

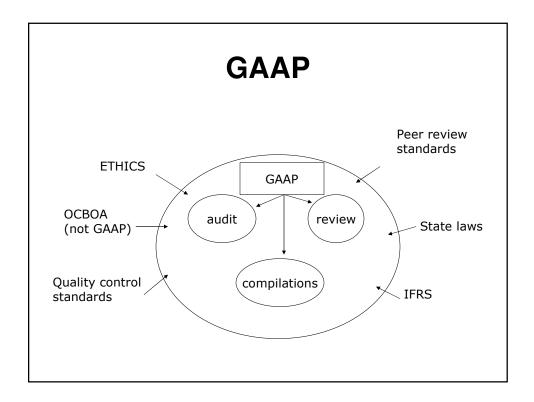


Background information

- Local CPA firm
- Audits
- Reviews
- Compilations
- Tax preparation
- Consultation

Course Objectives

- Understanding professional standards and industry practices of CIRAs
- SSARS Update for CIRAs





Other Professional Standards

- Ethics (as applies) (ET)
- Tax Services (TS)
- Personal Financial Planning (PFP)
- Valuation Services (VS)
- Consulting Services (CS)
- Bylaws (BL)
- Continuing Professional Education (CPE)
- International (as applies)

AICPA Code of Professional Conduct

 "The Code of Professional Conduct was adopted by the membership to provide guidance and rules to all members - those in public practice, in industry, in government, and in education - in the performance of their professional responsibilities." (Intro. to Code)

CIRA Guide

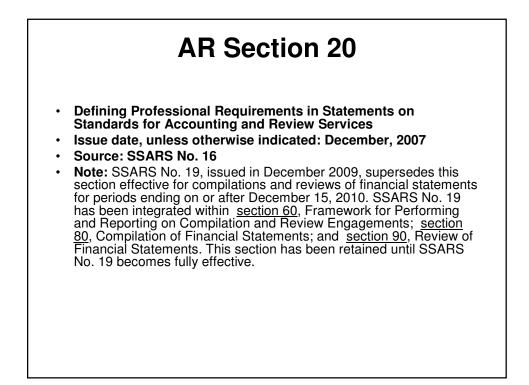
- · Current professional standards apply
- Single most authoritative source of GAAP is the <u>Accounting Standards Codification</u> (ASC) from the FASB.
- The ASC replaces the CIRA Guide for GAAP.
- Most authoritative source of Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) is the AICPA's CIRA Guide, <u>Audits of Common Interest Realty</u> <u>Associations.</u>

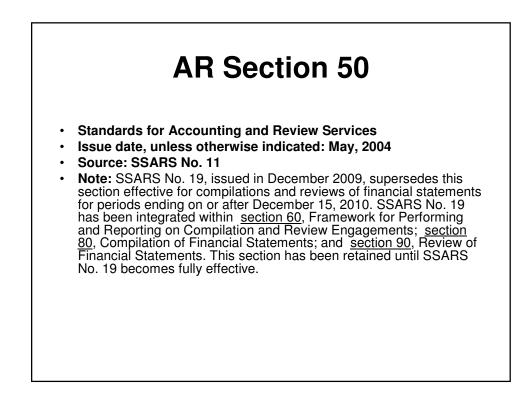


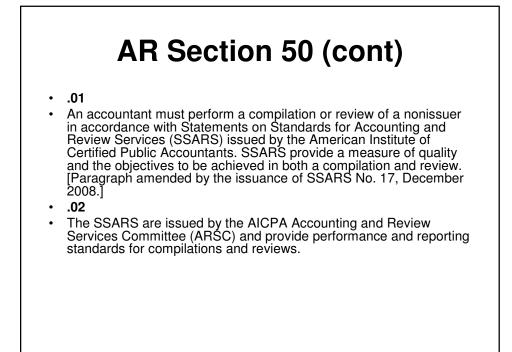
CIRAs and SSARS

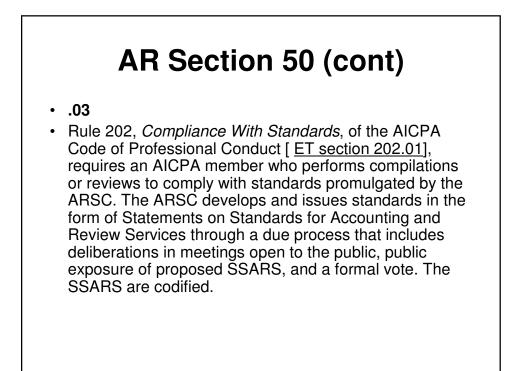
- Pertain primarily to Compilation and Review Engagements
- GAAP is applicable to SSARS engagements
- May use other than SSARS Standards for guidance and definition
- Major changes brought on by SSARS 19.

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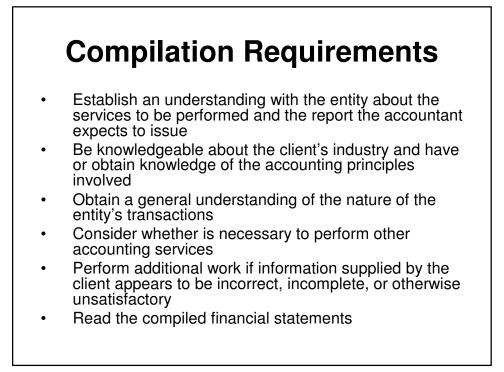




Compilation Financial Statements

- Financial statements include:
- Balance sheet
- Statement of income
- Statement of retained earnings
- Statement of cash flows
- Statement of changes in owners' equity

- Statement of assets and liabilities
- Statement of revenue and expenses
- Summary of operations
- Statement of operations by product lines
- Statement of cash receipts and disbursements



Submission of Financial Statements

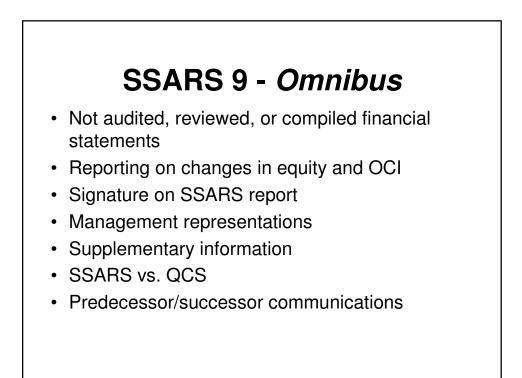
- Critical to SSARS
- When financials are deemed to be submitted – SSARS applies
- When not submitted not applicable

When are Compilations and Review Required ?

- SSARS 8 Amendment to Statement on Standards for Accounting and Review Services No. 1, Compilation and Review of Financial Statements
- Under SSARS 8, two conditions are necessary in order to submit financial statements.

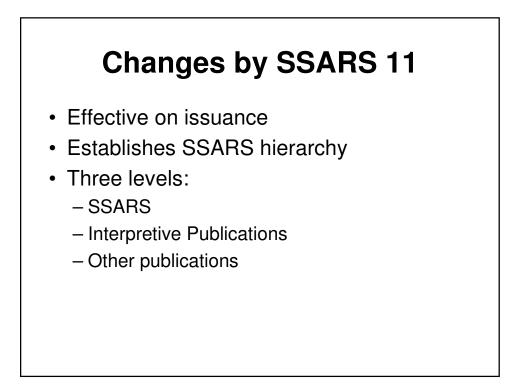
When (cont)

- Prepare financial statements either manually or with computer software.
- Present the financial statements to a client or third party.
- <u>SSARS 8 does not define "prepare"</u> <u>and "present." The accountant must</u> <u>use his or her professional judgment</u>

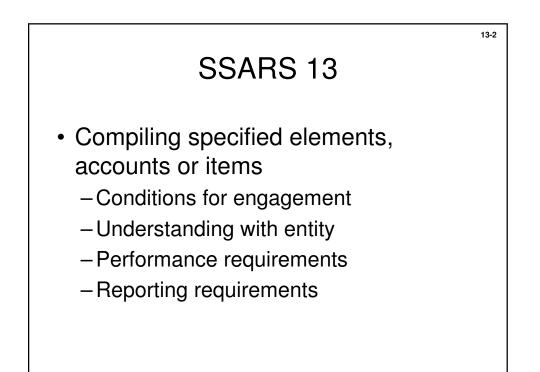




- Expands guidance on analytical procedures, inquiries, and other procedures
- Adds inquiries concerning fraud to review engagements
- <u>Requires representations regarding fraud</u>
- Provides guidance for work paper documentation in reviews
- Effective for reviews of periods ending on or after December 15, 2004



- Consideration of fraud
 - -Compilation
 - -Reviews
- Communications
- Updating management representations
- Restricting the use of reports
- Restated prior-period financial statements



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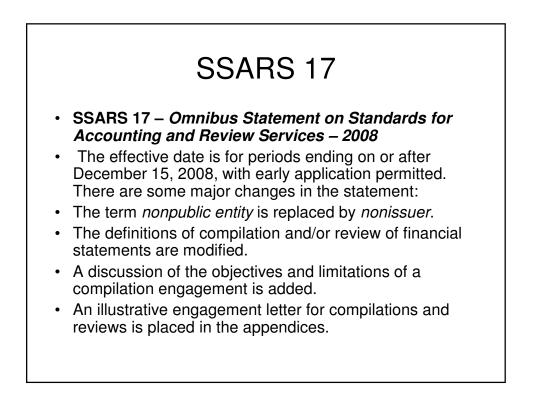
- · Compiling pro forma information
 - -Conditions for engagement
 - -Understanding with entity
 - -Performance requirements
 - Reporting requirements

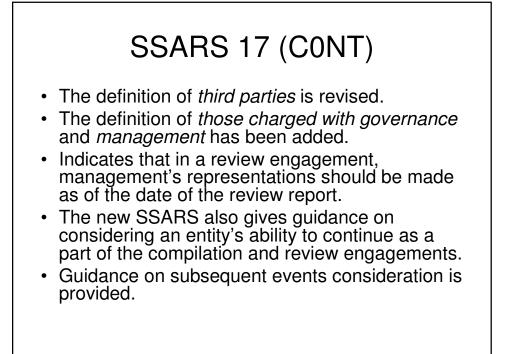
SSARS 15

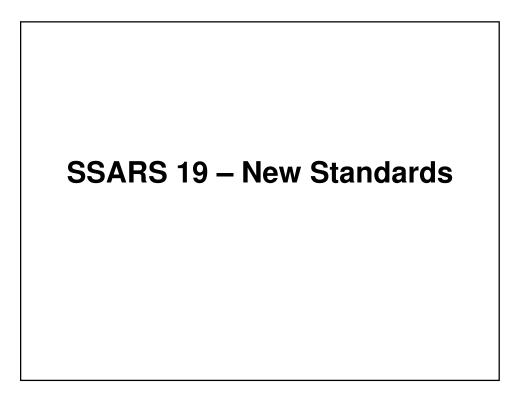
- SSARS 15 Elimination of Certain References to Statements on Auditing Standards and Incorporation of Appropriate Guidance Into Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services
- This standard amends SSARS 1 by eliminating references to auditing literature and updating certain guidance to reflect that elimination

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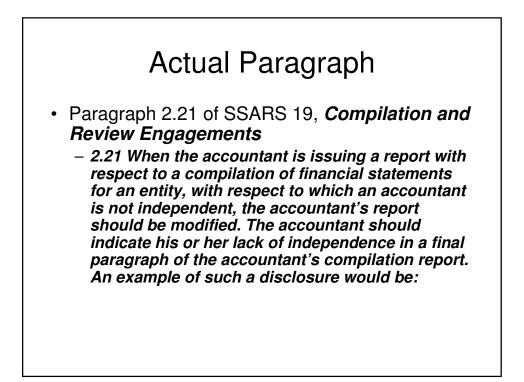
- SSARS 16 Defining Professional Requirements in Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services
- This standard uses two categories of professional requirement identified by specific terms describing the degree of responsibility the accountant has.
- Unconditional requirements Required when the terms "must" or "is required" is used.
- **Presumptively mandatory requirements** Required, but the accountant may depart in rare circumstances if the departure justification is documented and alternatives are shown as sufficient. The word "**should**" is used to indicate presumptively mandatory.







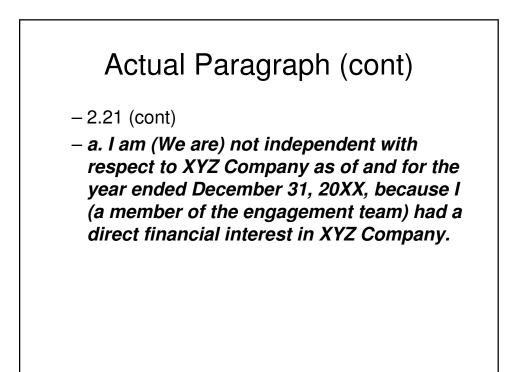
- SSARS 19, *Compilation and Review Engagements* was issued on December 30, 2009.
- It is effective for compilations and reviews of financial statements for periods ending on or after December 15, 2010.
- Only the new compilation report option of paragraph 2.21 may be implemented immediately.



Actual Paragraph (cont)

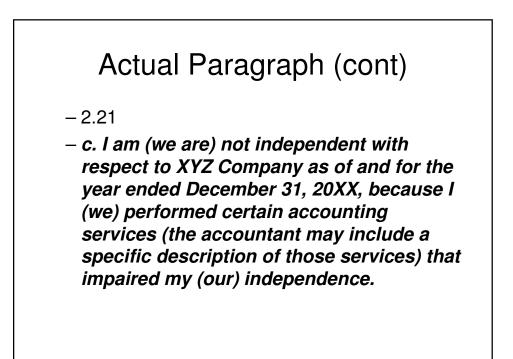
-2.21 (cont)

- I am (We are) not independent with respect to XYZ Company
- The accountant is not precluded from disclosing a description about the reason(s) that his or her independence is impaired. The following are examples of descriptions the accountant may use:



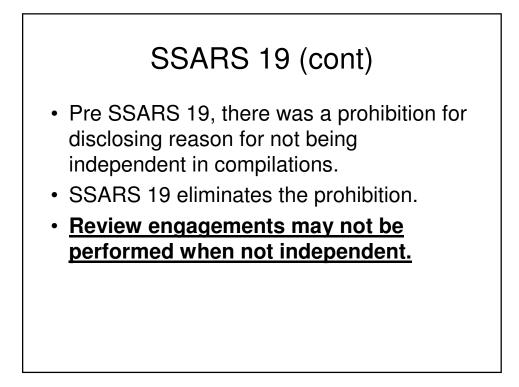
Actual Paragraph (cont)

- 2.21 (cont)
- b. I am (we are) not independent with respect to XYZ Company as of and for the year ended December 31, 20XX, because an individual of my immediate family (an immediate family member of one of the members of the engagement team) was employed by XYZ Company; or



Actual Paragraph (cont)

- 2.21 (cont)
- If the accountant elects to disclose a description about the reasons his or her independence is impaired, the accountant should ensure that all reasons are included in the description.

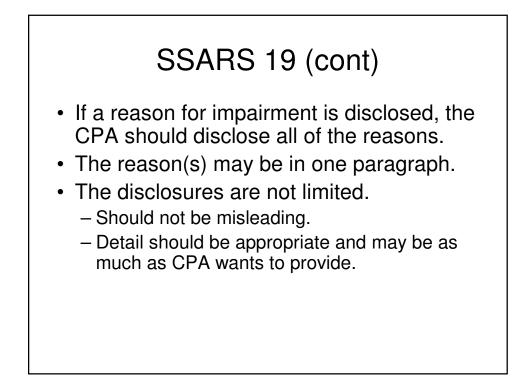


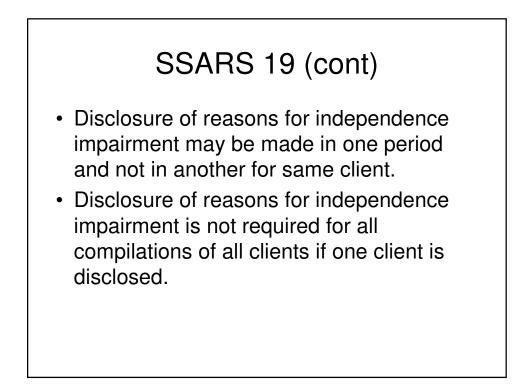
SSARS 19 (cont)

- Disclosure of the <u>reason</u> for independence impairment is <u>optional</u> for compilations issued after December 30, 2009.
- The CPA may still report that they are not independent without a reason as always.

SSARS 19 (cont)

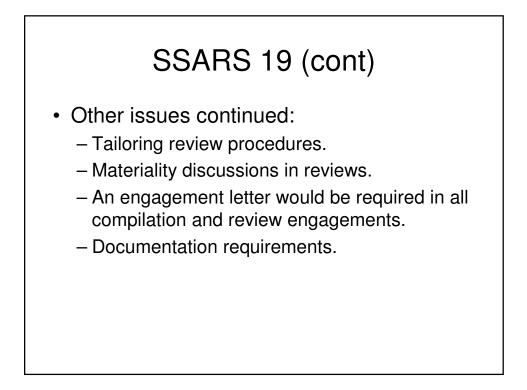
- Professional judgment is needed for the option of paragraph 2.21.
- The CPA should know the users of the compiled financials like:
 - Is the impairment understood?
 - Is the information useful?

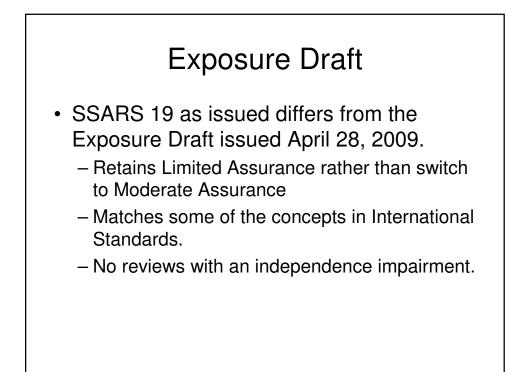


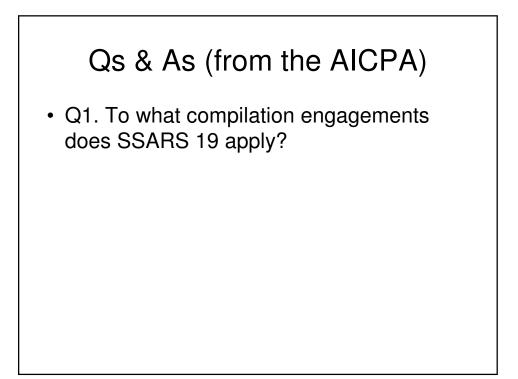


SSARS 19 (cont)

- Other issues in SSARS 19 (which are not effective until after December 15, 2010 include:
 - Guidance for Review Engagements is separated from Compilations.
 - New Compilation and Review Reports.
 - Obtaining limited assurance in reviews.
 - *Review Evidence* is included now.



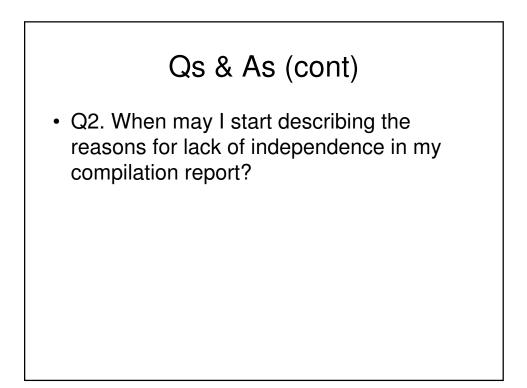




• A1. SSARS 19 applies to:

- Compilations of financial statements

- Other specified elements
- Accounts
- Items of a financial statement
- Pro forma financials



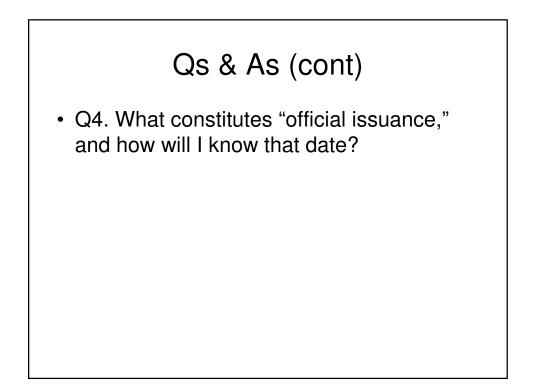


 A2. You may use the provision in paragraph 2.21 with respect to any compilation report that you issue after December 30, 2009.

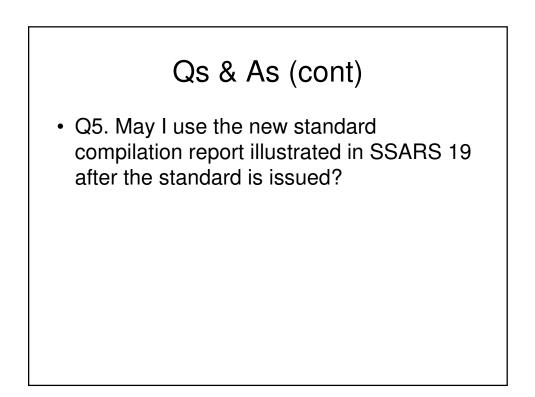
Qs & As (cont)

 Q3. May I disclose the reasons for the lack of independence only for December 2009 compilations and subsequent periods, or my I use it for earlier compilations (for example, November 2009 compilations)?

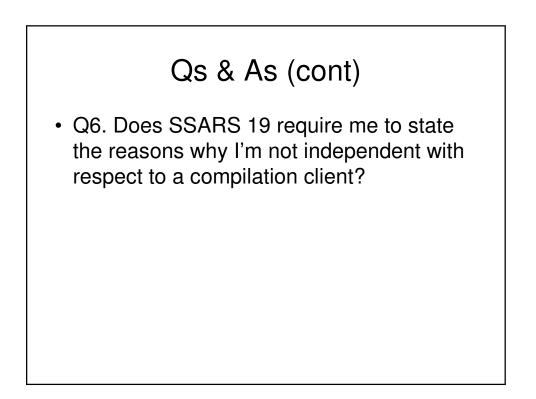
 A3. You may disclose the reasons for a lack of independence in a November (or earlier) compilation report as long as your report is released (or reissued) after the official issuance of SSARS 19, which is December 30, 2009.



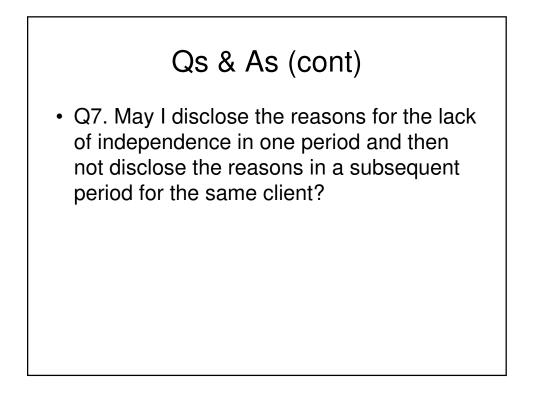
 A4. Official issuance is the date on which a standard is first made public and, therefore, available for use. A standard is first made available through the AICPA's subscription service. Even if you do not subscribe to an electronic subscription, you can still use the provision once the standard is issued.



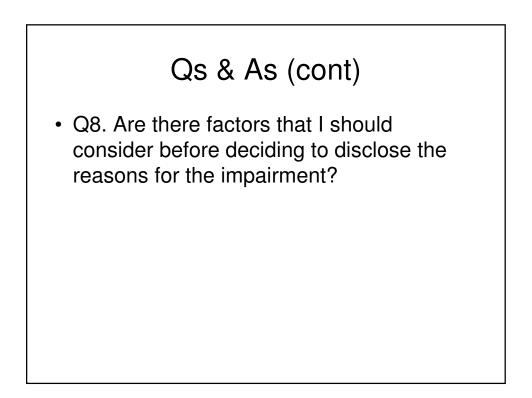
 A5. No. The effective date of SSARS 19 is for compilations and reviews of financial statements for periods ending on or after December 15, 2010. Early implementation of the new standard is not permitted, except for the one paragraph (2.21) permitting disclosure of the reasons for a lack of independence in the compilation report.



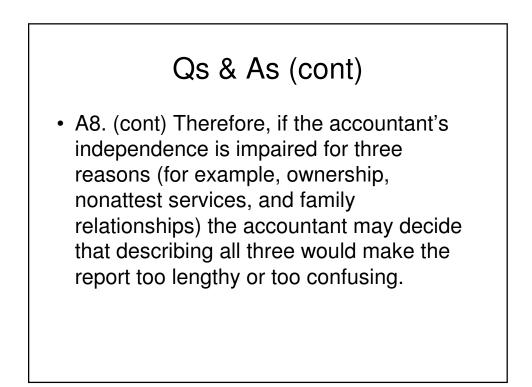
 A6. No. SSARS 19 permits, but does not require, the accountant to disclose the reasons. You may simply state that you are not independent without disclosing the reasons.



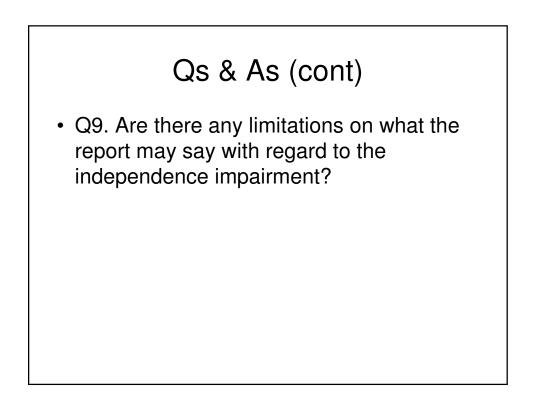
 A7. Yes. Each period for which a compilation repot is issued for a client is treated as a separate compilation. For example, you may decide to disclose the reasons in a compilation report for the period ended March 31, 2010, and then decide not to disclose the reasons in a compilation report on financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2010, or vice versa.



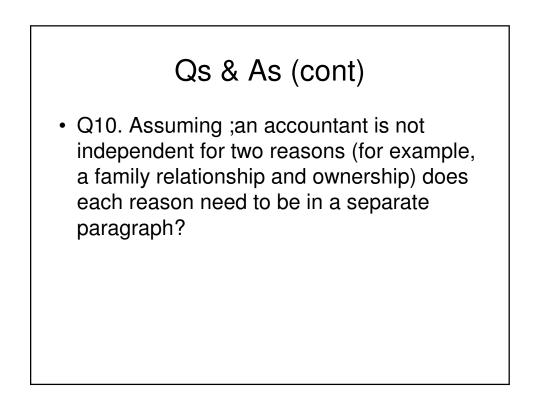
 A8. An accountant should exercise his or her professional judgment in making that decision. The judgment might include consideration of such factors as the number of reasons for independence impairment or the ability of the user of the compiled financial statements to understand the nature of the impairments.



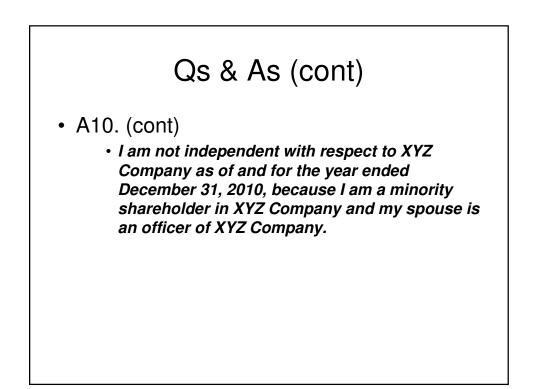
 A8. (cont) Consequently, the accountant might decide to stay with the extant language and merely say that he or she is not independent. On the other hand, the accountant who is providing a nonattest service that impairs independence may feel that this information would be beneficial for users to know. Therefore, the accountant may decide to disclose the reason.



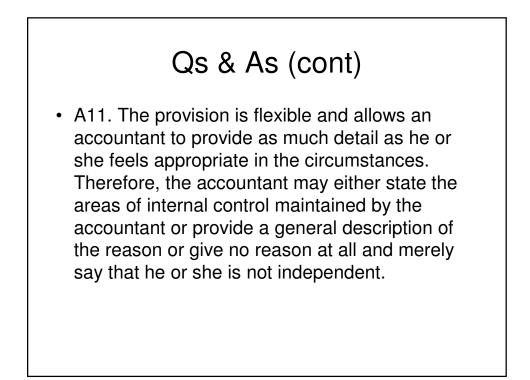
• A9. No. The ARSC did not prescribe any requirements except that if an election is made to describe, than <u>all</u> the reasons for the impairment must be described. That means that an accountant could write a paragraph three pages long to describe the reasons for the impairment. Although, that length certainly isn't expected, the ARSC anticipates and expects that some accountants will go into far greater detail than will others.



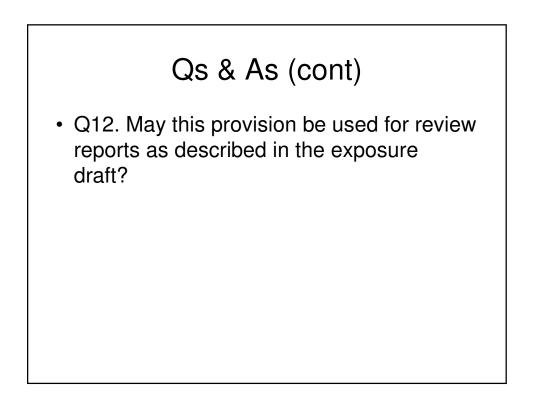
 A10. No. An accountant may combine the reasons into a single paragraph. For example, assuming the accountant held an ownership interest in the client and the accountant's spouse was the CFO of the company, a description paragraph may be drafted, such as the following:



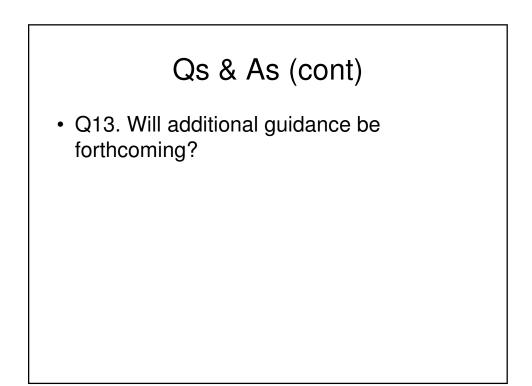
 Q11. Assuming an accountant's independence is impaired because the accountant maintains a number of controls for the client, does each area of internal control need to be listed by the accountant, or may the accountant merely say that his or her independence is impaired because he or she maintained internal controls?

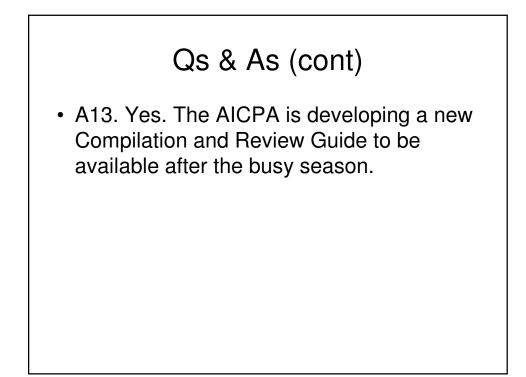


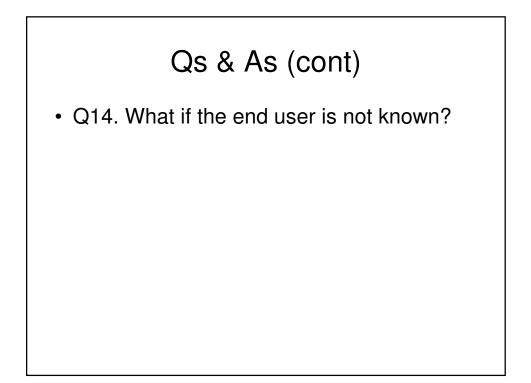
 A11. (cont) In making this decision, the accountant should make sure that his or her description is not misleading. For example, if the accountant is maintaining only small aspects of internal control over financial reporting, the accountant would not want to describe the reason by saying that he or she is maintaining all controls for the client. Such a statement would be misleading and inaccurate.



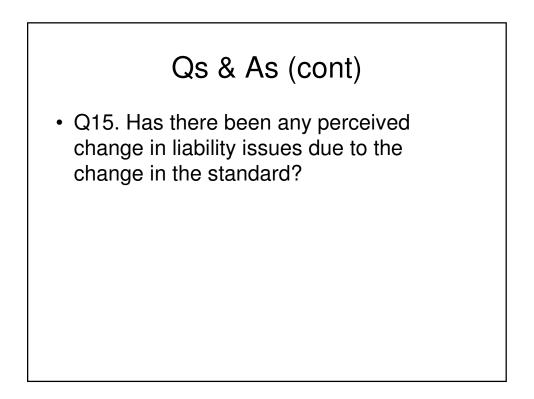
 A12. No. The exposure draft did include a situation where an accountant could design or operate aspects of internal control, not be independent, and perform a review. This provision was not included in the final standard. See paragraph 3.2 of SSARS 19.



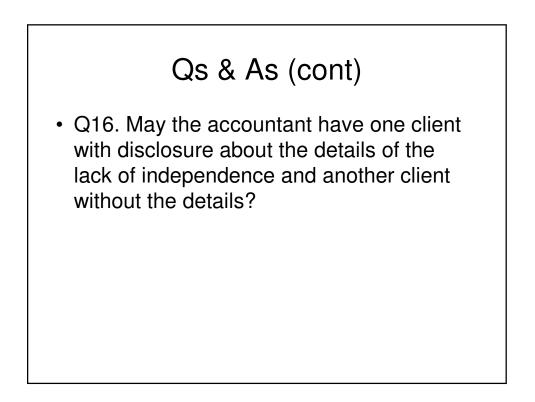




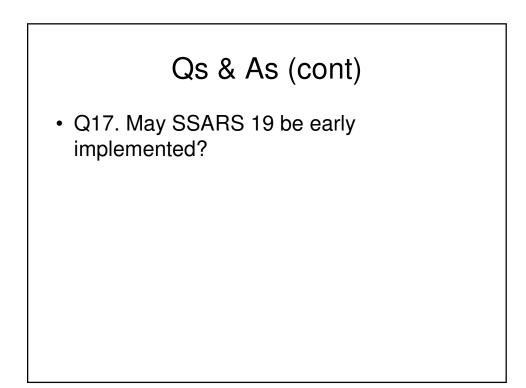
 A14. The accountant should use his or her professional judgment. If truly not sure, then use the simple "not independent". There is no right or wrong here. Boilerplate language was intentionally avoided.



 A15. There is no answer at this time. This will depend on individual states and the related state statutes or rules. If there is a concern here, contact your professional liability insurance carrier or your own legal counsel.



 A16. Yes. The accountant may use their professional judgment with regards to the details or using just the simple disclosure. The option for the detail disclosure is client by client.



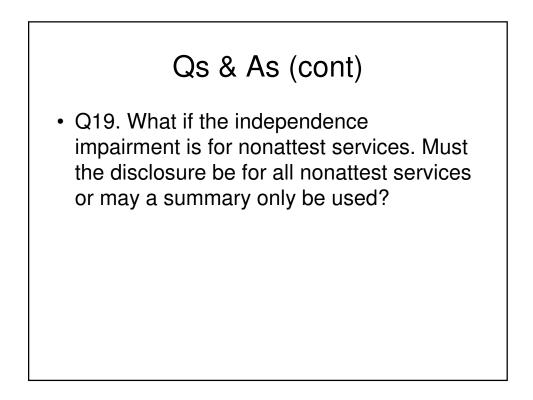


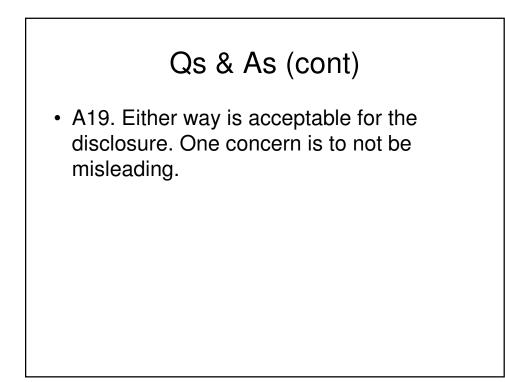
 A17. No. Only the provisions of paragraph 2.21 of SSARS 19 relating to disclosure of the reason(s) for impairment of independence may be early implemented.

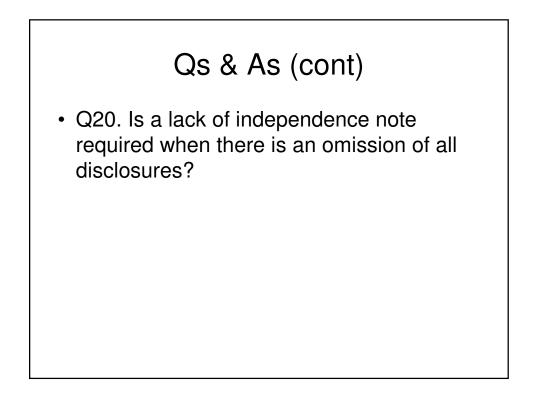


 Q18. What if the accountant's report is for say a period ended November 30, 2010, and the report is issued January 2011? Would early implementation be applicable then?

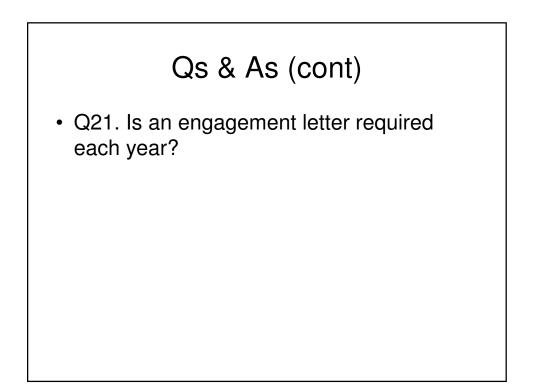
 A18. Early implementation for SSARS 19 is only applicable for <u>periods ending after</u> <u>December 15, 2010</u>. Therefore, only the provisions of paragraph 2.21 could be early implemented.



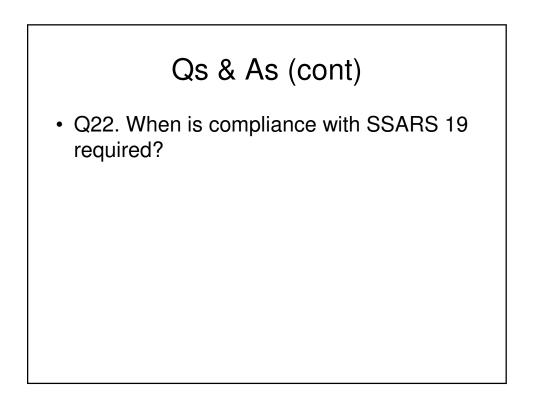




 A20. The independence disclosure is a reporting issue and is not changed by the omission of all disclosures in a compilation report. The disclosure of the lack of independence is required whether or not other disclosures are omitted. The only option is for detail disclosure of the reason(s) for lack of independence or the simple disclosure.



 A21. This is not specifically addressed; however, the use of an annual engagement letter addressing all work and periods covered is recommended. It appears that for engagements with periods ending after December 15, 2010, that SSARS will require an engagement letter.



• A22. With the exception of the disclosure option in paragraph 2.21, compliance with SSARS 19 is based on the period ending date and not when the work is done.

Comparison of Old to New Compilation Reporting Requirements

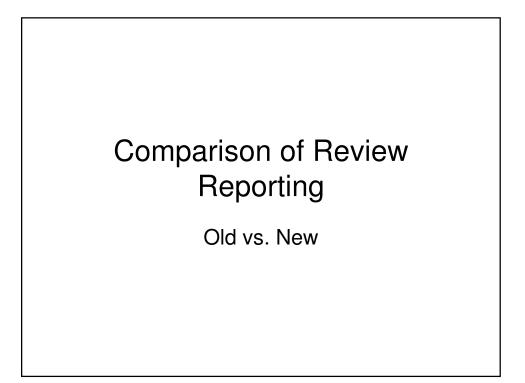
(Not applicable until periods ending after December 15, 2010)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>OLD</u>	NEW
Title	Not required	Accountant's Compilation Report
Addressee	Not required	(Appropriate Salutation)
Introductory Paragraph	I (we) have compiled the accompanying balance sheet of ABC Company as of December 31, xxxx, and the related statements of income, retained earnings, and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.	I (we) have compiled the accompanying balance sheet of ABC Company as of December 31, xxxx, and the related statements of income, retained earnings, and cash flows for the year then ended. I (we) have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America.

ITEM	OLD	NEW
Paragraph outlining management's responsibilities		Management (owners) is (are) responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements.
Paragraph outlining the accountant's responsibilities	None	My (our) responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statemen

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ITEM	OLD	NEW
Conclusion paragraph	A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management (owners). I (we) have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.	The communication is moved to the introductory paragraph.
Paragraph disclosing independence impairment	I am (we are) not independent with respect to ABC Company. (The accountant is precluded from disclosing the reasons for the independence impairment.)	I am (we are) not independent with respect to ABC Company. (The accountant is <u>not</u> precluded from disclosing the reasons for the independence impairment.)



ITEM	<u>OLD</u>	NEW
Title	Not required	Independents Accountant's Review Report
Addressee	Not required	(Appropriate Salutation)
Introductory paragraph In the new report, the scope of the engagement is described (it was included in the second paragraph previously), Management's responsibilities are moved to a separate paragraph.	I (we) have reviewed the accompanying balance sheet of ABC Company as of December 31, xxxx, and the related statements of income, retained earnings, and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of management (owners) of ABC Company.	I (we) have reviewed the accompanying balance sheer of ABC Company as of December 31, xxxx, and the related statements of income retained earnings, and cash flow for the year then ended. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's (owners') financial data and making inquiries of company management (owners). A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, I (we) do not express such an opinion.

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<u>ITEM</u>	OLD	NEW	
Second paragraph The new report describes management's responsibilities. The scope of the engagement in included in the introductory paragraph.	A review consists principally of inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, I (we) do not express such an opinion.	Management (owners) is (are) responsible for the preparation and fain presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.	

(CONT)		
ITEM	<u>OLD</u>	NEW
Paragraph describing the accountant's responsibilities		My (our) responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require me (us) to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made t50 the financial statements I (we) believe that the results of my (our) procedures provide a reasonable basis for or report.

ITEM	OLD	<u>NEW</u>
Paragraph describing the results of the ngagement	Based on my (our) review, I am (we are) not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.	Based on my (our) review, I am (we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for the them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Thank you for your attention...