

# Memorandum

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To alert you to changes in professional standards, we periodically issue *Professional Standards Updates* (PSU).<sup>1</sup> These updates highlight the effective dates of recently issued standards and guidance related to engagements conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.<sup>2</sup> PSUs contain summary information only, and those affected by a change should refer to the respective standard or guidance for details.

This PSU has two sections:

- Section I identifies select standards and guidance with their respective effective dates. Section I contains standards effective for
  - audits of financial statements for periods ending after December 31, 2022;
  - attestation reports dated after December 31, 2022; and
  - accounting for reporting periods beginning after October 15, 2021.
- Section II identifies select standards and guidance that were issued from January 2023 through March 2023.

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<sup>1</sup>Previous PSUs can be found in the Related Publications section of <https://www.gao.gov/yellowbook>.

<sup>2</sup>GAO, *Government Auditing Standards: 2018 Revision Technical Update April 2021*, [GAO-21-368G](#) (Washington, D.C.: April 2021).

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## Section I: Effective Dates for Select Standards and Guidance

This section identifies select standards and guidance with their respective effective dates. In general, the standard setters mentioned in this section are those with standards and guidance that relate to auditing government entities. Table 1 is an overview. Detailed information follows the table. Those affected should refer to the respective standard or guidance for more information.

**Table 1: Effective Dates for Select Standards and Guidance**

Standard setter	Standard or guidance	Standards and guidance issued and effective dates
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)	Statements on Auditing Standards (SAS), Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE), and other guidance	<p><b>Effective for audits of financial statements for periods ending on or after December 15, 2022:</b>  <a href="#">SAS No. 142</a>, <i>Audit Evidence</i>  <a href="#">SAS No. 148</a>, <i>Amendment to AU-C Section 935</i> (amendment arising from SAS No. 142 only)</p> <p><b>Effective for audits of financial statements for periods ending on or after December 15, 2023:</b>  <a href="#">SAS No. 143</a>, <i>Auditing Accounting Estimates and Related Disclosures</i>  <a href="#">SAS No. 144</a>, <i>Amendments to AU-C Sections 501, 540, and 620 Related to the Use of Specialists and the Use of Pricing Information Obtained From External Information Sources</i>  <a href="#">SAS No. 145</a>, <i>Understanding the Entity and Its Environment and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement</i>  <a href="#">SAS No. 148</a>, <i>Amendment to AU-C Section 935</i> (amendments not arising from SAS No. 142)</p> <p><b>Effective for audits of financial statements for periods beginning on or after June 30, 2023:</b>  <a href="#">SAS No. 147</a>, <i>Inquiries of the Predecessor Auditor Regarding Fraud and Noncompliance with Laws and Regulations</i></p> <p><b>Effective for engagements for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2025:</b>  <a href="#">SAS No. 146</a>, <i>Quality Management for an Engagement Conducted in Accordance With Generally Accepted Auditing Standards</i></p> <p><b>Effective for engagements for periods ending on or after December 15, 2026:</b>  <a href="#">SAS No. 149</a>, <i>Special Considerations — Audits of Group Financial Statements (Including the Work of Component Auditors and Audits of Referred-to Auditors)</i></p>
Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB)	Statements of Financial Accounting Concepts (SFFAC), Statements of Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS), and other guidance	<p><b>Effective upon issuance:</b>  <a href="#">Federal Financial Accounting Technical Release 21</a>, <i>Omnibus Technical Release Amendments 2022: Conforming Amendments</i> (September 2022)</p> <p><b>Effective for reporting periods beginning after September 30, 2023:</b>  <a href="#">SFFAS 54</a>, <i>Leases: An Amendment of Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) 5, Accounting for Liabilities of the Federal Government, and SFFAS 6, Accounting for Property, Plant, and Equipment</i>  <a href="#">SFFAS 57</a>, <i>Omnibus Amendments 2019</i> (paras. 3–8, 11, and 12)  <a href="#">SFFAS 60</a>, <i>Omnibus Amendments 2021: Leases-Related Topics</i>  <a href="#">Federal Financial Accounting Technical Release 20</a>, <i>Implementation Guidance for Leases</i>  <a href="#">Technical Bulletin 2023-1</a>, <i>Intragovernmental Leasehold Reimbursable Work Agreements</i></p> <p><b>Effective for reporting periods beginning after September 30, 2025:</b>  <a href="#">SFFAS 59</a>,<sup>a</sup> <i>Accounting and Reporting of Government Land</i></p>
Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB)	Accounting Standards Updates (ASU)	A number of ASUs came into effect. To view the details and effective dates of ASUs, <a href="#">click here</a> .
Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)	Accounting concepts, standards, and implementation guides	<p><b>Effective upon issuance:</b>  <a href="#">GASB Statement No. 99</a>, <i>Omnibus 2022</i> (paras. 26–32) (April 2022)  <a href="#">GASB Concepts Statement No. 7</a>, <i>Communication Methods in General Purpose External Financial Reports That Contain Basic Financial Statements: Notes to Financial Statements</i> (June 2022)</p> <p><b>Effective for fiscal years or reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2021:</b>  <a href="#">GASB Statement No. 91</a>, <i>Conduit Debt Obligations</i>  <a href="#">GASB Implementation Guide No. 2020-1</a>, <i>Implementation Guidance Update—2020</i> (questions 4.6–4.17 and 4.19–4.21)</p> <p><b>Effective for fiscal years or reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022:</b>  <a href="#">GASB Statement No. 94</a>, <i>Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements</i>  <a href="#">GASB Statement No. 96</a>, <i>Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements</i>  <a href="#">GASB Statement No. 99</a>, <i>Omnibus 2022</i> (paras. 11–25)  <a href="#">GASB Implementation Guide No. 2021-1</a>, <i>Implementation Guidance Update—2021</i> (questions 4.1–4.21, 4.23, and 5.2–5.4)</p> <p><b>Effective for fiscal years or reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2023:</b>  <a href="#">GASB Statement No. 99</a>, <i>Omnibus 2022</i> (paras. 4–10)</p>

Standard setter	Standard or guidance	Standards and guidance issued and effective dates
		<a href="#">GASB Statement No. 100</a> , <i>Accounting Changes and Error Corrections—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62</i> <a href="#">GASB Implementation Guide No. 2021-1</a> , <i>Implementation Guidance Update—2021</i> (question 5.1) <b>Effective for fiscal years or reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2023:</b> <a href="#">GASB Statement No. 101</a> , <i>Compensated Absences</i>

Source: GAO analysis of standards setters' effective dates.

\*SFFAS 59 requires certain information to be presented as required supplementary information (RSI) for fiscal years 2022 through 2025. In fiscal year 2026, the statement requires such RSI to transition to note disclosures.

## A. AUDITING AND ATTESTATION STANDARDS AND GUIDANCE

### American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)

Statements on Auditing Standards (SAS) ([Click here for link](#))

#### **Effective for audits of financial statements for periods ending on or after December 15, 2022:**

- **SAS No. 142**, *Audit Evidence* (July 2020). This statement provides guidance on what constitutes audit evidence in an audit of financial statements and sets out attributes of information that the auditor takes into account when evaluating information to be used as audit evidence. Taking these attributes into account assists the auditor in maintaining professional skepticism.
- **SAS No. 148**, *Amendment to AU-C Section 935* (August 2022), amendment arising from SAS No. 142 only. AU-C section 935, *Compliance Audits*, addresses the application of generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS) to a compliance audit. Certain AU-C sections, or portions thereof, are not applicable to a compliance audit. These AU-C sections, or specified requirements thereof, are identified in the appendix to AU-C section 935. SAS No. 148 amends AU-C section 935 to update the appendix to reflect that an amendment to AU-C section 501, *Audit Evidence — Specific Considerations for Selected Items*, arising from the issuance of SAS No. 142, *Audit Evidence*, applies to compliance audits. Early implementation of this portion of SAS No. 148 is permitted in conjunction with early implementation of SAS No. 142.

#### **Effective for audits of financial statements for periods ending on or after December 15, 2023:**

- **SAS No. 143**, *Auditing Accounting Estimates and Related Disclosures* (July 2020). This statement addresses the auditor's responsibilities relating to accounting estimates, including fair value accounting estimates and related disclosures, in an audit of financial statements. It also includes requirements and guidance related to evaluating misstatements of accounting estimates and related disclosures and indicators of possible management bias.
- **SAS No. 144**, *Amendments to AU-C Sections 501, 540, and 620 Related to the Use of Specialists and the Use of Pricing Information Obtained From External Information Sources* (June 2021). This statement amended these sections by incorporating related Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) guidance as follows:
  - AU-C section 501, *Audit Evidence — Special Considerations for Selected Items*. This amendment adds application material from appendix A, "Using the Work of a Company's Specialist as Audit Evidence," of PCAOB Auditing Standard (AS) 1105, *Audit Evidence*, to enhance the quality of audits of nonissuers' financial statements.
  - AU-C section 540, *Auditing Accounting Estimates and Related Disclosures*. This amendment to AU-C section 540 adds a new appendix, "Use of Pricing Information From Third Parties as Audit Evidence," that provides guidance on using pricing information obtained from external information sources as audit evidence for estimates related to the fair value of financial instruments. This

appendix takes into account PCAOB AS 2501, *Auditing Accounting Estimates, Including Fair Value Measurements*, appendix A, “Special Topics, Identifying and Assessing Risks of Material Misstatement Related to the Fair Value of Financial Instruments.”

- AU-C section 620, *Using the Work of an Auditor’s Specialist*. This amendment adds material from PCAOB Release No. 2018-006, *Amendments to Auditing Standards for Auditor’s Use of the Work of Specialists*, to various application paragraphs to enhance the quality of audits of nonissuers’ financial statements.
- **SAS No. 145**, *Understanding the Entity and Its Environment and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement* (October 2021). This statement supersedes SAS No. 122, *Statements on Auditing Standards: Clarification and Reconciliation*, as amended, section 315, *Understanding the Entity and Its Environment and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement*, and amends various AU-C sections in AICPA Professional Standards. This statement enhances
  - requirements and guidance on identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement, particularly in the areas of obtaining an understanding the entity’s system of internal control and assessing control risk, and
  - guidance that addresses the economic, technological, and regulatory aspects of the markets and environment in which entities and audit firms operate.
- **SAS No. 148**, *Amendment to AU-C Section 935* (August 2022), amendments not arising from SAS No. 142. SAS No. 148 amends AU-C section 935, *Compliance Audits*, to conform AU-C section 935 to reflect the issuance of SAS No. 145, *Understanding the Entity and Its Environment and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement*. This statement also corrects an inconsistency in extant AU-C 935, updates the appendix to AU-C 935, and makes certain other editorial revisions for clarity or consistency with other AU-C sections. Early implementation of SAS No. 148 is permitted in conjunction with early implementation of SAS No. 145.

**Effective for audits of financial statements for periods beginning on or after June 30, 2023:**

- **SAS No. 147**, *Inquiries of the Predecessor Auditor Regarding Fraud and Noncompliance With Laws and Regulations* (June 2022). This statement supersedes SAS No. 122, *Statements on Auditing Standards: Clarification and Reconciliation*, as amended, section 210, *Terms of Engagement*. This statement requires an auditor, once management authorizes the predecessor auditor to respond to inquiries from the auditor, to inquire of the predecessor auditor regarding identified or suspected fraud or noncompliance with laws or regulations.

**Effective for engagements for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2025:**

- **SAS No. 146**, *Quality Management for an Engagement Conducted in Accordance With Generally Accepted Auditing Standards* (June 2022). This statement supersedes SAS No. 122, *Statements on Auditing Standards: Clarification and Reconciliation*, as amended, section 220, *Quality Control for an Engagement Conducted in Accordance With Generally Accepted Auditing Standards*, and amends various AU-C sections in AICPA Professional Standards. This statement addresses the specific responsibilities of the auditor regarding quality management at the engagement level for an audit of financial statements, and for other engagements conducted in accordance with GAAS, and the related responsibilities of the engagement partner.

**Effective for engagements for periods ending on or after December 15, 2026:**

- **SAS No. 149**, *Special Considerations — Audits of Group Financial Statements (Including the Work of Component Auditors and Audits of Referred-to Auditors)* (March 2023). This statement supersedes SAS No. 122, *Statements on Auditing Standards: Clarification and Recodification*, as amended, section 600, *Special Considerations — Audits of Group Financial Statements (Including the Work of*

*Component Auditors*), and amends various AU-C sections in AICPA Professional Standards. This statement addresses special considerations that apply to a group audit, including in circumstances in which component auditors are involved or when the group auditor makes reference to the audit of a referred-to auditor. The requirements and guidance in this statement refer to, or expand on, the application of other relevant AU-C sections to a group audit.

## **B. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND GUIDANCE**

### **Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board**

Concepts, Statements, Technical Bulletins, Interpretations, and Technical Releases ([Click here for link](#))

#### **Effective upon Issuance**

- **Federal Financial Accounting Technical Release 21**, *Omnibus Technical Release Amendments 2022: Conforming Amendments* (September 2022). This technical release provides conforming amendments to Technical Release 10, *Implementation Guidance on Asbestos Cleanup Costs Associated with Facilities and Installed Equipment*; Technical Release 11, *Implementation Guidance on Cleanup Costs Associated with Equipment*; Technical Release 14, *Implementation Guidance on the Accounting for the Disposal of General Property, Plant & Equipment*; and Technical Release 20, *Implementation Guidance for Leases*.

#### **Effective for reporting periods beginning after September 30, 2023:**

- **Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS 54)**, *Leases: An Amendment of Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) 5, Accounting for Liabilities of the Federal Government, and SFFAS 6, Accounting for Property, Plant, and Equipment* (April 2018). This statement revises the financial reporting standards for federal lease accounting. It provides a comprehensive set of lease accounting standards to recognize federal lease activities in the reporting entity's general purpose federal financial reports and includes appropriate disclosures. Early adoption is not permitted.
- **SFFAS 57**, *Omnibus Amendments 2019*, paragraphs 3–8, 11, and 12 (September 2019). This statement addresses consistency issues and other improvements identified during implementation and application of certain federal accounting standards. Early adoption is not permitted.
- **SFFAS 60**, *Omnibus Amendments 2021: Leases-Related Topics* (November 2021). This statement amends paragraphs in SFFAS 54, *Leases*; SFFAS 57, *Omnibus Amendments 2019*; SFFAS 5, *Accounting for Liabilities of the Federal Government*; and SFFAS 6, *Accounting for Property, Plant, and Equipment*. These changes are necessary technical corrections and clarifications and other omnibus changes to address areas of concern with implementing these statements' standards.
- **Federal Financial Accounting Technical Release 20**, *Implementation Guidance for Leases* (November 2021). This technical release assists reporting entities in implementing SFFAS 54, *Leases*.
- **Technical Bulletin 2023-1**, *Intragovernmental Leasehold Reimbursable Work Agreements* (March 2023). This technical bulletin provides accounting and reporting requirements for intragovernmental leasehold reimbursable work agreements (often referred to in practice as reimbursable work authorizations). Early adoption is not permitted.

#### **Effective for reporting periods beginning after September 30, 2025:**

- **SFFAS 59**, *Accounting and Reporting of Government Land* (July 2021). This statement
  - requires reclassifying general property, plant, and equipment (G-PP&E) land as a non-capitalized asset for periods beginning after September 30, 2025;



- clarifies the definition for the stewardship land category;
- requires the reporting of acreage of G-PP&E land and stewardship land using three predominant use subcategories: conservation and preservation land, operational land, and commercial use land; and
- requires consistent and comparable disclosures of information for land.

Acreage information by predominant use is reported in required supplementary information for fiscal years 2022 through 2025. This information will transition to basic information within note disclosures in fiscal year 2026, when the asset dollar amounts for G-PP&E land and permanent land rights are removed from the balance sheet. Early adoption is not permitted.

## **Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB)**

### **Accounting Standards Updates (ASU)**

- The FASB Accounting Standards Codification® (FASB Codification) is the sole source of authoritative generally accepted accounting principles other than Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)–issued rules and regulations that apply only to SEC registrants. FASB issues ASUs to communicate changes to the FASB Codification, including changes to nonauthoritative SEC content. ASUs are not authoritative standards. To view details and the effective dates of ASUs, [click here](#).

## **Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)**

### **Statements and Implementation Guides** ([Click here for link](#))

#### **Effective upon Issuance**

- **GASB Statement No. 99**, *Omnibus 2022*, paragraphs 26–32 (April 2022). This statement enhances comparability in accounting and financial reporting and improves the consistency of authoritative literature. Specifically, it addresses practice issues identified during implementation and application of certain other statements. These paragraphs cover the following topics:
  - Replacement of London Interbank Offered Rate
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
  - Disclosure of Nonmonetary Transactions
  - Pledges of Future Revenues When Resources Are Not Received by the Pledging Government
  - Focus of the Government-Wide Financial Statements
  - Terminology Updates
- **GASB Concepts Statement No. 7**, *Communication Methods in General Purpose External Financial Reports That Contain Basic Financial Statements: Notes to Financial Statements, an amendment of GASB Concepts Statement No. 3* (June 2022). This concepts statement provides a framework of interrelated objectives and fundamental principles that can be used to establish consistent accounting and financial reporting standards for notes included in basic financial statements. It describes the purpose of notes to financial statements and the users of those notes. It also defines criteria for disclosing information in notes to financial statements and provides characteristics of essential information the notes to financial statements should possess. This concepts statement supersedes paragraphs 35 through 39 of Concepts Statement No. 3, *Communication Methods in General Purpose External Financial Reports That Contain Basic Financial Statements*, which address the communication method of disclosure in notes to financial statements.

#### **Effective for fiscal years or reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2021:**

- **GASB Statement No. 91**, *Conduit Debt Obligations* (May 2019). This statement has two objectives: (1) to provide a single method by which issuers report conduit debt obligations and (2) to eliminate

diversity in practice associated with (a) commitments that issuers extended, (b) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (c) related note disclosures. Earlier application is encouraged.

- **GASB Implementation Guide No. 2020-1, *Implementation Guidance Update—2020*** (April 2020). Earlier application is encouraged if the pronouncement addressed by the question and answer has been implemented. New questions and answers (questions 4.6–4.17 and 4.19–4.21) coming into effect for the referenced time period relate to Leases and GASB Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*.

**Effective for fiscal years or reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022:**

- **GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*** (March 2020). This statement addresses issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements. This statement provides accounting and financial reporting requirements for such partnership arrangements that
  - do not meet the definition of a lease as defined in GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended and clarified by this statement, and
  - do not meet the definition of a service concession arrangement.

This statement also provides guidance for accounting and financial reporting for availability payment arrangements. Earlier application is encouraged.

- **GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*** (May 2020). This statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITA) for government end users. This statement
  - defines an SBITA;
  - establishes that an SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability;
  - provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of an SBITA; and
  - requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA.

To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended. Earlier application is encouraged.

- **GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022***, paragraphs 11–25 (April 2022). This statement enhances comparability in accounting and financial reporting and improves the consistency of authoritative literature. Specifically, it addresses practice issues identified during implementation and application of certain other statements. These paragraphs cover the following topics:
  - Leases
  - Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships
  - SBITAs

Earlier application is encouraged and is permitted by individual topic to the extent that all requirements associated with a topic are implemented simultaneously.

- **GASB Implementation Guide No. 2021-1, *Implementation Guidance Update—2021*** (May 2021). Earlier application is encouraged if the pronouncement addressed by the question and answer has been implemented.

New questions and answers (questions 4.1–4.21 and 4.23) relate to Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments; Fiduciary Activities; Leases; and GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

Revised questions and answers (questions 5.2–5.4) from Implementation Guide 2015-1 relate to (1) Basic Financial Statements and Management’s Discussion and Analysis and (2) GASB Statement No. 48, *Sales and Pledges of Receivables and Future Revenues and Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets and Future Revenues*.

**Effective for fiscal years or reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2023:**

- **GASB Statement No. 99**, *Omnibus 2022*, paragraphs 4–10 (April 2022). This statement enhances comparability in accounting and financial reporting and improves the consistency of authoritative literature. Specifically, it addresses practice issues identified during implementation and application of certain other statements. These paragraphs cover the following topics:
  - Financial Guarantees
  - Derivative Instruments

Earlier application is encouraged and is permitted by individual topic to the extent that all requirements associated with a topic are implemented simultaneously.

- **GASB Statement No. 100**, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62* (June 2022). This statement enhances the accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. Earlier application is encouraged.
- **GASB Implementation Guide No. 2021-1**, *Implementation Guidance Update—2021* (May 2021). Earlier application is encouraged if the pronouncement addressed by the question and answer has been implemented.

The revised question and answer (question 5.1) coming into effect for the referenced time period relate to Implementation Guide 2015-1, *Basic Financial Statements and Management’s Discussion and Analysis*.

**Effective for fiscal years or reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2023:**

- **GASB Statement No. 101**, *Compensated Absences* (June 2022). This statement updates the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. Earlier application is encouraged.

## Section II: Select Standards and Guidance Issued January 2023 through March 2023

This section includes select standards and related guidance issued during the period covered by this *Professional Standards Update (PSU)*—January 2023 through March 2023—to the extent that such materials were publicly available as of March 31, 2023. The section also identifies the standard setters whose publications and updates we review to prepare PSUs. These updates highlight the recent issuance and key points of standards and related guidance. This PSU only summarizes the standards or guidance. Those affected by these changes should refer to the respective standard or guidance for details.

### A. AUDITING AND ATTESTATION STANDARDS AND GUIDANCE

#### Government Accountability Office (GAO)

Government Auditing Standards ([Click here for link](#))

- Government Auditing Standards were not updated during the period covered by this PSU.

Government Auditing Standards Exposure Draft ([Click here for link](#))

- **Government Auditing Standards: [2023 Exposure Draft](#)** (January 2023). GAO is proposing a 2023 revision of the Yellow Book, which updates chapter 5, Quality Control and Peer Review. The proposed standard emphasizes the responsibility of the audit organization’s leadership for proactively managing quality on its engagements and requires a risk-based approach to design, implement, and operate a system of quality management. The proposed standard also takes into account that the nature, extent, and formality of an audit organization’s quality management system will vary based on an audit organization’s circumstances, including size, geographic dispersion, and complexity of audit work. GAO is also proposing guidance to address key audit matters in financial audits.

#### American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)

Statements on Auditing Standards (SAS) ([Click here for link](#))

- **SAS No. 149, *Special Considerations — Audits of Group Financial Statements (Including the Work of Component Auditors and Audits of Referred-to Auditors)*** (March 2023). This statement supersedes SAS No. 122, *Statements on Auditing Standards: Clarification and Recodification*, as amended, section 600, *Special Considerations — Audits of Group Financial Statements (Including the Work of Component Auditors)*, and amends various AU-C sections in AICPA Professional Standards. This statement addresses special considerations that apply to a group audit, including in circumstances in which component auditors are involved or when the group auditor makes reference to the audit of a referred-to auditor. The requirements and guidance in this statement refer to, or expand on, the application of other relevant AU-C sections to a group audit. This statement is effective for audits of group financial statements for periods ending on or after December 15, 2026.

Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE) ([Click here for link](#))

- There were no new SSAEs issued during the period covered by this PSU.

Professional Standards ([Click here for link](#))

*U.S. Auditing Standards – AICPA (Clarified) [AU-C]* (January 2023)

This update revises AU-C appendix B, *Substantive Differences Between the International Standards on Auditing and Generally Accepted Auditing Standards*.

## Code of Professional Conduct [ET] (January 2023)

This update revises the following interpretations:

- “New and Revised Interpretations and Other Guidance” (ET sec. 0.600.010)
- “Pending Interpretations and Other Guidance” (ET sec. 0.600.020)
- “Information Systems Services” (ET sec. 1.295.145)

### Other Guidance ([Click here for link](#))

- *Risk Assessment in a Financial Statement Audit* (January 2023). The 2022 edition of this guide assists auditors in identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in a financial statement audit. This guide particularly focuses on how to apply SAS No. 145, *Understanding the Entity and Its Environment and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement*, to audits of financial statements of less complex entities. Key topics include changes and revisions to AU-C section 315, *Understanding the Entity and Its Environment and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement*, due to the issuance of SAS No. 145, risk assessment procedures and related activities, understanding the components of the entity’s system of internal control, and identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement.
- *Reporting on an Examination of Controls at a Service Organization Relevant to User Entities’ Internal Control Over Financial Reporting (SOC 1®)* (February 2023). This guide provides engagement guidance for planning, performing, and reporting on a service auditor’s engagement under AT-C section 320, *Reporting on an Examination of Controls at a Service Organization Relevant to User Entities’ Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*.

## **B. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND GUIDANCE**

### **Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board**

Concepts, Statements, Technical Bulletins, Interpretations, and Technical Releases ([Click here for link](#))

- [Technical Bulletin 2023-1](#), *Intragovernmental Leasehold Reimbursable Work Agreements* (March 2023). This technical bulletin provides accounting and reporting requirements for intragovernmental leasehold reimbursable work agreements (often referred to in practice as reimbursable work authorizations). The requirements of this statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after September 30, 2023. Early adoption is not permitted.

### **Financial Accounting Standards Board**

Accounting Standards Updates (ASU) (listed only) ([Click here for link](#))

- [ASU No. 2023-01](#), *Leases (Topic 842): Common Control Arrangements* (March 2023)
- [ASU No. 2023-02](#), *Investments—Equity Method and Joint Ventures (Topic 323): Accounting for Investments in Tax Credit Structures Using the Proportional Amortization Method (a consensus of the Emerging Issues Task Force)* (March 2023)

### **Governmental Accounting Standards Board**

Statements, Concepts, Technical Bulletins, Interpretations, and Implementation Guides ([Click here for link](#))

- There were no relevant new or updated concepts, statements, technical bulletins, interpretations, or implementation guides issued during the period covered by this PSU.

## C. REGULATORY GUIDANCE

### Office of Management and Budget

Circulars ([Click here for link](#))

- There were no relevant new or updated circulars issued during the period covered by this PSU.

Memoranda (listed only) ([Click here for link](#))

- There were no relevant new or updated memoranda issued during the period covered by this PSU.

### Department of the Treasury

Treasury Financial Manual (TFM) Chapters ([Click here for link](#))

- There were no relevant new or updated TFM chapters issued during the period covered by this PSU.

TFM Bulletins ([Click here for link](#))

- [TFM, Volume I, Bulletin No. 2023-04](#), *Change to Bulletin No. 2023-02, U.S. Standard General Ledger (USSGL) — A Treasury Financial Manual (TFM) Supplement* (March 8, 2023), notifies agencies that Part 1 and Part 2 of the USSGL Supplement have been revised for fiscal years 2023 and 2024. Part 1 requirements for fiscal year 2023 and Part 2 requirements for fiscal year 2024 are effective immediately.
- [TFM, Volume I, Bulletin No. 2023-06](#), *Classification, Transactions, and Accountability (CTA) for CARS Reporters* (March 23, 2023), discusses policies and procedures for how entities perform reclassification of transactions.

## D. INTERNATIONAL AUDITING STANDARDS AND GUIDANCE

### International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB)

The IAASB sets international standards for auditing, quality control, review, other assurance, and related services and facilitates the convergence of international and national standards. To review recently issued IAASB pronouncements, [click here](#).

## E. INTERNAL AUDIT GUIDANCE

### Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)

The International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF) is the conceptual framework that organizes authoritative guidance that the IIA promulgates. Authoritative guidance includes mandatory guidance and recommended guidance. Elements of mandatory guidance include *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing* and IIA's Code of Ethics. Recommended guidance includes implementation guidance and supplemental guidance. IIA implementation guidance assist internal auditors in applying the standards. IIA supplemental guidance provides detailed processes and procedures for internal audit practitioners. To review recently issued IIA standards, [click here](#), and to review recommended guidance, [click here](#).