

# POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Name	Non-Audit Services		
Policy #	409-G	Category	Finance
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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the independence of the audit opinion is not threatened by the provision of non-audit services by Saskatchewan Polytechnic's external auditors.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Saskatchewan Polytechnic (Sask Polytech) is committed to ethical integrity and transparency in its financial conduct and reporting.

#### POLICY

- 1. Subject to the exception identified in point 5, Non-Audit Services performed by Sask Polytech's external auditor shall be approved by the board of directors on the recommendation of the audit & risk committee.
- 2. Management will bring to the audit & risk committee requests for Non-Audit Services before the external auditor has been engaged to provide such services.
- The audit & risk committee chair will provide a full report of Non-Audit Services requested of Sask Polytech's external auditor at the following audit & risk committee meeting and board of directors meeting.
- 4. In situations where Sask Polytech requires the external auditor to provide immediate Non-Audit Services prior to the next scheduled audit & risk committee or board meeting, approval shall be sought from the chair of the audit & risk committee.
- 5. Management, with the approval of the CFO & VP Administrative Services, may engage the external auditor for the provision of general tax advisory services to a maximum expenditure of \$15,000 per year without requiring approval from the board of directors
- 6. When services have been approved under 4 or 5 above, management will provide a report at the next scheduled audit & risk committee meeting.

## DEFINITIONS

**Non-Audit Service**: a service for which an external audit opinion is not issued and for which an additional fee is charged. This service can include a wide range of activities, including, but not limited to, accounting advice, tax advisory and compliance services, business acquisitions or disposals, and regulatory reviews commissioned by the audit & risk committee.

## **RELATED POLICIES/DOCUMENT**

Policy # 704 Conflict of Interest

Policy # 504a-G Board Authorities Grid