

Powers of the Committee

The Committee shall exercise such powers as provided in these guidelines for the purpose of discharging its duties under the provisions of these guidelines.

The duty of carrying out the provisions of these guidelines shall be vested in the Committee.

In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, the duties of the Committee shall include:

- (1) To call for information from Practice Units in such form, as it deems fit.
- (2) To maintain a panel of Peer Reviewers.
- (3) To define the terms of appointment of the Reviewers.
- (4) To send a Panel of at least 3 (three) Peer Reviewers (from the panel maintained in terms of these Guidelines) to the Practice Unit and allow the Practice Unit to choose any one Reviewer from the panel so forwarded.

Provided that in case the Practice Unit would like to have Reviewers from another State/Region (and undertakes to bear the extra costs that would be incurred for TA/DA etc.), then the Practice Unit may make a special request to the Committee to provide names of Reviewers from outside the State/Region where the Practice Unit has his place of business.

- (5) To examine the aspects of basis of selection of records pertaining to the attestation services in terms of the appropriate Technical Standards.
- (6) To arrange for such training programs for Reviewers and orientation programmes for practice unit as may be deemed appropriate;
- (7) To prescribe the system, practice and procedure to be observed in relation to Peer Review; and
- (8) On considering the Report of a Reviewer, to do any or all of the following:
 - (a) To issue recommendations to the Practice Unit;
 - (b) To order a further Peer Review to be carried out;
- (9) After considering the report of the Reviewer and compliance of recommendations by the Practice Unit, wherever deemed appropriate by the Committee, to issue Peer Review Certificate.
- (10) To guide the members on best practices on Peer Review.
- (11) Such other action(s) as may be necessary for the fulfilment of these Guidelines.

Where deemed appropriate, after the conclusion of a cycle of reviews or at the end of each such period as may be determined, the Committee shall have the powers to make a Special Report to the Council on:

- (i) General issues regarding the level of implementation and adherence to Technical Standards amongst practice units.
- (ii) Its own suggestions for further improvement in quality of attestation services.

The Committee may perform any other duties or acts as may be incidental to, or, which it considers necessary or expedient for the performance of its functions or exercise of its powers as delegated to it by the Council, including the formation of sub-committees and regional councils of the Committee for specific tasks.