

BY EMAIL

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To: Senior Executive Officers (SEO) of Authorised Firms (AFs)

RE: 2020 Reporting Requirements

Dear SEO,

Given business disruption due to current uncertainties, the DFSA has reviewed its various reporting requirements for the year 2020, in particular those effecting AF's year-end reporting and obligations relating to various Audit Reports.

Certain AFs may face challenges in preparing their financial statements, and, accordingly, Auditors may face certain practical challenges in carrying out high-quality audits. While the DFSA does expect AFs to exercise all reasonable efforts to meet the existing deadlines set out in GEN 8.6.2, the DFSA is mindful of existing challenges, and, therefore, may allow flexibility to extend this deadline. The DFSA will consider requests for an extension of this deadline (Requests) on a case-by-case basis, provided each Request is made on a reasonable basis.

The following Reports may be considered:

Report Name	Rule reference	Current Requirement
Annual Financial Statement's Auditor's Report	GEN 8.6.1 (a) GEN 8.6.2	Within 4 months of the financial year end.
Annual Regulatory Return Auditor's Report	GEN 8.6.1 (b) GEN 8.6.2 / AUD App1	
Annual Client Money Auditor's Report	GEN 8.6.1 (c) GEN 8.6.2 / AUD App2	
Annual Insurance Monies Auditor's Report	GEN 8.6.1 (d) GEN 8.6.2 / AUD App3	
Annual Safe Custody Auditor's Report	GEN 8.6.1 (e) GEN 8.6.2 / AUD App4	
Annual Controllers Report	GEN 11.8.12	
Annual IRAP Report	PIB 10.3.2 (1), (2) and (3), A10.1 of APP 10.	
Annual ICAAP Report	PIB 10.4.2 (1), (2) and (3) and A10.2 of APP 10.	

Report Name	Rule reference	Current Requirement
Actuarial report on general insurance business	PIN 6.5.5	Within 4 months of Insurer's reporting date.
Actuarial investigation report on long-term insurance business	PIN 6.5.5	4 months from Reference Date of actuarial investigation.
Annual Shari'a Review Report	IFR 3.6	Within 14 days of having received it.
Annual Funds Return	CIR 9.4.2(1)(a)	Within 4 months after the end of each annual accounting period.

Requests concerning the above Reports can be made by AFs with financial year-ends from 31 December 2019 to 31 March 2020 (both days inclusive). To make a Request, an AF should access the DFSA e-Portal and complete and submit the relevant forms to the DFSA for consideration.

The DFSA will continue to monitor the impact of current uncertainties and may consider making appropriate arrangements for AFs falling outside the window of financial year-ends mentioned in this letter.

Considerations for DFSA Registered Auditors (RAs)

RAs should ensure that the current circumstances do not undermine the delivery of high-quality audits. Audits must continue to comply with applicable DFSA Rules, most notably as set out in the Auditor (AUD) Module.

Each RA should consider how it gathers sufficient, appropriate audit evidence, recognising that the planned audit approach may need adjustment for current circumstances. Irrespective of any adjustment, RAs must be able to gather necessary and appropriate evidence to be able to report or consider modifying their audit opinion.

Special considerations will need to be given to the adequacy of disclosures made by management of each AF about the impact of current uncertainties, to ensure that users of the financial statements are appropriately and adequately informed. In particular, current uncertainties do not change the criteria necessary to demonstrate 'going concern', nor the responsibilities of management and auditors relating to the 'going concern' assumption.



We remind RAs of their continuing obligations to inform the DFSA of the matters set out in Article 104(3) of the Regulatory Law 2004 and AUD 2.6.6, including where an auditor considers that an audited entity no longer meets the 'going concern' assumption.

If you have any questions in relation to this letter, please contact us using the DFSA [Supervised Firm Contact Form](#) available on the DFSA Website.

Yours sincerely,

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