

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING COUNCIL

APPLICATION OF RECOGNITION OF OVERSEAS AUDITORS INFORMATION OF THE OVERSEAS AUDITOR (FORM B)

IMPORTANT:

Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance: The information requested in this application form may include personal data as defined in the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486). Please refer to the "[Personal Information Collection Statement](#)" which sets out the policies and practices of the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council ("AFRC") with regard to any personal data provided.

The requirements and procedures for the application for the recognition of overseas auditor are set out in the "[Guide for the Recognition of Overseas Auditors](#)" ("Guide"). Please read the Guide before completing this application form.

The AFRC may verify or audit any of the information provided in this application form, whether before or after a decision on the application is made.

SUBMISSION OR ENQUIRIES:

The completed application form should be sent with all supporting documents by post to the AFRC, or by email to recognition@afrc.org.hk followed by post:

Policy, Registration and Oversight Department
Accounting and Financial Reporting Council
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Section 1 General information of the overseas entity	
1.1	Full name of the entity (the Overseas Entity)
1.2	Stock code(s) and places(s) of listing, where applicable
1.3	Type of Overseas Entity <input type="checkbox"/> A corporation
	<input type="checkbox"/> A collective investment scheme
1.4	Correspondence address

Section 2 General information of the overseas auditor	
Name and contact information	
2.1	Full name of the auditor to undertake the PIE engagement(s) for the Overseas Entity (the Overseas Auditor)
2.2	Legal form
2.3	Home country
2.4	Business address
2.5	Correspondence address
2.6	Phone number, including country and area codes
2.7	Fax number, including country and area codes

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2.8	Email address	
2.9	Website address	
Primary contact person		
2.10	Last name	
2.11	First name	
2.12	Title/position in the Overseas Auditor	
2.13	Correspondence address	
2.14	Phone number, including country and area codes	
2.15	Fax number, including country and area codes	
2.16	Email address	
Network¹		
2.17	Does the Overseas Auditor belong to a network?	
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> (proceed to section 3)
2.18	Name of the network	
2.19	Provide an Annex with a description of the network including at least the governance structure and a list of names of all members of the network. Alternatively, if the website of the network contains such a description, a link to the relevant web page may be provided.	
	Web page address	

¹ A “network” is (a) the larger structure which is aimed at cooperation and to which the overseas auditor belongs; and (b) which is clearly aimed at profit or cost-sharing or shares common ownership, control or management, or shares common quality-control policies and procedures, or shares a common business strategy, or shares the use of a common branch-name or shares a significant part of professional resources.

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Section 3 Accountancy body and regulatory organization		
Accountancy body		
3.1	Name of the accountancy body in the home country (the Accountancy Body) as given in section 2.3 of which/with which the Overseas Auditor is a member/registered	
3.2	Correspondence address	
3.3	Phone number, including country and area codes	
3.4	Fax number, including country and area codes	
3.5	Email address	
3.6	Membership/Registration number of the Overseas Auditor in the Accountancy Body, where applicable	
3.7	Indicate if the Accountancy Body is a member of the International Federation of Accountants (the IFAC) ² .	
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.8	Indicate if over 50% of partners of the Overseas Auditor are the members of the Accountancy Body that is a member of IFAC.	
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

² According to section 20ZF(2)(b)(i) of the AFRCO, an application for recognition will not be granted unless the overseas auditor is a member of an accountancy body that is a member of the International Federation of Accountants.

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Regulatory organization	
3.9	Name of the regulatory organization in the home country as given in section 2.3 with jurisdiction over the registration, external quality assurance review, investigation and disciplinary sanctions over the Overseas Auditor (the Regulatory Organization)
3.10	Correspondence address
3.11	Phone number, including country and area codes
3.12	Fax number, including country and area codes
3.13	Email address
3.14	Indicate if the Regulatory Organization is a member of the International Forum of Independent Audit Regulators (the IFIAR).
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.15	Indicate if the Regulatory Organization is from a jurisdiction which has attained equivalence status granted by the European Commission under Article 46 of Statutory Audit Directive 2006/43/EC.
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Section 4 Governance structure	
Governance structure	
4.1	Provide an Annex with a description of the governance structure of the Overseas Auditor. Alternatively, if the website of the Overseas Auditor contains such a description, a link to the relevant web page may be provided.
	Web page address
Members of the board/committee	
4.2	List the names, qualifications and registration details for each member of the board/committee responsible for the governance of the Overseas Auditor. Use Form B1 – Members of Board/Committee as an Annex.

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Section 5 Internal quality control system

5.1	Provide an Annex with a description of the policies and procedures of the internal quality control system of the Overseas Auditor, which address the following areas: (a) leadership responsibilities for quality; (b) acceptance and continuance of client relationships and specific engagements; (c) human resources; (d) engagement performance; and (e) monitoring.
5.2	Provide the number of partners of the Overseas Auditor eligible to perform an engagement quality control review on audit and other assurance engagements.

Section 6 Ethics and independence

6.1	Provide an Annex with a description of the ethics and independence policies, procedures and practices of the Overseas Auditor.
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Section 7 PIE engagement

Auditing standards

7.1	Auditing and assurance standards to be adopted in carrying out the PIE engagement(s) of the Overseas Entity.
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Engagement partner³

7.2	Name of the engagement partner responsible for the PIE engagement(s) of the Overseas Entity (the Engagement Partner)
7.3	Years of experience in auditing and/or accounting

³ “Engagement partner” refers to a partner or other person of the Overseas Auditor who is responsible for the engagement and its performance, and for the report that is issued on behalf of the Overseas Auditor, and who, where required, has the appropriate authority from a professional, legal or regulatory body.

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7.4	Professional qualification(s)	
	Name(s) of the professional body/bodies granting the qualification(s)	
	Registration number(s) in the professional body/bodies, where applicable	
7.5	Correspondence address of the Engagement Partner	
7.6	Telephone number of the Engagement Partner, including country code and area codes	
7.7	Fax number of the Engagement Partner, including country code and area codes	
7.8	Email address of the Engagement Partner	
Engagement quality control reviewer⁴		
7.9	Name of the engagement quality control reviewer responsible for the PIE engagement(s) of the Overseas Entity (the EQCR)	
7.10	Years of experience in auditing and/or accounting	

⁴ “Engagement quality control reviewer” refers to a partner, other person of the Overseas Auditor, suitably qualified external person, or a team made up of such individuals, none of whom is part of the engagement team, with sufficient and appropriate experience and authority to objectively evaluate the significant judgments the engagement team made and the conclusions it reached in formulating the report.

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7.11	Professional qualification(s)	
	Name(s) of the professional body/bodies granting the qualification(s)	
	Registration number(s) in the professional body/bodies, where applicable	
7.12	Correspondence address of the EQCR	
7.13	Telephone number of the EQCR, including country code and area codes	
7.14	Fax number of the EQCR, including country code and area codes	
7.15	Email address of the EQCR	
Key engagement team members⁵		
7.16	Number of key engagement team member(s) responsible for the PIE engagement(s) of the Overseas Entity (the Key Engagement Team Members)	
7.17	Number of certified public accountants (or equivalent) among the Key Engagement Team Members	

⁵ “Key engagement team member” refers to any individual, whether a partner or staff member, who is expected to incur more than 10% of the total estimated hours for completing a PIE engagement of the Overseas Entity (but excluding the Engagement Partner, the EQCR and any individual engaged by a network firm).

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Experience in carrying out the PIE engagement

7.18 Provide an **Annex** with a description of the experience of the Engagement Partner, the EQCR and the Key Engagement Team Members respectively in carrying out audit and other assurance engagements for entities with similar business operations as the Overseas Entity.

Section 8 Continuing professional education

8.1	Please declare if the Engagement Partner, the EQCR and the Key Engagement Team Members comply with the following requirements:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of at least 120 hours of relevant professional development activities⁶ in each rolling three-year period, of which 60 hours shall be verifiable⁷; and • Completion of at least 20 hours (either verifiable or non-verifiable) of relevant professional development activity in each year. 	
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	We declare that the Engagement Partner, the EQCR and the Key Engagement Team Members comply with the above requirements.
	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>We cannot declare that the Engagement Partner, the EQCR and the Key Engagement Team Members comply with the above requirements.</p> <p>Indicate which of the above personnel do not comply with the above requirements and provide details of such non-compliance.</p>

⁶ Relevant professional development activities refer to learning activities, which develop the professional knowledge, professional skills and professional values of the individuals and are relevant to their current and future work, professional responsibilities, helping them to enhance the understanding of the trends and environment in which they are working as a certified public accountant. Learning activities to improve business skills, such as leadership, negotiation, management and presentation skills can also be recognized as relevant professional development activities.

⁷ Learning activities will be counted as verifiable hours so long as they can be objectively verified by a competent source. Such sources include attendance records, examination result slips, confirmation of registration for online courses etc. Evidence may also include independent assessment that a learning activity has occurred e.g. certificates of achievement; confirmation by an instructor, mentor or tutor of participation; or confirmation by an employer of participation in an in-house programme.

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Section 9 External quality assurance review	
9.1	Has the Overseas Auditor been subject to an external quality assurance review? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> (proceed to section 9.2) No <input type="checkbox"/> (proceed to section 10)
9.2	For each of the most recent external quality assurance review conducted by the regulatory organization(s) in the home country or other jurisdiction(s) on the Overseas Auditor in the previous five years, provide the information as set out in sections 9.3 to 9.7.
9.3	Name of the regulatory organization
	(1)
	(2)
	(3)
9.4	Country of the regulatory organization
	(1)
	(2)
	(3)
9.5	Date when the external quality assurance review was carried out
	(1)
	(2)
	(3)
9.6	Provide a copy of the report of each external quality assurance review issued by the regulatory organization (the Inspection Report). If the Inspection Report is not provided, explain in an Annex why the Inspection Report is not provided.
9.7	Provide an Annex with a description of the following information of each external quality assurance review: (a) Whether an engagement performed by: - the Overseas Auditor for the Overseas Entity, - the Engagement Partner, or - the EQCR was subject to the review; (b) The result of the review; (c) The main shortcomings identified; (d) The remedial measures that have been taken/to be taken by the Overseas Auditor to address the shortcomings; and (e) Whether the regulatory organization was satisfied with the remedial measures.

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Section 10 Good repute					
10.1	<p>Has a previous application for registration of the Overseas Auditor in any jurisdiction been rejected in the previous five years?</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Provide the following information in an Annex: (a) Name of the authority; (b) Country of the authority; and (c) Reason of the rejection. </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> No <input type="checkbox"/> Proceed to section 10.2 </td> </tr> </table>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Provide the following information in an Annex : (a) Name of the authority; (b) Country of the authority; and (c) Reason of the rejection.	No <input type="checkbox"/> Proceed to section 10.2		
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10.2	<p>Indicate if there is disciplinary case against the Overseas Auditor, the Engagement Partner and/or the EQCR in the previous five years.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Provide the following information in an Annex: (a) Name of the authority; (b) Country of the authority; and (c) Details of the case. </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> No <input type="checkbox"/> Proceed to section 10.3 </td> </tr> </table>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Provide the following information in an Annex : (a) Name of the authority; (b) Country of the authority; and (c) Details of the case.	No <input type="checkbox"/> Proceed to section 10.3		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Provide the following information in an Annex : (a) Name of the authority; (b) Country of the authority; and (c) Details of the case.	No <input type="checkbox"/> Proceed to section 10.3				
10.3	<p>Are the Overseas Auditor, the Engagement Partner and the EQCR of good repute?</p> <p>In order to assess whether or not the Overseas Auditor, the Engagement Partner and the EQCR are of good repute, questions in “Declaration of Good Repute” in relation to the Overseas Auditor (Part I) and in relation to the Engagement Partners (Part II) and the EQCR (Part III) should be completed.</p> <p>If the answer to any of the questions in “Declaration of Good Repute” is “Yes”, additional information and explanation as necessary should be provided to enable the AFRC to assess good repute of the Overseas Auditor, the Engagement Partner and the EQCR.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%; padding: 5px;">Yes <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="padding: 5px;">We declare that the Overseas Auditor, the Engagement Partner and the EQCR are of good repute.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">No <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="padding: 5px;">We cannot declare that the Overseas Auditor, the Engagement Partner and the EQCR are of good repute. Provide details.</td> </tr> </table>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	We declare that the Overseas Auditor, the Engagement Partner and the EQCR are of good repute.	No <input type="checkbox"/>	We cannot declare that the Overseas Auditor, the Engagement Partner and the EQCR are of good repute. Provide details.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	We declare that the Overseas Auditor, the Engagement Partner and the EQCR are of good repute.				
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Section 11 Declarations and signature

We confirm that the information provided in this application form and the annexes (section 12) are complete and true. We will notify the AFRC in writing within 14 days of any change in the information required in this application form and the annexes (section 12).

This application form should be signed by an authorized person on behalf of the Overseas Auditor, and submitted to the AFRC at the following address by post, or by email to recognition@afrc.org.hk followed by post:

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Last name	
First name	
Title/Position in the Overseas Auditor	
Date	
Signature (must be signed by an authorized person on behalf of the Overseas Auditor)	

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Section 12 Summary of annexes		
Indicate if the following annexes are provided:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 2.19	Description of the network
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 4.1	Description of the governance structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 4.2	Form B1 – Members of Board/Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 5.1	Description of the internal quality control system
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 6.1	Description of the ethics and independence policies, procedures and practices
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 7.18	Description of the experience of the Engagement Partner, the EQCR, and the Key Engagement Team Members
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 9.6	Inspection Report(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 9.6	Description of the reason(s) why the Inspection Report is not provided
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 9.7	Information of the external quality assurance review(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 10.1	Information of the rejected application(s) for registration of the Overseas Auditor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 10.2	Information of the disciplinary case(s) against the Overseas Auditor, the Engagement Partner and/or the EQCR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 10.3	Declaration of Good Repute of the Overseas Auditor, the Engagement Partner, and the EQCR