

CAQ Issues New Audit Alerts Summarizing Potential Risk Areas

October 13, 2015 — Yesterday, the Center for Audit Quality (CAQ) issued [CAQ Alert No. 2015-07](#), which consists of two alerts: (1) *Select Auditing Considerations for the 2015 Audit Cycle* (the “audit alert”) and (2) a companion alert, *Select Considerations for the 2015 Audit Cycle for Brokers and Dealers* (the “broker-dealer alert”). The audit alert and the broker-dealer alert discuss topics that were highlighted in the PCAOB’s [October 2015](#) and [August 2015](#) staff inspection briefs, respectively.

Topics discussed in the audit alert include:

- Professional skepticism.
- Internal control over financial reporting.
- Risk assessment and audit planning.
- Supervision of other auditors and multi-location audit engagements.
- Testing issuer-prepared data and reports.
- Cybersecurity.
- Revenue recognition.
- Auditing accounting estimates, including fair value measurements.
- Related parties and significant unusual transactions.

Topics discussed in the broker-dealer alert include:

- Staff inspection brief.
- Independence requirements.
- Revenue recognition.
- Engagement quality review.
- Related parties.
- Reliance on records and reports.
- Auditing accounting estimates, including fair value measurements.
- Supplemental information accompanying financial statements.
- Customer protection rule.
- Audit documentation.

For additional information, see the [press release](#) on the CAQ’s Web site.

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