

Individual Accountability and Conduct Standards -Your next steps

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The Central Bank of Ireland's proposals

The Senior Executive Accountability Regime (SEAR) is one of four elements of the Individual Accountability Framework (IAF) proposed in the CBI's July 2018 report *Behaviour and Culture in Irish Retail Banks* and contained within the Draft IAF Heads of Bill published late July 2021:

Individual Accountability

Framework

- Will initially apply all Regulated Financial Services Providers ("RFSPs") within 12 – 18 month timeframe
- Enforcement against individuals directly rather than only where they are proven to have participated in a firm's wrongdoing
- Direct enforcement action for breaches of Conduct Standards

- Will apply to the current Pre Approval Controlled Functions ("PCFs") and become Senior Executive Functions ("SEFs")
 Senior Executive Accountability Regime ("SEAR")
 Statements of Responsibility
 - Overall Management Responsibilities Map ("MRM")

- Will initially apply to Banks, Insurance, Investment Firms and Third Country Branches within a 12 – 18 month timeframe
- CBI likely to extend to additional sectors after this date

- Applicable to all RFSPs within 12 18 month timeframe
- Enhanced F&P Regime to include a Certification Regime applicable to the current Control Functions ("CFs")
 - Annual certification process
 - Positive duty on firms to certify each Certified Function
- Power to investigate individuals who performed controlled functions in the past

- Five standards for all individuals
- Five additional standards for senior management focussing on "reasonable steps" taken and disclosure to the CBI
- 6 Standards for Businesses focussing on customers, market conduct, integrity, and controls

 Applicable to all RFSPs within 12 – 18 month timeframe

The IAF will closely resemble the UK SMCR however there are some key differences:

• Application of 3 sets of conduct standards to all RFSPs at once (non-phased approach) – with implementation over 12 – 18 months

Conduct

Standards

- Additional Standard focussing on reasonable steps to participate in collective decision making
- Introduction of Conduct Standards for Business

Fitness and

Probity ("F&P")



Impacts of the proposals

The Proposals will have far reaching impacts across all in-scope Regulated Financial Services providers, addressing matters cross the following areas:







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P1 - General Provisions



P2 - Senior Executive Accountability Regime (SEAR)



P3 - Conduct Standards

- 1. Citation and Commencement
- Definitions
- 3. Interpretation

- 4. Senior Executive Accountability Regime
- 5. Duty of responsibility of persons performing Senior Executive Functions (SEFs)

The regulator aims to put the mechanics of its intended senior executive accountability regime out to public consultation after the Bill is enacted.

- 6. Standards for business
- **Common Conduct Standards**
- 8. Additional Conduct Standards
- 9. Breaches of Conduct Standards



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P4 - Fitness and Probity Regime



P5 - Enforcement



- 10. Certification
- Investigation of persons formerly performing
 Controlled Function (CF) roles
- 12. Confirmation of Suspension Notices
- 13. Durations of Suspension Notices
- 14. Information gathering powers and applicant firms
- 15. Application of Fitness and Probity Regime to Financial Holding Companies
- 16. European Central Bank (ECB) Competence for PCF assessment of Key Function Holders (KFH)
- 17. Probation Notices Clarification
- 18. Discontinuance or varying of Prohibition Notices

- Extension of scope of enforcement Breaking of "participation link"
- 20. Statutory commencement of an Administrative Sanction Procedure (ASP) investigation by the Central Bank
- 21. Absolute privilege for statements and documents
- 22. Documentary evidence
- 23. Investigation reports
- 24. Presentation of results of an investigation
- 25. Obstructive actions at Inquiry
- 26. Duty of confidentiality
- 27. Publication of information disclosed at Inquiry
- 28. Publication of Inquiry transcripts
- 29. Disqualification sanction
- 30. Monetary sanctions for individuals
- 31. Confirmation of sanctions by the High Court
- 32. Publication of settlements
- 33. Disclosure to the Bank of privileged material

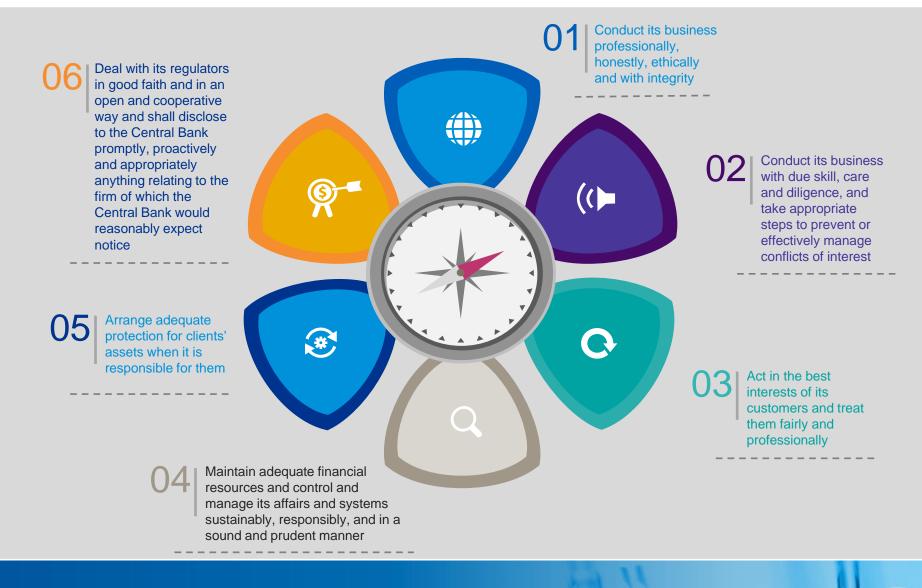
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- 40. S.43 of the 2010 Act
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Conduct Standards - for Business

The following conduct standards will be applicable to all Regulated Financial Services Providers (RFSPs):



Applicable to all CF's and PCF's within all RFSPs within 12 – 18 month timeframe

The following common conduct standards will be applicable to all persons performing a controlled function within RFSPs:

Act honestly, ethically and with integrity



Act with due skill, care and diligence

Conduct Rules for all CFs



Be open and cooperative with the Central Bank and other regulators and deal with them in good faith



Act in the best interest of customers and treat them fairly and professionally



Observe proper standards of market conduct



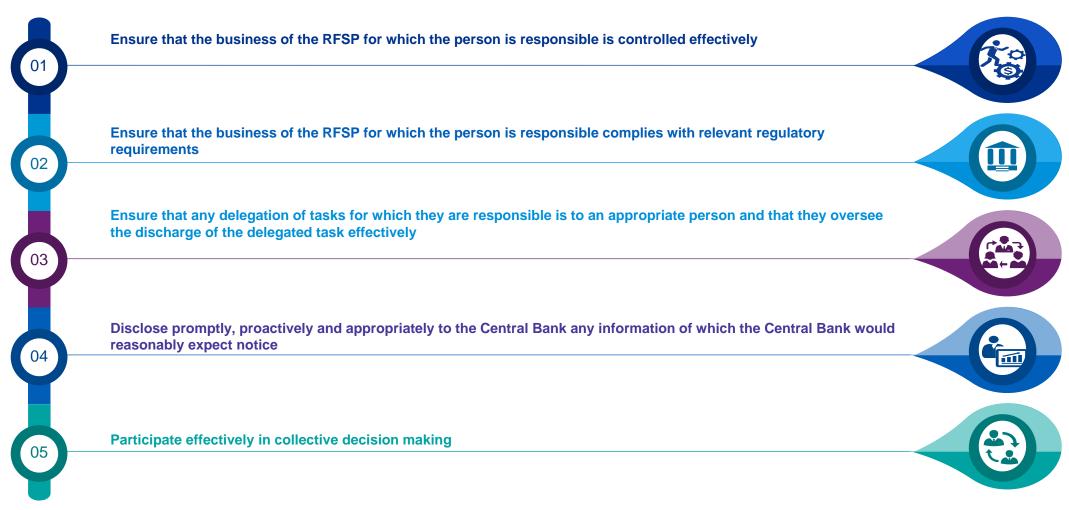
Additional Conduct Standards

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Applicable to all RFSPs within 12 – 18 month timeframe Will apply to PCF and

potentially CF-1 and CF-2

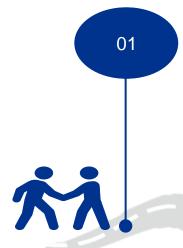
The following additional conduct standards will be applicable to all persons performing pre-approved controlled functions and persons who exert significant influence within RFSPs:





Certification Regime - Employee Lifecycle

Applicable to all CF's within all RFSPs within 12 – 18 month timeframe



Recruitment

- Role profile describes regulatory responsibilities
- Pre-employment screening (regulatory references, competency, financial soundness)
- Certification



Onboarding

- Training and development
- Updated qualifications (e.g., for new products)



Annual Certification

- Annual appraisal against "what's" and "how's" and three pillars of F&P (honesty/integrity, financial soundness, competence and capability)
- Remuneration linked to performance
- Recertification / Failure of certification



Role Changes

- Reassessment / recertification (including competency assessment)
- Updated training
- · Succession planning



- ⊏XIT
- Regulatory references
- Record keeping for regulatory references / future investigations

Ongoing Record Keeping, Reporting and Population Tracking

- Document initial due diligence & record regulatory references
- Pass / Fail certification
- Deliver induction training and set goals
- Align performance management cycle to F&P requirements
- Conduct annual appraisal and assessment
- Align with F&P requirements
- Pass/Fail certification

- Reassess certification depending on trigger event identified (e.g., long term leave, low performance rating)
- Pass/Fail certification

- Reassess certification in accordance with new role requirements
- Address succession planning
- Pass/Fail certification

- · Issue regulatory reference
- · Retain records
- · Update regulatory references



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Programme Structure - Illustrative

The structure outlined is illustrative and should be proportionate to the individual RFSP's business model, IT infrastructure, etc.



Governance Structure review workstream	Senior Executives Roles & Responsibilities workstream	Certification workstream	Employment / Contractual Documentation workstream	HR Policies & processes workstream	Conduct Rules workstream	Training & communication workstream	Change Management / TOM workstream	IT & Record Keepinç workstream	Technology workstream
 Governance Structures assessment Committees vs Legal entities readiness assessment Redesign committee structures Document key management and governance arrangements 	 Senior executive roles population identification (inc. Board) Responsibility mapping (individual & firm) Reasonable Steps development 	 Certification population identification F&P gap assessment Roll out of Certification process and procedures 	 Assessment of employment documentation Determine contractual changes where applicable Union engagement 	 Assessment of HR Policies and Procedures Assessment of disciplinary policies and procedures 	 Conduct population identification for individuals (inc. new hires) Assessment and role out of additional conduct standards for Senior Executives Breach reporting 	 Senior manager training Certification training Conduct training BAU training / roll out Communication plan and roll out 	model design Transition roadmap	 MI production Records identification and management 	 Requirements specification Technical specification Test Implementation





Are you ready - questions you need to ask?

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F&P Compliance:

Are you fully meeting the CBI's expectations on Fitness and Probity compliance, as outlined in its Dear CEO letters of April 2019 and November 2020?



Communication and Planning:

Have the CBI Individual Accountability /SEAR proposals been communicated appropriately? Have you identified your steering committee and created a project plan?

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Impact Assessment:

Have you conducted an impact assessment on how the Individual Accountability requirements will affect your business? Have you identified potentially impacted documentation?



Control Environment:

Are you aware of the weaknesses or deficiencies in your underlying control environment? Are you satisfied with your outsourcing control environment and third party risk management?



Governance Structures:

Do you understand your governance structures and are these clearly documented (including any overseas entities where significant influence exists)? Have you started to look at the roles and responsibilities of Senior Managers?



"Reasonable Steps":

Do you understand the concept of "reasonable steps" and have you the appropriate frameworks and governance in place to demonstrate that "reasonable steps" are taken in the event of a potential regulatory breach?





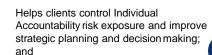
Technology Support - Accountability Manager Tool

We strongly believe that technology is key to ensure compliance with the regime in BAU. We have clients re-engaging with us as the manual processes they implemented to manage the regime were too time consuming and a heavy burden on resources. Our solution is a ServiceNow Platform, but the beauty is in the workflows beneath the tool which we can work with you and use for any tool of your choice.



- Identifies gaps against the regulatory requirements triggering alerts:
- Monitors Fitness and Proprietary with auditable evidential trail; and
- Allows for customised user interfaces and workflows.



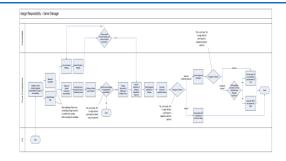




Manages resignations, changes in responsibility, and new appointments seamlessly.







- Leverage the power of self-service to help clients focus on tasks;
- Hierarchical access rights help manage conflicts;
- Task management flows and MI dashboards enable monitoring of progress relating to new appointments and certifications; and
- Stores draft and annotated documents (e.g. Management Responsibility Maps) alongside the 'live' version.

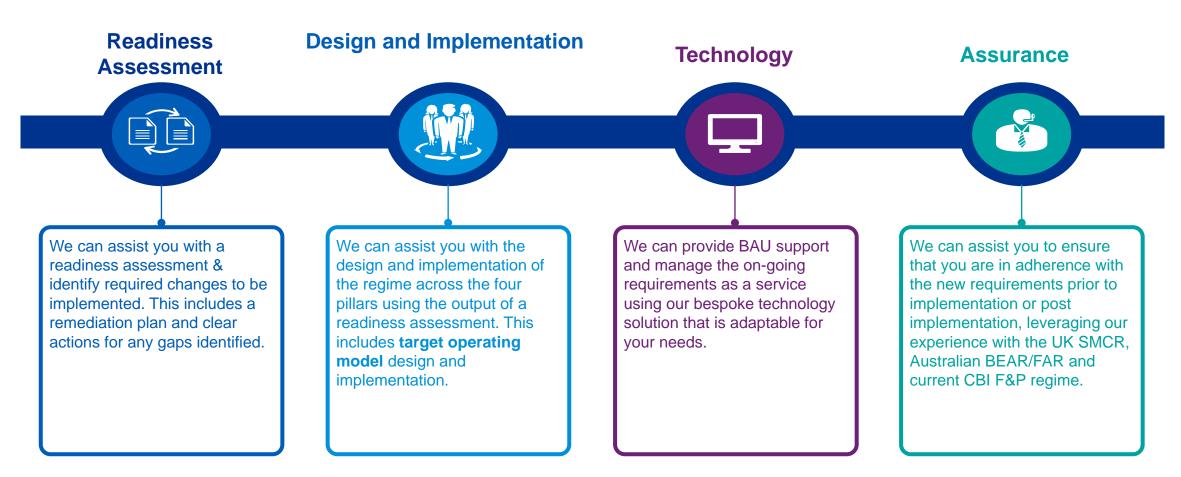




KPMG's Accountability Manager solution is an application hosted on the **ServiceNow platform**. It is a single source of truth to manage and track all relevant Accountability requirements. Each user's access levels are predetermined based on their role within the organisation and their responsibilities associated with the regime



How can KPMG help you?



Multi-disciplinary Team

We have a multi-disciplinary and experienced team, made up of Regulatory, Risk, Legal, IT, People and Change personnel to assist clients manage this large scale programme of work in a seamless manner



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Thank You!



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