



### MICPA-CARANZ PROGRAMME



The Malaysian Institute of  
Certified Public Accountants

## MICPA TECHNICAL UPDATES

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### MASB - MASB Published 'Interest Rate Benchmark Reform'

Issue Date November 1

Description The Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") has recently issued Interest Rate Benchmark Reform (Amendments to MFRS 9, Financial Instruments, MFRS 139, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement and MFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures).

### IRB - Imposition Of Penalties Undersubsection 112(3) Of The Income Tax Act 1967, subsection 51(3) Of The Petroleum (Income Tax) Act 1967 And subsection 29(3) Of The Real Property Gains Tax Act 1976

Issue Date November 1

Description Members are informed that the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) has issued an updated Operational Guidelines No. 5/2019 on the Imposition of Penalties under Subsection 112(3) of the Income Tax Act 1967, Subsection 51(3) of the Petroleum (Income Tax) Act 1967 and Subsection 29(3) of the Real Property Gains Tax Act 1976 on October 16, 2019 to replace the Guideline on Imposition of Penalty under Subsection 112(3) of the Income Tax Act, 1967 issued on March 5, 2015. The updated Guidelines is effective October 1, 2019.



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2019**  
NATIONAL ANNUAL  
CORPORATE  
REPORT AWARDS

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### NACRA 2019

Winners of the NACRA 2019 was announced during the Award Presentation Dinner on November 26, 2019. Click [here](#) to check out the winners!

The Council and Staff of MICPA wish  
all our members and readers

M E R R Y

Christmas

& Happy  
New year

2020



**REGULATORY DIALOGUES  
IN NOVEMBER**

- Nov 28 Consultative Panel between Customs and Private Sector (Bil. 2/2019)
- Nov 29 SST Implementation Technical Issues Committee Meeting (Bil. 3/2019)
- Nov 29 Special CPCF Technical Committee Meeting (No. 1/2019)

**MICPA TECHNICAL UPDATES (CONT'D)**

**RMC - Minutes Of Meeting Ofsst Implementation Technical Issues Committee Meeting(bil. 2/2019)**

**Issue Date** November 7

**Description** The SST Implementation Technical Issues Committee meetings provide an avenue for private sectors to discuss with the Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD) on SST implementation technical issues arising during the initial stage of SST implementation. The Committee was set-up by the RMCD to resolve such issues in an immediate and effective manner.

**IRB - Public Consultation On Draft Public Rulings**

**Issue Date** November 15

**Description** Further to the Institute’s Circular No. TEC/065/09/2019 dated September 13, 2019, Members are informed that the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) had further released the two following draft Public Rulings (PRs) for public consultation.

**IRB - Public Ruling No. 5/2019: Perquisites From Employment  
Public Ruling No. 6/2019: Tax Treatment On Expenditure For Repairs And Renewals Of Assets**

**Issue Date** November 28

**Description** Members are informed that the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) has issued Public Ruling No. 5/2019: Perquisites from Employment and Public Ruling No. 6/2019: Tax Treatment on Expenditure for Repairs and Renewals of Assets on November 19, 2019 and November 26, 2019 respectively.



## MICPA TECHNICAL UPDATES (CONT'D)

### IRB - Change Of Toll-free Number For Hasil Care Line

Issue Date November 28

Description Members are informed that the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) has in its media release on November 27, 2019 announced that with effect from January 1, 2020, its' toll-free number (1-800-88-5436) for Hasil Care Line will be changed to a fixed line number (03- 89111000) for calls from within Malaysia.

For further details on MICPA Technical Updates, log on to <http://www.micpa.com.my/resources/for-members/circulars/>

## REGULATORY BODIES' UPDATES

### BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA (BNM)

#### Decrease in Statutory Reserve Requirement (SRR) Ratio

Issue Date November 8

Description Bank Negara Malaysia wishes to announce that the Statutory Reserve Requirement (SRR) Ratio will be lowered from 3.50% to 3.00% effective from 16 November 2019.

[Read more](#)

#### What is Cash Transaction Limit (CTL)?

Issue Date November 9

Description The National Coordination Committee to Counter Money Laundering (NCC) conducted a media briefing on 7 November 2019 on the proposed Cash Transactions Limit (CTL) at RM25,000.

[Read more](#)



## REGULATORY BODIES' UPDATES (CONT'D)

### BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA (BNM) (CONT'D)

#### Economic and Financial Developments in the Malaysian Economy in the Third Quarter of 2019

Issue Date November 9

Description Click link for more info.  
[Read more](#)

#### Detailed Disclosure of International Reserves as at end-October 2019

Issue Date November 29

Description In accordance with the IMF SDDS format, the detailed breakdown of international reserves provides forward-looking information on the size, composition and usability of reserves and other foreign currency assets, and the expected and potential future inflows and outflows of foreign exchange of the Federal Government and Bank Negara Malaysia over the next 12-month period.  
[Read more](#)

### THE SECURITIES COMMISSION (SC)

#### Clarification On Changes Of Management At The SC

Issue Date November 22

Description The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) wishes to respond to various news articles regarding the upcoming departure of key senior staff members, including Eugene Wong Weng Soon, Managing Director of Corporate Finance and Investments (CFI).  
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## REGULATORY BODIES' UPDATES (CONT'D)

### THE SECURITIES COMMISSION (SC) (CONT'D)

#### Audit Firm And Auditors Fined And Prohibited From Auditing

Issue Date November 25

Description The Securities Commission Malaysia's Audit Oversight Board (AOB) today announced that audit firm Afrizan Tarmili Khairul Azhar (AFTAAS) and its partners are prohibited from accepting as clients and auditing public interest entities (PIE) or schedule funds for 12 months. The prohibitions on AFTAAS and the partners took effect on 25 November 2019.

[Read more](#)

#### SC Launches Sri Roadmap For The Capital Market To Drive Malaysia's Sustainable Development

Issue Date November 26

Description The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) today released the Sustainable and Responsible Investment Roadmap for the Malaysian Capital Market (SRI Roadmap) which aims to create a facilitative SRI ecosystem and chart the role of the capital market in driving Malaysia's sustainable development.

[Read more](#)

#### SC Releases Updated List Of Shariah-compliant Securities

Issue Date November 28

Description The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) today released an updated list of Shariah-compliant securities approved by its Shariah Advisory Council (SAC).

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## REGULATORY BODIES' UPDATES (CONT'D)

### MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF)

Press Release - Targets of Fiscal Deficits for 2019

Issue Date November 2

Description Confidence that Malaysia's 2019 Fiscal Deficit Target of RM52 Billion or 3.4% of GDP will be Achieved based not just on Public Performance but also Assessment by Investors and International Credit Ratings Agencies.

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### ROYAL MALAYSIAN CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT

Guide on Customs Ruling (as at December 2, 2019)

Description Click to download the Specific Guide on Sales and Service Tax.

[Read more](#)

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL BODIES

### CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND (CAANZ)

Acuity – November 2019 Issue

Description Acuity - CAANZ's bi-monthly magazine on economics, finance and business.

Cover article: A roadmap to the future of audit

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## OTHER PROFESSIONAL BODIES (CONT'D)

### CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND (CAANZ) (CONT'D)

#### Celebrate International Accountants Day

**Issue Date** November 4

**Description** International Accountants Day, which is celebrated on 10 November each year, is an opportunity to acknowledge the great work accountants do to make businesses thrive, support the economy, and help people navigate the complexities of finance.

[Read more](#)

#### Staying ahead: The importance of continuing professional development

**Issue Date** November 18

**Description** In our rapidly changing world, keeping your knowledge and skill set up-to-date can be your competitive advantage. So how can you future proof to keep across the latest finance and accounting trends and practices.

[Read more](#)

#### Face the future with confidence

**Issue Date** November 19

**Description** New technologies, the shift to digital, and the ensuing data explosion have provided a catalyst for finance teams to shed their 'support staff only' image in favour of becoming genuine value-add business partners.

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## OTHER PROFESSIONAL BODIES

### INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ACCOUNTANTS (IFAC)

#### Cybersecurity Is Critical for all Organizations – Large and Small

Issue Date November 4

**Description** In today's computerized world, new risks emerge every hour of every day. Connecting to the Internet opens up the possibility of a hacker targeting your organization. Cybercrime is becoming big business and cyber risk a focus of organizations and governments globally.

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#### Accounting for Value Creation and Encouraging the Rise of the Chief Value Officer

Issue Date November 7

**Description** Accounting is a time-tested discipline. It's been around since Luca Pacioli invented double entry bookkeeping over five centuries ago. It is the means to capture the monetary value that has been realized through transactions. For the better half of the last millennia, accounting has been the language of business, governments, trade and capital markets.

[Read more](#)

#### Accountants Can Support Sustainable Corporate Governance

Issue Date November 20

**Description** World leaders, the US Business Roundtable, scientists, students and the new European Commission agree on the need for immediate action on sustainability. Making our economy sustainable is not about doing good: it is about staying in business and still having a liveable planet for our generation and the next.

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## OTHER PROFESSIONAL BODIES (CONT'D)

### INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ACCOUNTANTS (IFAC) (CONT'D)

#### Time to Reinforce Professional Judgment

Issue Date November 26

Description The International Ethics Standards Board of Accountants (IESBA) latest Exposure Draft "Proposed Revisions to the Code to Promote the Role and Mindset Expected of Professional Accountants" is the culmination of a debate over recent years on professional skepticism, and whether the underlying concept should be extended beyond an audit and assurance context to the whole accountancy profession.

[Read more](#)

### INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (IASB)

#### Guide - How to select and apply accounting policies?

Issue Date November 21

Description The IFRS Foundation has today published a guide to help companies determine their accounting policies when preparing IFRS financial statements. IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changing in Accounting Estimates and Errors specifies the requirements for selecting and applying accounting policies.

[Read more](#)

#### November 2019 IASB Update available

Issue Date November 22

Description The November 2019 IASB Update has been published.

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**OTHER PROFESSIONAL BODIES (CONT'D)**

**INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (IASB) (CONT'D)**

**Nick Anderson—IFRS Standards and climate-related disclosures**

**Issue Date** November 28

**Description** Nick Anderson, member of the International Accounting Standards Board (Board), explains how existing requirements within IFRS Standards relate to climate change risks and other emerging risks.

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**November monthly news update**

**Issue Date** November 29

**Description** Click link for more info.

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