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# Independent audit oversight

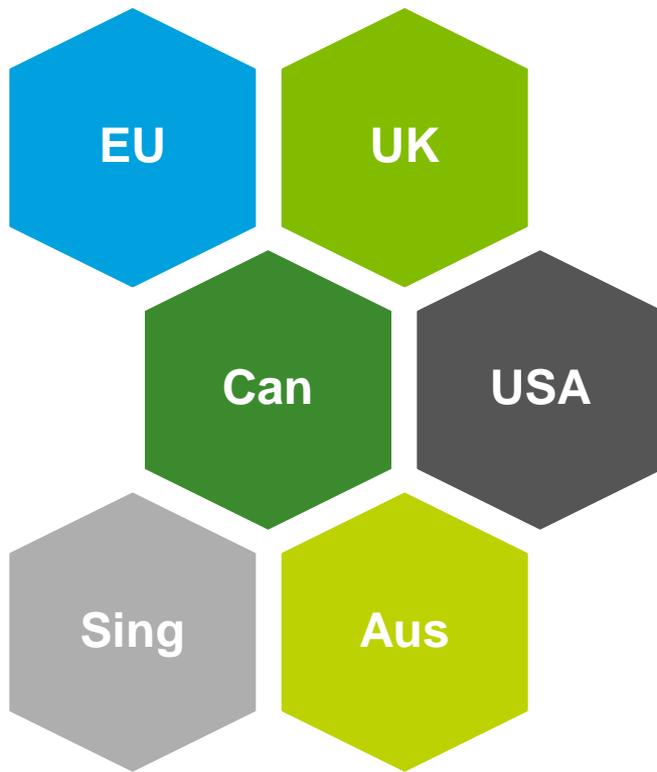
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# Background to the study for the Hong Kong FRC

Jurisdictions reviewed and focus areas



# Oversight and delegation

What's allowed and how major jurisdictions implement this

Oversight Body: Function:	EU requirements	IFIAR	UK (FRC)	US (PCAOB)	Canada (CPAB)	Australia (ASIC)	Singapore (ACRA)
<b>Registration</b>	<i>Delegation allowed (with oversight)</i>	<i>Delegation allowed (with oversight)</i>	Delegated with oversight	Oversight body	Oversight body	Oversight body	Oversight body
<b>Inspection</b>	<i>Delegation allowed (oversight body retains right to inspect)</i>	<i>PIEs can't be delegated; non-PIEs can</i>	PIEs – oversight body; non-PIEs – delegated with oversight	Oversight body	Reporting issuers - oversight body; non-publicly listed – delegated with oversight	Oversight body	PIEs – oversight body; non-PIEs – oversight body with ICPAS
<b>Investigation</b>	<i>Delegation allowed (oversight body retains right to investigate)</i>	<i>PIEs can't be delegated; non-PIEs can</i>	PIEs – oversight body; non-PIEs - delegated with oversight	Oversight body plus SEC	Oversight body	Oversight body	Oversight body
<b>Enforcement</b>	<i>Delegation allowed (oversight body retains right to take action)</i>	<i>PIEs can't be delegated; non-PIEs can</i>	PIEs – oversight body; non-PIEs - delegated with oversight	Oversight body plus SEC	Oversight body	Oversight body and independent board	Oversight body
<b>Standard setting</b>	<i>Delegation allowed (with oversight)</i>	N/A	Oversight body	Auditing and assurance – oversight body/AICPA; ethics – oversight body/AICPA	Delegated with oversight	Standards set by Government / independent board	Accounting - independent body; audit – delegated with oversight; ethics - oversight body
<b>CPE</b>	<i>Delegation allowed (with oversight)</i>	N/A	Delegated with oversight	Oversight body plus state boards of accountancy	Oversight body	Professional bodies	Oversight body



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