

CORE PRINCIPLES FOR THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE OF INTERNAL AUDITING

- Demonstrates integrity
- Demonstrates quality and continuous improvement
- Demonstrates competence and due professional care
- Communicates effectively
- Is objective and free from undue influence (independent)
- Provides risk-based assurance
- Aligns with the strategies, objectives, and risks of the organization
- Is insightful, proactive, and future-focused
- Is appropriately positioned and adequately resourced
- Promotes organizational improvement

The International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (Standards) have always been “principles-based,” yet these principles have never been articulated. To be effective, practitioners and the internal audit activities they serve must be able to demonstrate achievement of all ten principles.