AuditAdvanced (Mercia) Template Suite v24.0.01

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Release Notes: Caseware AuditAdvanced (Mercia) Template Suite v24.0.01
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Key changes in this update to Caseware AuditAdvanced (Mercia) Template Suite v24.0.01 templates.

- Major update for content in all of Mercia's Audit Manuals (except Academy) for content required to conduct ISAs 315 and 240 (Revised) compliant audits for periods commencing on or after 15 December 2021.

- Risks and Controls Assessments, and Accounting Estimates documentation enhanced.

- ISQM1 compliant documentation added for audits in progress on or after 15 December 2022.

- Functionality update for ISA 315 spectrum of risk. Changes to Risk and Control dialogues.

- Batch Update Tool with new interface.

Content changes	
• Planning section	The planning section has been completely revised with a new document numbering system.
	Planning checklist now at B01
	Freeform memorandum now at B05
	Materiality now at B25
	New documents to summarise planning phases:- B02 Audit Strategy B10 Engagement Review B20 Information Gathering Summary
• Risk and controls assessment enhancements	ISA 315 (Revised July 2020) has formalised best practice regarding the consideration of the inherent risk of material misstatement (IRMM) and control risk.
	Functionality changes (see below) have been added to the template to reflect this and new documentation had been added to record those considerations.
	In particular, new:-
	B24 Design and Implementation of Controls; and
	B30 Inherent and Control Risk Assessment forms have been introduced.
• Accounting estimates form update	The accounting estimates forms have been moved to B32.

Content changes	
	These have been expanded to include consideration of IRMM, Control Risk and the resulting RMM.
• ISQM1	Documentation has been added to address the requirements of International Standard on Quality Management 1 (ISQM1), required after 15 December 2022. In particular, the:- B03 Preliminary Engagement Quality Review; A21-2 Engagement Quality Review Checklist; and A21-3 Consultation Review documents have been updated where necessary.
• Fraud risk assessment and review documentation added	Documentation has been added and enhanced to ensure compliance with ISA (UK) 240, namely B34 Fraud Risk Assessment; and A46 Fraud Update and Evaluation.
• Audit team discussion and briefing documentation	New documentation (B41) has been added to record the audit team briefing (to take place immediately before fieldwork commences), in addition to the audit team discussion (recorded on B35 and which takes place towards the start of the planning process).
Functionality changes	
• ISA 315 changes	Update to Risk and Controls dialogues. Change of inherent risk scoring from High / Medium / Low to a range of 1 (Very low) to 5 (Very high) Addition of "Likelihood of Misstatement" and "Magnitude of Misstatement" fields to provide a risk spectrum "Proposed risk" feature enabled on FSA to provide a suggested Inherent Risk level for each assertion based on the risks identified in the file.
• Batch Update Tool (formerly Silent Update Wizard)	v8.0 of the Batch Update Tool is now available with new interface. Enhanced capability, when Working Papers 2022 is released, to remove SmartSync conflicts.

Please also refer to our interactive update instruction guide, which can be found here and further update guidance which can be found here. Please ensure all users are familiar with the engagement file update process.

PLEASE NOTE:-

It is essential that engagement files are kept up to date with the latest functionality version. All engagement files should now be at v22.00 functionality. Support for pre-v22.00 functionality engagement files has now been withdrawn.

Files based on v20.00 and earlier will not be able to update directly using these templates.

Batch Update Tool v8.0 is available which can perform a batch update between versions. Please contact our Technical Support Department on (+44) 01622 355250, at support@caseware.co.uk or use the Chat function on our Help Site https://help.caseware.co.uk.