



27 February 2024

**To: Members of the Hong Kong Institute of CPAs
All other interested parties**

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON *PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE DEFINITIONS OF LISTED ENTITY AND PUBLIC INTEREST ENTITY IN THE CODE*

Comments to be received by 27 April 2024

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants' ("Institute") Ethics Committee is seeking comments on the *Revisions to the Definitions of Listed Entity and Public Interest Entity in the Code*.

In April 2022, the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants ("IESBA") issued the revised provisions together with other conforming changes, [*Revisions to the Definitions of Listed Entity and Public Interest Entity in the Code*](#) ("PIE provisions"), in the *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Including International Independence Standards)* ("IESBA Code").

The PIE provisions revised the definitions of a listed entity and a public interest entity ("PIE") in the IESBA Code by specifying a broader list of categories of entities as PIEs whose audits and reviews should be subject to additional independence requirements. In adopting the PIE provisions, local standard-setting bodies are expected to delineate the specific entities that should be scoped in as PIEs in their jurisdictions which are relevant to their environments.

Chapter A of the Institute's *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the "Code") is converged with the IESBA Code.

The Ethics Committee proposes to amend Part 4A and other relevant sections in Chapter A of the Code to incorporate the changes in relation to the PIE provisions, with local refinements to define PIE more explicitly to align with the circumstances in Hong Kong. The proposed local refinements are set out in paragraph 400.18 A3 of the ED.

The ED should be read along with the Explanatory Memorandum ("EM") that accompanies it which have been posted on the Institute's website at:

<https://www.hkicpa.org.hk/en/Standards-setting/Standards/Open-for-comment-documents/Code-of-Ethics>

Questions for respondents have been included in Section VII "Guide for Respondents" of the EM to solicit specific feedback on the proposals in this ED.



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In accordance with the Institute's due process, comments are invited from any interested party and the Institute would like to hear from both those who do agree and those who do not agree with the contents of the ED.

Comments should be supported by specific reasoning and should be submitted in written form.

To allow your comments on the ED to be considered, comments are requested by the due date shown above.

Comments may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail to:

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Comments will be acknowledged and may be made available for public review unless otherwise requested by the contributor.