

# Definition of listed entity

## IAASA intends to amend the definition of 'listed entity' in its Glossary of Terms, which defines the terms used in the Irish auditing and assurance standards.

The purpose of the amendment is to align the definition of 'listed entity' in the Irish auditing framework more closely with the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) definition. It will also provide additional clarity to auditors about the entities classified as listed entities in Ireland.

IAASA considers that it is in the public interest to ensure that the requirements of the standards relating to listed entities are applied to all entities listed on a market of the Irish Stock Exchange, including special purpose vehicles (SPVs).

While it is IAASA policy to adopt the UK standards with minimal amendments, the current definition of listed entity contains provisions that are specific to the UK market. IAASA is of the view that this language should be removed.

Therefore, IAASA intends to amend the definition in the Glossary of Terms as follows:

*"Listed entity - An entity whose shares, stock or debt are quoted or listed on a recognized stock exchange, or are marketed under the regulations of a recognized stock exchange or other equivalent body.*

*This includes any entity in which the public can trade shares, stock or debt on the open market, such as those listed on the Irish/London Stock Exchanges (including those admitted to trading on the Alternative Investment Market **and Euronext Growth**), and ISDX Markets. ~~It does not include entities whose quoted or listed shares, stock or debt are in substance not freely transferable or cannot be traded freely by the public or the entity (e.g. because the listing is a structural requirement for that entity and its shares, stock or debt are not traded, or because the consent of another party is required to trade in the shares, stock or debt).~~"*

A corresponding amendment will be made to the definition of listed entity in paragraph 16(j) of the International Standard on Quality Management (Ireland) 1 when it is issued. For all other standards, it is proposed that this definition will be effective for audits of financial periods beginning on or after 15 December 2021.

In advance of making this amendment, IAASA is seeking the views of stakeholders on the impact of the revised definition of 'listed entity' in the Glossary of Terms.

Stakeholders and interested parties are invited to provide comments by e-mail only to [submissions@iaasa.ie](mailto:submissions@iaasa.ie) no later than **5pm on Friday 3 December 2021**.

All responses from identifiable individuals and organisations received by the deadline will be considered by IAASA. Depending on the nature and scale of responses, IAASA may publish a feedback statement summarising the content of the responses. Respondents should note that, in the interest of transparency, their responses may be published in full or in part (and may be attributed to the respondent) by IAASA in that feedback statement.