



# Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013

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## PART 1

### AUDITOR GENERAL FOR WALES

## CHAPTER 2

### AUDITOR GENERAL'S FUNCTIONS

*General provision about the exercise of the Auditor General's functions etc*

#### **10 Code of audit practice**

- (1) The Auditor General must issue a code of audit practice prescribing the way in which the functions of the Auditor General specified in subsection (2) are to be carried out.
- (2) The functions are—
  - (a) examining any accounts or statements of accounts that fall to be examined by the Auditor General in accordance with provision made by or by virtue of an enactment;
  - (b) carrying out, undertaking or promoting value for money studies or examinations in accordance with provision made by or by virtue of an enactment;
  - (c) those contained in, or transferred to the Auditor General under, the following provisions of the Government of Wales Act 1998—
    - (i) section 145A(2) (undertaking or promoting other studies relating to the provision of services by certain bodies);
    - (ii) section 145C(8) (disclosing information obtained in the course of a study in respect of a registered social landlord to the Welsh Ministers);
    - (iii) section 145D (providing advice and assistance to a registered social landlord);

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (iv) section 146 (transfer of functions of the Comptroller and Auditor General in respect of certain bodies to the Auditor General);
  - (v) section 146A (transfer etc to the Auditor General of supervisory functions of Welsh Ministers in respect of certain bodies);
  - (vi) section 147 (transfer of functions of the Comptroller and Auditor General in respect of the Environment Agency to the Auditor General);
  - (d) those contained in the following provisions of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004—
    - (i) Part 2 (audit of local government bodies in Wales);
    - (ii) section 45 (conducting, or assisting the Secretary of State in conducting, benefit administration studies);
    - (iii) section 51 (referring matters related to social security to the Secretary of State);
  - (e) those contained in the following provisions of Schedule 8 to the Government of Wales Act 2006—
    - (i) paragraph 17 (access to documents);
    - (ii) paragraph 20 (certification of claims, returns etc at the request of a body).
- (3) The Auditor General must comply with the code.
- (4) The code must embody what appears to the Auditor General to be the best professional practice with respect to the standards, procedures and techniques to be adopted in carrying out functions of a kind specified in subsection (2).
- (5) The code may make different provision for different cases or classes of case.
- (6) Before issuing the code (including any revised code) the Auditor General must consult such persons as the Auditor General thinks appropriate.
- (7) The Auditor General must arrange for the code (including any revised code) to be published.
- (8) In this section, “a value for money study or examination” means a study or examination into the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which a person has discharged that person’s functions, or has used resources in discharging those functions.