



Memorandum

To: All Fellows, Affiliates, Associates, and Correspondents of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, and other interested parties

From: Tyrone G. Faulds, Chair
Actuarial Standards Board
Edward Gibson, Chair
Designated Group

Date: March 1, 2017

Subject: **Final Standards of Practice – Establishment of Social Security Practice-Specific Standards (Part 7000)**

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Introduction

The attached final standards were approved by the Actuarial Standards Board (ASB) on February 21, 2017.

Background

The ASB created a designated group (DG) responsible for developing these revisions to the Standards of Practice (SOP). The DG consists of Edward Gibson (Chair), Philippe Guèvremont, Sari Harrel, Tom Levy, Michel Montambeault, and Étienne Poulin.

A [notice of intent](#) to incorporate principles of International Standard of Actuarial Practice 2 – Financial Analysis of Social Security Programs (ISAP2) into the Canadian SOP was issued on October 8, 2014.

One comment was received from the Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada (AWCBC). The AWCBC agreed with the recommended approach of the DG to incorporate ISAP2 into the Canadian SOP, which was to "Develop a new section of the SOP for social security programs (part 7000)".

On October 30, 2015, an [exposure draft](#) (ED) was issued, proposing to add practice-specific standards for social security programs. A total of six detailed responses were received, from CIA members and other organizations. The DG took all comments into consideration and made revisions to the ED. The resulting revisions were considered by the DG and the ASB to be significant enough to require a re-exposure draft (RD).

On July 26, 2016, a [re-exposure draft](#) (RD) was issued, which dealt with the issues raised in the comments provided on the ED. Two comments were received from CIA members, which primarily identified opportunities to refine and clarify wording in the RD. These comments were taken under consideration by the DG and incorporated into the final standards where appropriate.

Due Process

The ASB's Policy on Due Process for the Adoption of Standards of Practice was followed in the development of these new standards.

Timeline and Effective Date

These final standards of practice are effective October 15, 2017. Early implementation is permitted.

TGF, EG