

# CA/Browser Forum Meeting

**WebTrust for CA Update**

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# Agenda

- “WETSI”
- Impact of COVID -19
- Practitioner Guidance
- Reporting Guidance
- Detailed Controls Reporting
- Current Status Of Updated WebTrust Documents
- Reporting Requirements and Sample Reports
- New Projects
- CPA Canada Update

# “WETSI”



# WETSI

- December virtual meeting held
- Continuing issues discussed

# Impact of COVID-19

## 2020 - Issued - Practitioner guidance for auditors on COVID-19

- Discussed areas that might impact auditors and CAs
- Potential for scope limitations in certain areas caused by inability to physically be onsite
- Provides examples of tools and approaches as best practices
- On CPA Canada's web site (<https://www.cpacanada.ca/en/business-and-accounting-resources/audit-and-assurance/overview-of-webtrust-services>) [www.webtrust.org](http://www.webtrust.org) will redirect you

## 2020 Issued - Practitioner guidance for reports on COVID-19

- Provides examples of potential audit reports
- Provided electronically to registered WebTrust practitioners

# Impact of COVID-19

## COVID- 19 Temporary WebTrust Seal

- Can be awarded in a limited circumstance
- All controls tested are ok, but scope limitation exists due to government mandated restrictions
- Good for 6 months – expectation that scope limitation will be eliminated at that point
- Seal is removed once scope once the “clean” opinion is issued, when it is determined a report will be qualified/modified, OR six months, whatever happens first

# Impact of COVID-19

## 2021 Draft Guidance– Since COVID still here

### COVID- 19 Temporary WebTrust Seal

- Original expectation that 2020 scope limitation would be eliminated by 6 months
- May not happen due to second and third waves
- If it does not, temporary seal will be removed
- No change to auditor report since did not refer to seal
- CA to advise relevant root program
- 2021 audit would follow 2020 process

# Practitioner guidance for auditors

## Practitioner guidance for auditors

- Task force handoff to CPA Canada in early 2020
- Delayed until 2021 - In editing
  - initially delayed due to COVID-19 projects
  - then delayed due to AODA compliance - The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (**AODA**) is a law that sets out a process for developing and enforcing accessibility standards. Needs to be met for all materials on website effective January 1, 2021.
- Version combines US, Canada and International
- Provides examples of tools and approaches as best practices
- Due to delays and increased use of remote testing techniques guidance will be updated and resubmitted to editing



# Reporting Guidance

## Updated Reporting Templates

- Updated for changes to standards etc. since 2017
- Reporting examples for US, Cdn. and International short-form reports
- Effective December 1, 2020
- Will be available on CPA Canada website once compliant with OADA
- New template for code signing ( 3 possible reports for periods straddling November 1 2020)

# Detailed Controls Reporting

- No real changes since last update
- Field tested with some minor changes to system description
- Audit reports developed, US Canada and IFAC
- Still tweaking some limitation wording
- Will NOT be primary report for public seal
- Short form (current report) will be public facing report with seal

# Detailed Controls Reporting

- **Component report template has been developed - A period of time report has been developed – point in time report does not have a section 4**
  - Section 1- Overall audit results (opinion)
  - Section 2- Management assertion
  - Section 3- Description criteria (includes system description)
  - Section 4- Detailed testing performed and results thereof
  - Section 5 – Unaudited Information, such as Management comments

# Current Status of Updated WebTrust Documents

## No changes since last meeting

- WebTrust for CA 2.2.1 (effective November 1 2020)
- WebTrust Baseline + NS vs 2.5 (effective November 1 2020)

## Changes

- WebTrust for Extended Validation vs 1.7.3 (effective November 1 2020) - Updated EV SSL Criteria to conform to EV SSL Guidelines v1.7.3 and other clarifications
- WebTrust for Publicly Trusted Code Signing vs 2.0 – updated for new CA/B requirements that combined both EV and Publicly trusted code-signing – effective November 1 2020
- WebTrust for Extended Validation Code Signing vs 1.4.1 – deleted effective November 1 2020

# Changes ( Cont'd)

- **WebTrust for RA 1.01**
  - Minor updates done to reflect changes in WebTrust since release 1.0
  - Reporting - Will have short-form and detailed reporting available
  - Effective November 1, 2020

Next round of updates to take place in 2021

# WebTrust Reports Available – Full Lifecycle

- Rootkey Generation Ceremony Report (Birth Certificate)
- Key Protection (Provides assurance that once a key is created and up to the point it is moved into production, it was properly safeguarded)
- Point In Time (As of date for testing the design and implementation of controls)
- Period of Time (Same as Point in Time, but also tests transactions over a period between 2-12 months to ensure controls are operating effectively)
- Key Transportation, Migration & Destruction
- Engagement applicability matrix updated November 1 2020 on CPA Canada website  
<https://www.cpacanada.ca/en/business-and-accounting-resources/audit-and-assurance/overview-of-webtrust-services/principles-and-criteria>

# New projects

- **Impact of TPSP on WebTrust engagements**
  - Subservice organizations
  - External RAs

# Enhancement of CPA Canada Processes

## More detailed application and process considerations for auditors, including international –

- Separation of practitioner enrollment application from trademark agreement sets stage for process automation

WebTrust for Certification Authorities –  
Practitioner Enrollment Application

WebTrust for Certification Authorities –  
Trademark Agreement



# Enhancement of CPA Canada Processes

## Seal management:

- New Seal Deployment document is under development
- Improved rigor on expired seals – new seal expiration document under development
- Risk assessment undertaken

## Current Standing of Licensed Practitioners:

- CPA Canada's website lists all licensed practitioners
- Provides information on their status (good standing, revocation, suspension)
- Does not provide history of the practitioners' licensure

# CPA Canada

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# Reporting Structure/Roles

- Gord Beal – WebTrust falls into Guidance and Support activities of CPA Canada
- Janet Treasure – Seal system and licensing responsibility
- Bryan Walker –Licensing advisor
- Don Sheehy - Task Force and CABF liaison
- Jeff Ward - Chair of the WebTrust Task Force and primary contact
- All Task Force members provide WebTrust services to clients
- Volunteers are supported by additional technical associates and CPA Canada liaison but report to CPA Canada

Thank you.

Questions?