

**RULES  
OF THE  
AUDITOR GENERAL**



**CHAPTER 10.700  
AUDITS OF  
CERTAIN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS  
EFFECTIVE 6-30-17**

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## PREFACE TO RULES

Auditors are cautioned that, in general, these rules do not repeat nor paraphrase the various laws, rules, and regulations governing the operations of certain nonprofit organizations. Hence, knowledge of legal and regulatory requirements governing these organizations is the responsibility of individual auditors.

These rules are intended to and do implement, interpret, or make specific, certain statutory provisions that are within the authority of the Auditor General to implement, interpret, or make specific. However, the rules are not intended to supersede, nor to impinge on, the authority of the Board of Accountancy in the regulation of the practice of accountancy as authorized by Chapter 473, Florida Statutes.

**Note: All statutory references are to the 2017 Florida Statutes.**

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**10.710 PURPOSE**

- (1) Direct-support organizations and citizen-support organizations are subject to varying legal, regulatory, and contractual requirements.
  - (a) Each direct-support organization and citizen-support organization required by Sections 215.981(1), 288.1226(7), 1001.453(4), 1004.28(5), or 1004.70(6), Florida Statutes, to provide for an annual financial audit of its accounts and records by an independent certified public accountant shall do so in accordance with rules adopted by the Auditor General.
  - (b) Section 215.981(1), Florida Statutes, provides that audits of direct-support and citizen-support organizations created, approved, or administered by a State agency, other than a university, community college, or district school board, are also subject to rules adopted by the State agency that created, approved, or administers the direct-support or citizen-support organization.
  - (c) Section 1001.453(4), Florida Statutes, provides that audits of district school board direct-support organizations are also subject to rules adopted by the Commissioner of Education.
  - (d) Section 1004.28(5), Florida Statutes, provides that audits of university direct-support organizations are also subject to rules adopted by the university boards of trustees.
  - (e) It is the intent of these rules to supplement audit requirements, if any, promulgated by other governmental entities that have authority over direct-support and citizen-support organizations.
- (2) Scholarship-funding organizations shall comply with eligibility and other requirements as prescribed by Sections 1002.385 and 1002.395, Florida Statutes.
- (3) Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 288, Part VIII, Florida Statutes.
- (4) Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., shall comply with the requirements of Section 295.21, Florida Statutes.
- (5) The Scripps Florida Funding Corporation shall comply with the requirements of Section 288.955, Florida Statutes.

- (6) The purposes of these rules is to implement, interpret, or make specific, various provisions of Sections 11.45, 215.981(1), 288.906(1)(h), 288.955(14)(g), 288.1226(7), 295.21(8)(f), 1001.453(4), 1002.385(2)(e), 1002.395(2)(f), 1002.395(6)(m), 1004.28(5), and 1004.70(6), Florida Statutes.

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General Authority and Law Implemented – Sections 11.45, 215.981(1), 288.906(1)(h), 288.955(14)(g), 288.1226(7), 295.21(8)(f), 1001.453(4), 1002.385(2)(e), 1002.395(2)(f), 1002.395(6)(m), 1004.28(5), and 1004.70(6), Florida Statutes.

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## 10.720 DEFINITIONS

(1) As used in these rules, the term:

(a) "Certain nonprofit organizations" means the following entities:

1. "Citizen-support organization" means a Florida corporation not-for-profit incorporated under the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and authorized by Florida law to exist as a citizen-support organization to benefit or provide assistance to a governmental entity.
  2. "Direct-support organization" means a Florida corporation not-for-profit incorporated under the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and authorized by Florida law to exist as a direct-support organization to benefit or provide assistance to a governmental entity, including the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation, which is a direct-support organization of Enterprise Florida, Inc., pursuant to Section 288.1226(2), Florida Statutes.
  3. "Enterprise Florida, Inc." means the organization created pursuant to Section 288.901(1), Florida Statutes.
  4. "Florida Is For Veterans, Inc." means the organization created pursuant to Section 295.21(1), Florida Statutes.
  5. "Scholarship-funding organization" means an eligible nonprofit scholarship funding organization as defined by Section 1002.395(2)(f), Florida Statutes.
  6. "Scripps Florida Funding Corporation" means a not-for-profit corporation registered, incorporated, organized, and operated under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and created pursuant to Section 288.955(2), Florida Statutes.
  7. "Scripps Research Institute" means a not-for-profit benefit corporation authorized by Section 288.955(3), Florida Statutes, to establish a state-of-the-art biomedical research institution and campus in the State of Florida.
- (b) "Certified public accountant" means a person licensed to practice public accounting under Chapter 473, Florida Statutes.
- (c) "Compliance audit" means an audit of an organization's compliance with applicable compliance requirements.
- (d) "Financial audit" means an examination of financial statements to express an opinion on the fairness with which they are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as defined by the Financial

Accounting Standards Board (FASB) *Accounting Standards Codification*, Topic 105 *Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* or Governmental Accounting Standards Board *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, Section 1000 *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*, as applicable. Financial audits shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards as contained in the applicable *AICPA Professional Standards* promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Financial audits shall also be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

- (e) “*Government Auditing Standards*” are those audit standards set forth in the publication *Government Auditing Standards* (2011 Revision) issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.
- (f) “Governmental entity” means a State agency, a county agency, or any other entity, however styled, that independently exercises any type of State or local governmental function.

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## 10.730 AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

- (1) Financial audits of certain nonprofit organizations conducted by independent certified public accountants in accordance with these rules are to be conducted as specified by, and in accordance with, applicable laws, regulations, and contractual requirements. Where applicable, the audit shall also be made in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*; the Florida Single Audit Act; and Chapter 10.650, Rules of the Auditor General.
- (2) Financial audits of certain nonprofit organizations conducted by independent certified public accountants in accordance with these rules will include a report on financial statements which are to be presented in accordance with the reporting standards set forth in Section 958-205 of the FASB *Accounting Standards Codification*. However, if a certain nonprofit organization is determined to be a governmental organization based on the guidance provided in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants *Audit & Accounting Guide— Not-for-Profit Entities*, the audit will instead include a report on financial statements presented in accordance with reporting standards established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.
- (3) The scope of the financial audit shall include the following:
  - (a) An examination of the financial statements to determine whether they are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and an examination of any financial information necessary to comply with generally accepted accounting principles.
  - (b) For direct-support and citizen-support organizations, and scholarship-funding organizations, a determination of compliance with requirements prescribed by the sections of law that created and govern such organizations; any rules promulgated pursuant to law; and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements.
  - (c) For Enterprise Florida, Inc., a determination of compliance with requirements prescribed by Chapter 288, Part VIII, Florida Statutes; any rules promulgated pursuant to law; and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements.
  - (d) For Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., a determination of compliance with requirements prescribed by Sections 295.21 and 295.22, Florida Statutes; any rules promulgated pursuant to law; and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements.



- (e) For the Scripps Florida Funding Corporation, a determination of compliance with applicable law, including the requirements prescribed by Section 288.955(2), Florida Statutes; the board membership and meeting requirements prescribed by Sections 288.955(4) and (5), Florida Statutes; the investment requirements prescribed by Section 288.955(7), Florida Statutes; the contracting requirements prescribed by Sections 288.955(8), (9), (10), and (11), Florida Statutes; the expenditure or disbursement requirements prescribed by Sections 288.955(6), (11), and (12), Florida Statutes; the reporting requirements prescribed by Sections 288.955(6)(h) and (14), Florida Statutes; any rules promulgated pursuant to law; and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements. The audit shall also include a determination of the Scripps Florida Funding Corporation's compliance with the monitoring requirements prescribed by Section 288.955(6)(g), Florida Statutes, including a determination of the adequacy of the Corporation's efforts to verify compliance by the Scripps Research Institute with the provisions of Section 288.955, Florida Statutes, and contractual requirements, either through the Corporation's own efforts or through the review of audits of the Institute conducted pursuant to Section 288.955(8)(b)16., Florida Statutes.
  - (f) For scholarship-funding organizations, disclosure of all transferred amounts received by any eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization pursuant to Sections 1002.395(6)(j)2., 1002.395(6)(l), or 1002.395 (16)(f), Florida Statutes.
  - (g) When applicable, additional activities necessary to establish compliance with Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*; the Florida Single Audit Act; Chapter 10.650, Rules of the Auditor General; and other applicable Federal and State law.
- (4) Each audit report submitted pursuant to law and these rules shall be a single document and contain at least the following:
- (a) A table of contents.
  - (b) The auditor's report on the financial statements.
  - (c) A report on internal control and compliance based on an audit of the financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*.
  - (d) Any other auditor's report, related financial information, and auditee-prepared documents required pursuant to Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative*

*Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*; the Florida Single Audit Act; Chapter 10.650, Rules of the Auditor General; and other applicable Federal and State law.

- (e) The basic financial statements and required supplementary information required by generally accepted accounting principles.
- (5) Audit findings contained in reports, schedules, and management letters shall include the following specific information.
- (a) The criteria or specific requirement upon which the audit finding is based, including statutory, regulatory, or other citation A table of contents.
  - (b) The condition found, including facts that support the condition identified in the audit finding.
  - (c) The cause, or the reason or explanation for the condition or the factor(s) responsible for the difference between the situation that exists (condition) and the required or desired state (criteria).
  - (d) The effect or potential effect (i.e., outcome or consequence) of the condition. This should include information to provide proper perspective for judging the prevalence and consequences of the audit findings, such as whether the audit findings represented an isolated instance or a systemic problem. Where appropriate, instances identified shall be related to the universe and the number of cases examined, and shall be quantified in terms of dollar value.
  - (e) Recommendations to prevent future occurrences of the deficiency identified in the audit finding.
  - (f) Views of responsible officials of the nonprofit or for-profit organization concerning the audit findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as any planned corrective action.
  - (g) Reference number for each audit finding.
- (6) Audit reports of direct-support and citizen-support organizations shall be submitted as required by Sections 215.981(1), 288.1226(7), 1001.453(4), 1004.28(5), and 1004.70(6), Florida Statutes. Audit reports of scholarship-funding organizations shall be submitted to the Department of Education and the Auditor General no later than 180 days after completion of the scholarship-funding organization's fiscal year. Audit reports of Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall be submitted to the Executive Office of the Governor and the Auditor General, within 45 days after delivery of the audit report but no later than 9 months after the end of its fiscal year. Audit reports of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., shall be submitted to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of

Representatives, and the Auditor General, within 45 days after delivery of the audit report but no later than December 1 after the end of its fiscal year. Audit reports of the Scripps Florida Funding Corporation shall be submitted to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Auditor General, within 45 days after delivery of the audit report but no later than 9 months after the end of its fiscal year.

- (7) Certain nonprofit organizations, which are component units, as defined by generally accepted accounting principles, of a governmental entity, shall also comply with any other audit report submittal deadlines that exist for the governmental entity and that are prior to the deadline established by these rules.

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**10.740      EFFECTIVE DATE**

These rules, as amended, shall take effect for fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, and thereafter.

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