In addition, practise units that provide attestation services and have three or more partners must have a peer review certificate before conducting any statutory audit.