

# Implementation Guide 2430

Standard 2430 – Use of "Conducted in Conformance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing"* 

Indicating that engagements are "conducted in conformance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing*" is appropriate only if supported by the results of the quality assurance and improvement program.

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## **Getting Started**

To conform with Standard 2430, the chief audit executive (CAE) should understand the requirements related to developing and maintaining a quality assurance and improvement program (QAIP) (the 1300 series of standards) and be familiar with the results of the internal audit activity's current internal and external assessments. The CAE may also consider the board's expectations for using the statement "conducted in conformance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing*" in engagement reports.

### Considerations for Implementation

When an internal audit activity reports on an engagement, there is no requirement to indicate whether the engagement was conducted in conformance with the *International Standards for* 

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the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (Standards). However, using this statement builds the internal audit activity's credibility. Standard 2430 prohibits using the statement unless the results of the internal audit activity's QAIP — including current internal and external assessments — support a conclusion that the internal audit activity generally conforms with the Standards. Implementation Guide 1300 — Quality Assurance and Improvement Program provides additional guidance about QAIP requirements.

When an internal audit activity does not conform with the Standards, the internal audit activity may choose to state that the engagement was not conducted in conformance with the Standards. However, such a statement is not required.

### Considerations for Demonstrating Conformance

When engagement reports include the statement "conducted in conformance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing," the results of the QAIP often are sufficient to demonstrate conformance with Standard 2340. The internal audit activity's determination of whether to use the statement in final communications may be documented in an engagement report template or other engagement communication records and/or internal audit policies and procedures. Comprehensive review of such documents would indicate whether the statement was used appropriately. Conversely, the internal audit activity may choose not to include a conformance statement in any engagement reports, and documentation of this decision is also acceptable as evidence of conformance with Standard 2430.

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