



Irish Auditing & Accounting Supervisory Authority

Presentation to CARB

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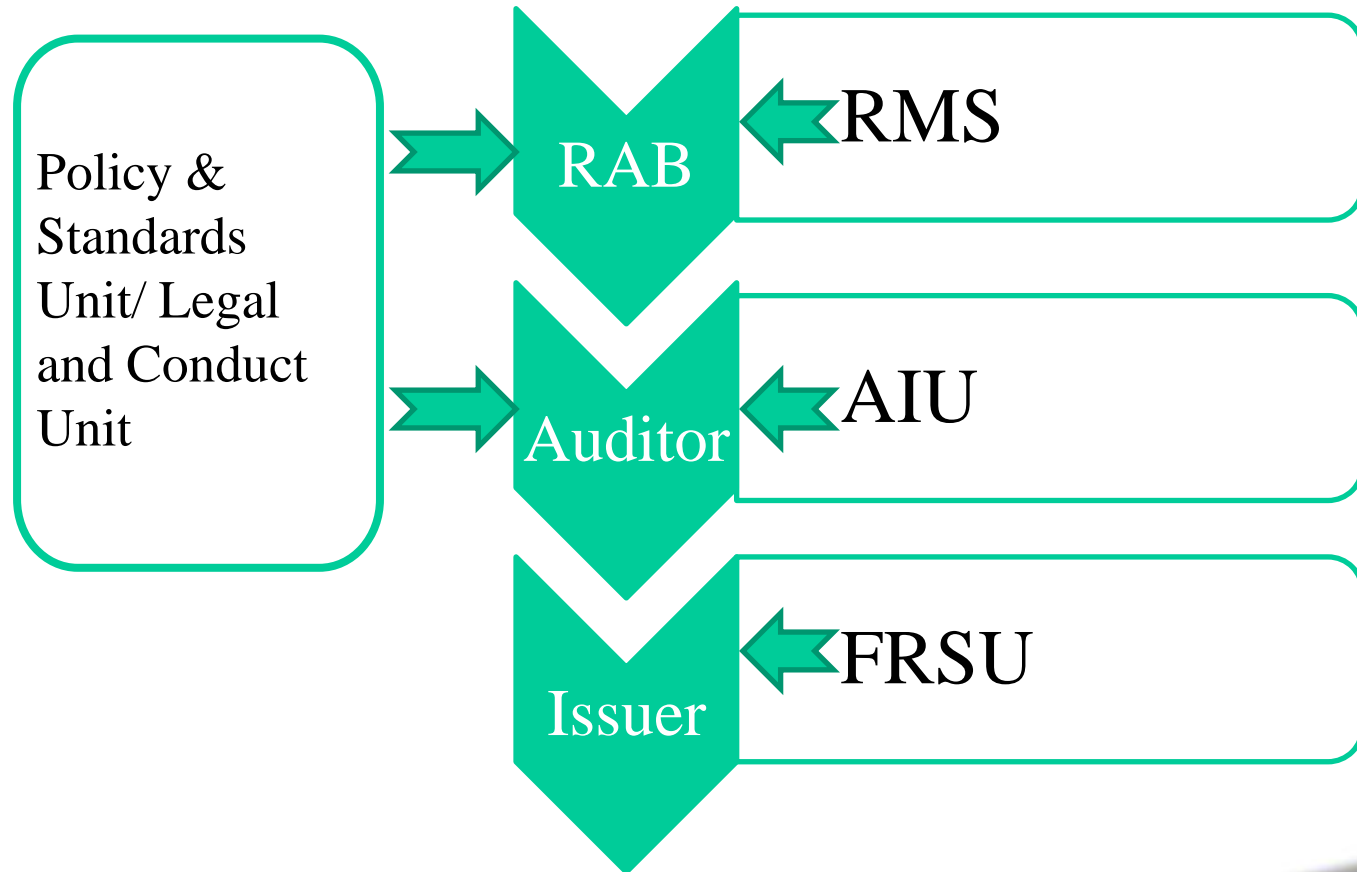
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A new era for IAASA and the profession

- New audit inspection regime
- New investigations and disciplinary regime
- New auditing standards role
- Changes to the regulation of the profession

New IAASA – new focus needed

Protection of investors and capital markets



RMS

Regulatory and Monitoring Unit

Facts & Figures

- At 31 December 2015:
 - 5,272 firms worldwide authorised to carry out audits in Ireland
 - 1,476 of these firms located in Ireland
 - 34,777 PAB members resident in Ireland
 - 3,444 members located in Ireland granted practising certificates by a RAB (including non-audit)

IAASA - Ultimate responsibility

RABs carry out the following tasks but IAASA has ultimate responsibility for:

- Auditor approval (all auditors)
- Registration of EU statutory audit firms
- Quality assurance (all firms including the non-PIE aspect of the PIE firms)
- Investigations and Discipline (including matters concerning PIE auditors for non-PIE audit matters)
- Continuing Education – (all auditors)

A few challenges

- Ensuring 4 RABs with operations in UK & Ireland are aware of and identify the differences and tailor their performance of tasks to meet the requirements of both jurisdictions
 - Different oversight models in UK (delegation) and Ireland (designation) – conflict and confusion
 - Different options exercised in transposing the EU legislation e.g. up to 10 year QA period in UK v maximum of 6 years in Ireland
 - Continued liaison with the FRC

Additional Challenge – BREXIT

- 4 of the 6 RABs are cross border bodies -
impact of Brexit on:
 - Continued recognition of the UK based RABs in Ireland
 - Managing the transition
 - Continuing to supervise in the transition period
 - Maintaining a relationship with FRC

New Investigation process

Consists of 5 main stages:-

1. Conduct Committee consideration
2. Inquiry investigation
3. Administrative sanctions applied
4. High Court approval of sanction/appeal hearing
5. Publication