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Nature, Objectives and Scope of Audit

Auditing & Ethics

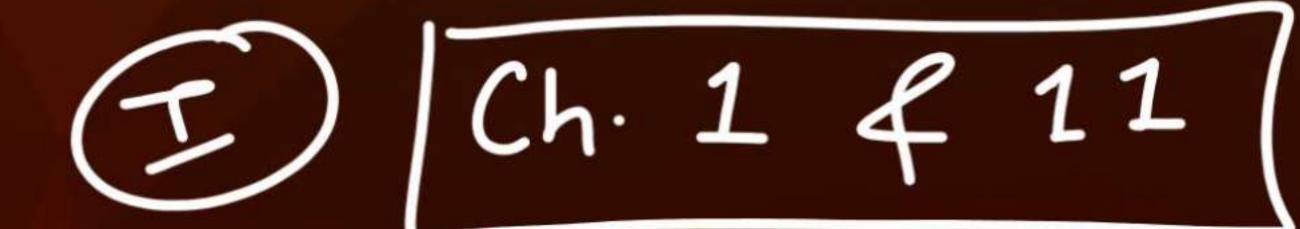
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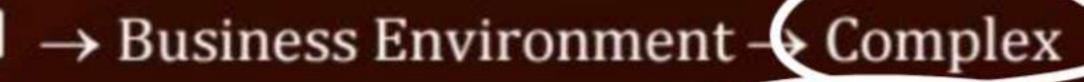


Topic: Introduction











→ Money Lender — Credit Worthiness



→ Share holders → Financial Position of Co.



→ Bank → Credit Worthy



→ Government → Taxes



→ Insurance Co. → Settle Claims

RELIANCE?

CONFIDENCE?

Financial Statements → True & Fair



Topic: Origin of Auditing



Auditing → Ancient Times → Many Societies

Kautilya's Arthshastra → 4th Century BC

Fixed Accounting Year

Process of Closure of A/c.s

Auditing

Periodical Checking

Verification

Misstatement in F.S

Abuse of Power



Topic: Origin of Auditing



Origin of the word 'Audit' \rightarrow Latin \rightarrow Audire \rightarrow To HEAR

I Auditor General of Indian → 1860

Accounting

Auditing

Presently -> Constitutional Authority

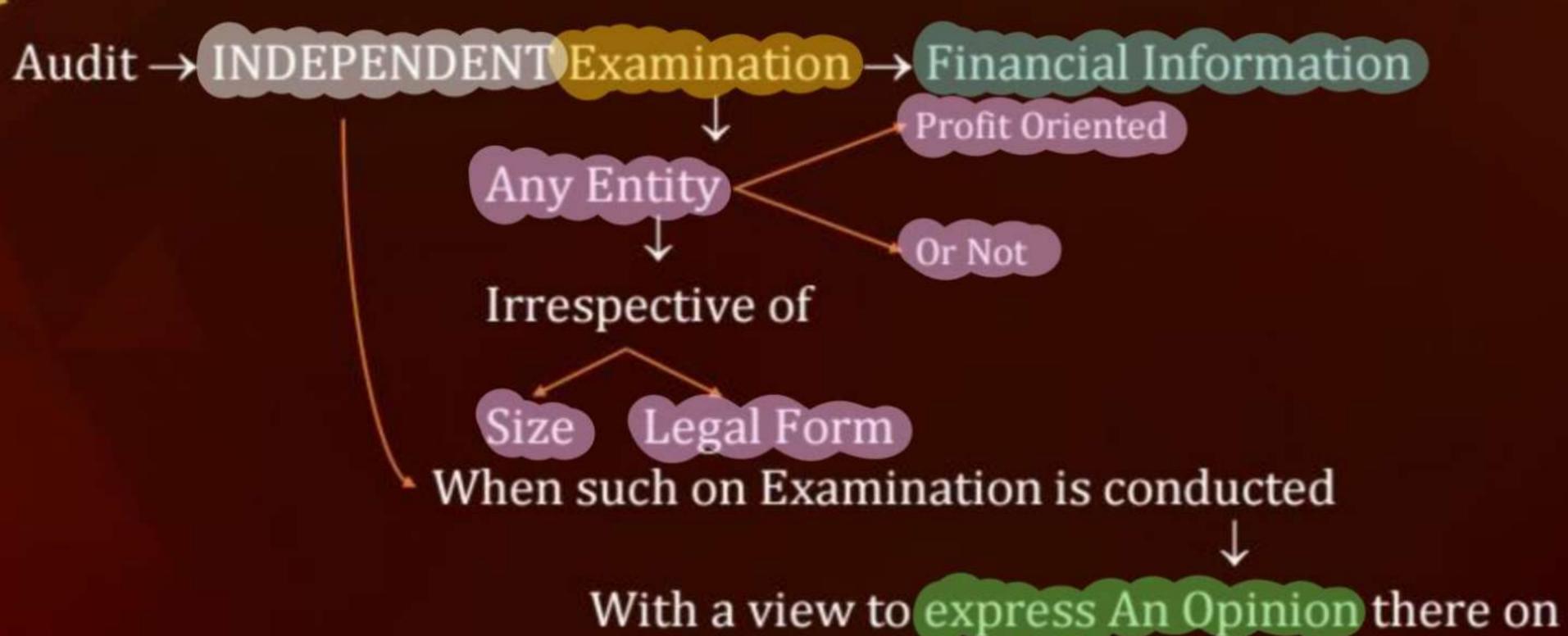
C & AG

ICAI → Statutory Body → Act of Parliament



Topic: Meaning & Nature of Auditing

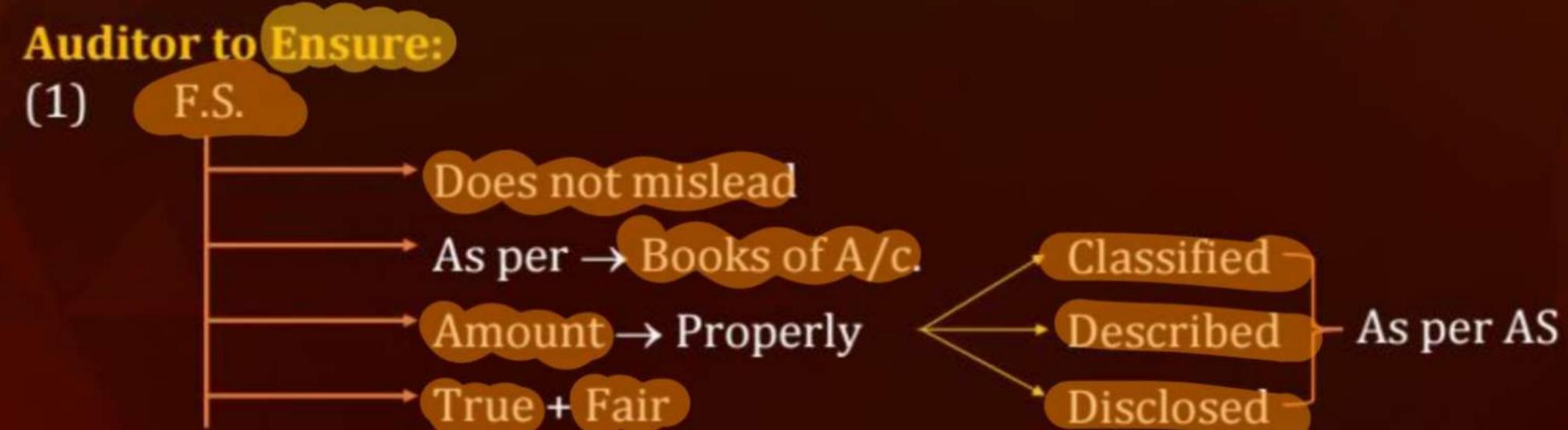








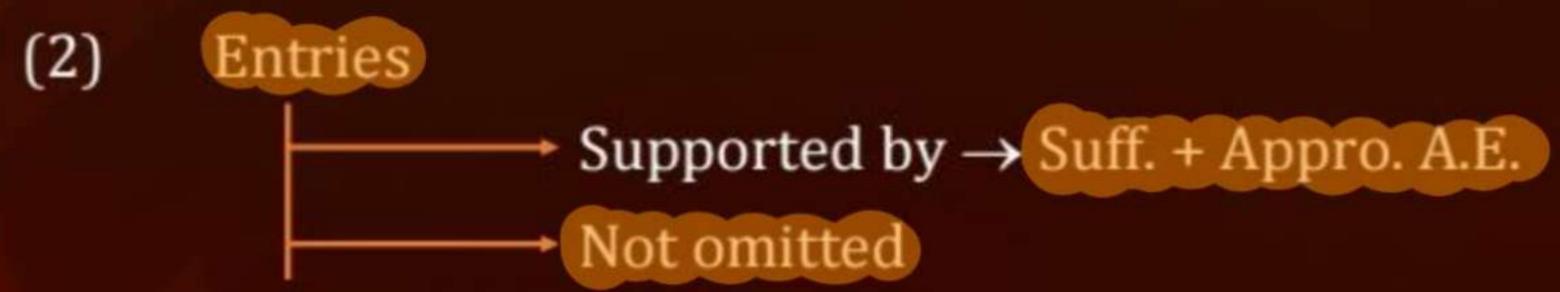






Topic: Meaning & Nature of Auditing





(3) Information

Clear

Unambiguous

Auditing → Provides → Assurance → To user → F.S. ← Credibility Relied Upon



Topic: Interdisciplinary Relationship with Diverse Subject







Topic: Objectives of Audit



As per SA 200

→ "Overall OBJECTIVES of an Independent Auditor AND conduct of an Audit in accordance with SA"

Objective of Audit

To obtain R.A. \rightarrow That the F.S. as a whole

→ are Free from M.M.

 \rightarrow Due to F/E

Enabling the Auditor to Express an Option

→ F.S. are Prepared

In accordance with App. F.R.F.

To Report on F.S

Communicate as required by SA

In accordance with Auditor's Findings



Topic: Objectives of Audit



Absolute Assurance = Guarantee



≠ Not Guarantee

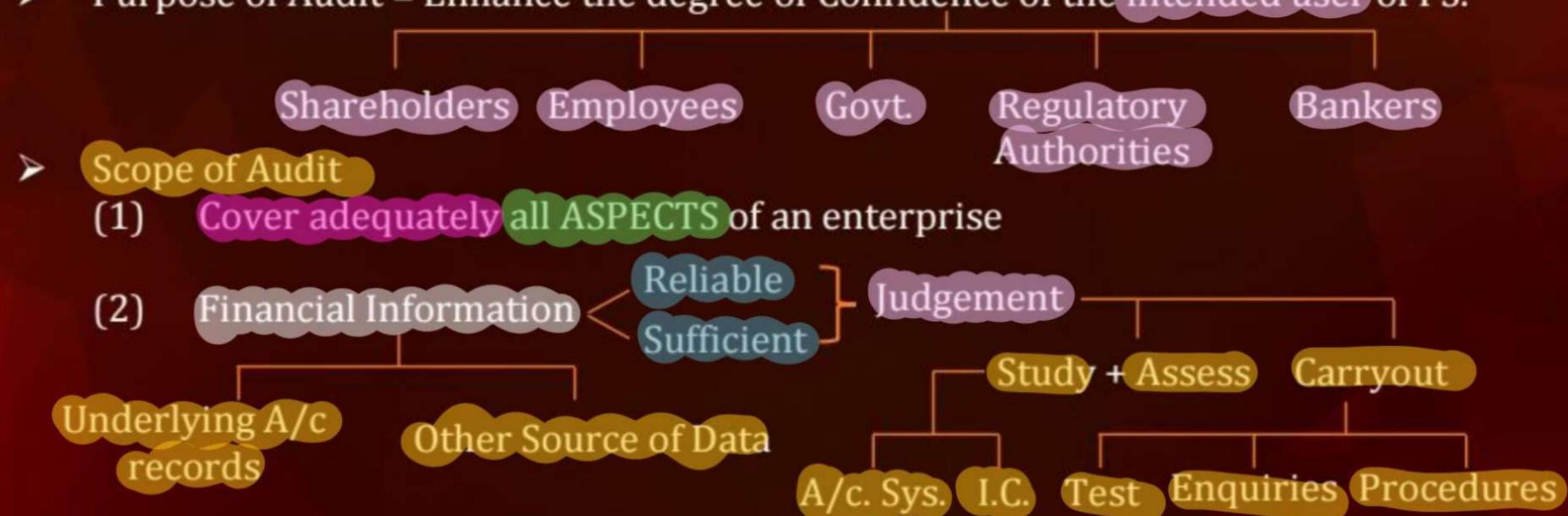
= High Level of Assurance



Topic: Scope of Audit - What is Included



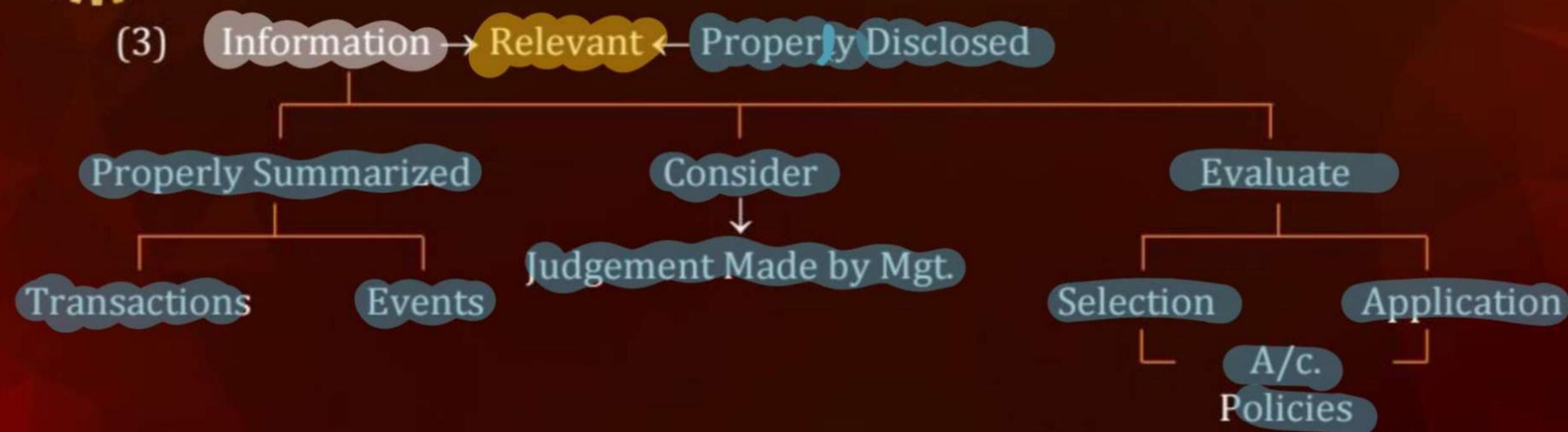
- Scope = Range or Reach
- Purpose of Audit = Enhance the degree of Confidence of the intended user of FS.









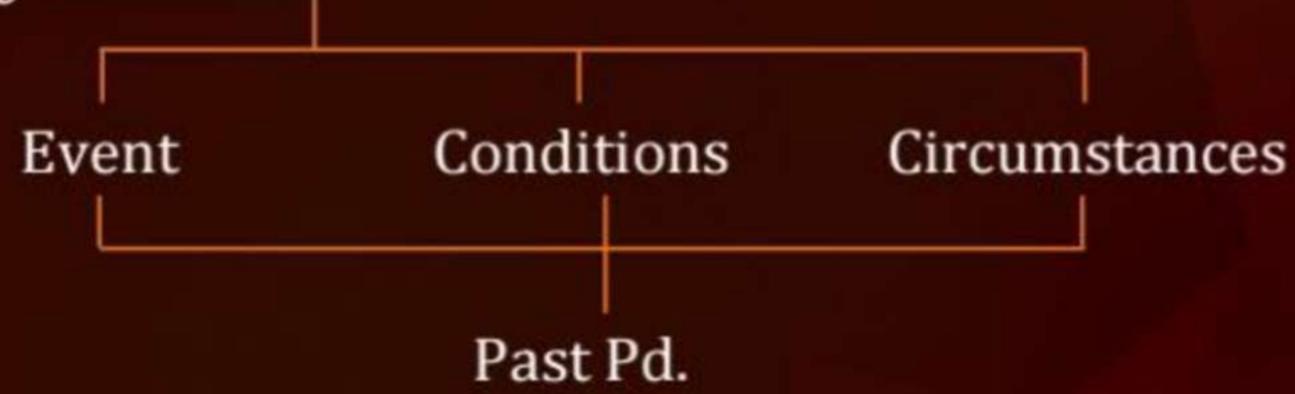




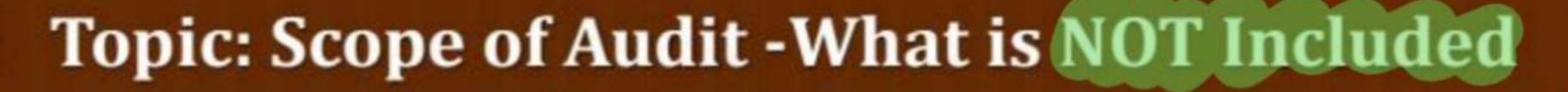




- (4) Expression of an opinion
 - Historical Financial Info.
 - Financial Terms
 - Relation to particular entity
 - Derived from A/c. Sys.
 - About Economic









Auditor is NOT EXPECTED to:-

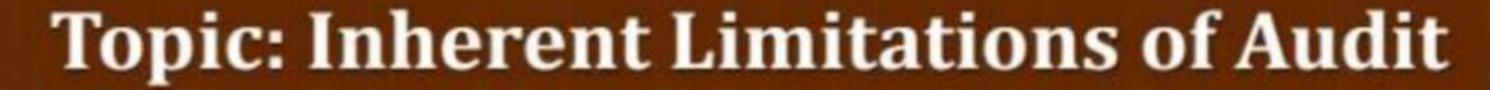
- (1) Perform duties
 - which fall outside the domain of his competence
- (2) Determine suitability + Life of civil structures (Bldg.)
- (3) Authenticate Documentation → Not on Expert
- (4) Audit ≠ Not official investigation → Alleged wrongdoing
- (5) Auditor ≠ specific legal power
- (6) Audit ≠ Investigation

Obtain R.A. Critical Examination of A/c.

With a special purpose

- F.S. as a whole are free from MM \rightarrow Due to F/E
- (7) Responsibility \rightarrow Preparation \rightarrow FS







Auditor

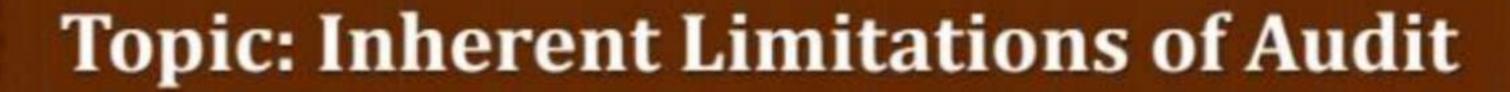
- ➤ NOT EXPECTED to Reduce the Audit Risk to ZERO
- CANNOT obtain ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE

That the F.S. as a whole

are FREE from MM

Due to F/E







Factor

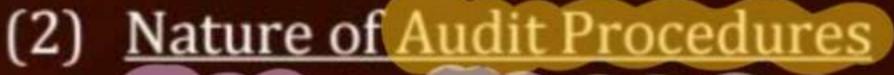
(1) Nature of Financial Reporting

Preparation of FS → Involves → Mgt. Judgement









Practical + Legal Limitations

Sampling Approach

Intentionally

May not provide

Unintentionally

complete info

Sophisticated

Fraud may involve

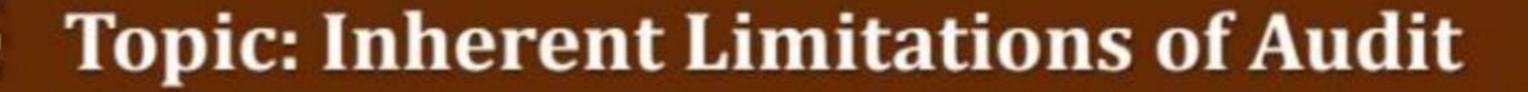
Carefully Organised

Scheme

Fabricated Documents

Related party transactions







(3) Not in Nature of Investigation

Not official Investigation

(4) Timeliness of Financial Reporting & Decrease in Relevance of Info. Over Time

Balance b/w. Reliability of Info ≅ cost of obtaining it

(5) Future Events

Entity' ability to continue as Going Concern



Topic: What is an Engagement?



Arrangement to do something



Auditor agrees to provide Auditing Service



Topic: External Audit Engagement / Reasonable Assurance Engagement



Purpose — Enhance the degree of confidence



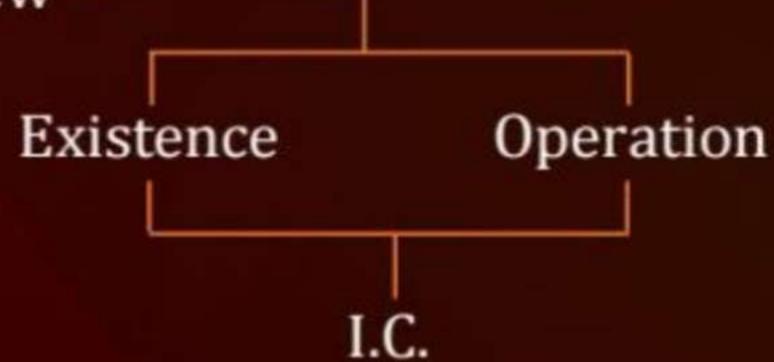
of the intended user of F.S.



Topic: Benefits of Audit / Why is Audit needed?



- (1) Audited A/c. \rightarrow provide \rightarrow High Quality Info.
 - Give confidence to user of FS
- (2) Interest of shareholders → safeguarded
- (3) Moral Check on employees
- (4) Helpful for Govt. → determine Tax Liabilities
- (5) Relied upon by Bankers / Lenders
- (6) Detection of F/E
- (7) Review









Mandatory

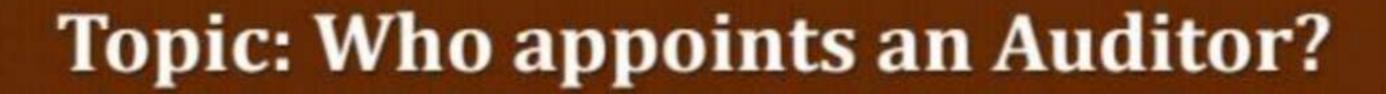
- → Companies
- \rightarrow Entities

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T/o > threshold limit as per Income Tax

→ Organization → Receiving Govt. Grants







Generally

 \rightarrow 0wners

➤ Constitutional/Govt. Authorities → As per Law/Regulation

Companies (Non-Govt.)

→ Members (Shareholders) @ AGM

Companies (Govt.)

 \rightarrow C & AG

> Firms

→ Partners



Topic: To Whom Report is Submitted by an Auditor?



➤ Submitted → To the person → Making Appointment







Practitioners expresses a conclusion → About the outcome of

Designed to enhance the degree of confidence

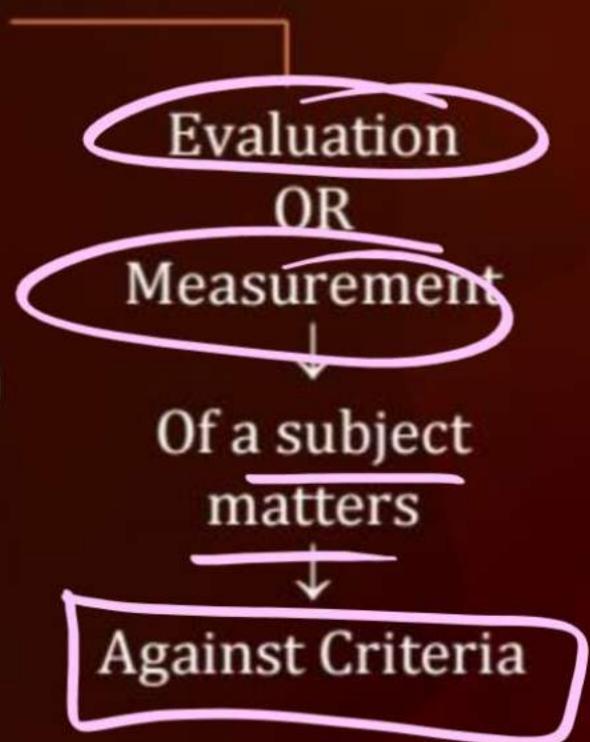
of the intended user (Other than the Responsible Party)

▶ Practitioner → Gives Opinion → About SPECIFIC INFO.

Due to which users make confident decisions

Knowing well → Chance of Incorrect info

DIMINISHED









(1) Provides Assurance

CA

Broader than Auditor

Party

Practitioner

Responsible

Audit → Historical
Assurance → Historical
or Present or Future

Person for whom an Assurance Report is prepared Relation

Bank

Intended User Responsible for Preparation of Subject Matter







(2) Appropriate Subject Matter

Info. To be examined by the practitioner

(3) Suitable criteria → Benchmarks → Used to evaluate the subject matter

Standards Guidance Laws Rules Regulations

(4) Suff. + Appro. Evidence→ Conclusion → Opinion
 Qty. Quality





Topic: Elements of an Assurance Engagement

(5) Written Assurance Report → in appropriate format

Outcome of an Assurance Engagement



Topic: Audit vs. Review



Audit

- Engagement
- → Higher assurance
- More Procedures

v/s.

Review

- Limited Assurance Engagement
- → Lower level of assurance
- Fewer Procedures
- \rightarrow Scope of Conclusion is higher \rightarrow Limited Conclusion

Both are related to FS prepared on the basis of Historical Financial INFO.





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Basis	R.A.E	L.A.E.		
Level	Higher	Lower		
Audit Procedure	Elaborate & Extensive	Fewer Procedure as compared with RA		
Conclusion	Reasonable	Limited		
Example	Audit Engagement	Review Engagement		





Topic: Audit & Review vs. Prospective Financial Info



➤ Audit & Review → Historical Financial info.

Prospective Financial Info. → NOT Historical Financial Info.

Generally on I.C. of an entity

Based on Assumptions About events

That may occur in the future

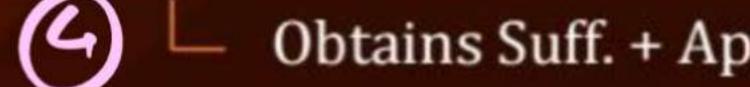
Possible Actions by an Entity

In the form of Projection



Topic: Audit & Review vs. **Prospective Financial Info**





Obtains Suff. + Appro. A.E. → about Mgt.'s Assumptions



Financial Info. → Properly



Prepared

Presented

Disclosed

Moderate level of Assurance

Auditor \rightarrow NOT in a position \rightarrow to express an opinion

Results shown Will be achieved

NOT Unreasonable





Report:- Nothing has come to practitioner's attention

To suggest that these assumptions

DO NOT PROVIDE A REASONABLE BASIS FOR THE PROJECTION







-> must compulsory

- Tact, Caution, Firmness, Good Temper, Integrity, Discretion, Industry Judgement, Patience, Clear Headedness & Reliability
- ➤ Qualities of Good Businessman

 Qualities of on Auditor
- Shine of culture for attaining great height
- Highest Degree of Integrity + Independence
- Basic Human Qualities
- Exhaustive Knowledge of Accounting is sine qua non
- ightharpoonup Thoroughly known \rightarrow A/c. Principles \rightarrow Techniques



Topic: Engagement and Quality Control Standards



Engagement Standards → Issued under authority of → ICAI Council





Topic: Engagement and Quality Control Standards



- Why are standards needed?
- (1) Carrying Audit as per Global Practices & Benchmarks
- (2) Improve → Quality of F.R
- (3) Promote → Uniformity
- (4) Equips → Professional
- (5) Ensure → Audit Quality

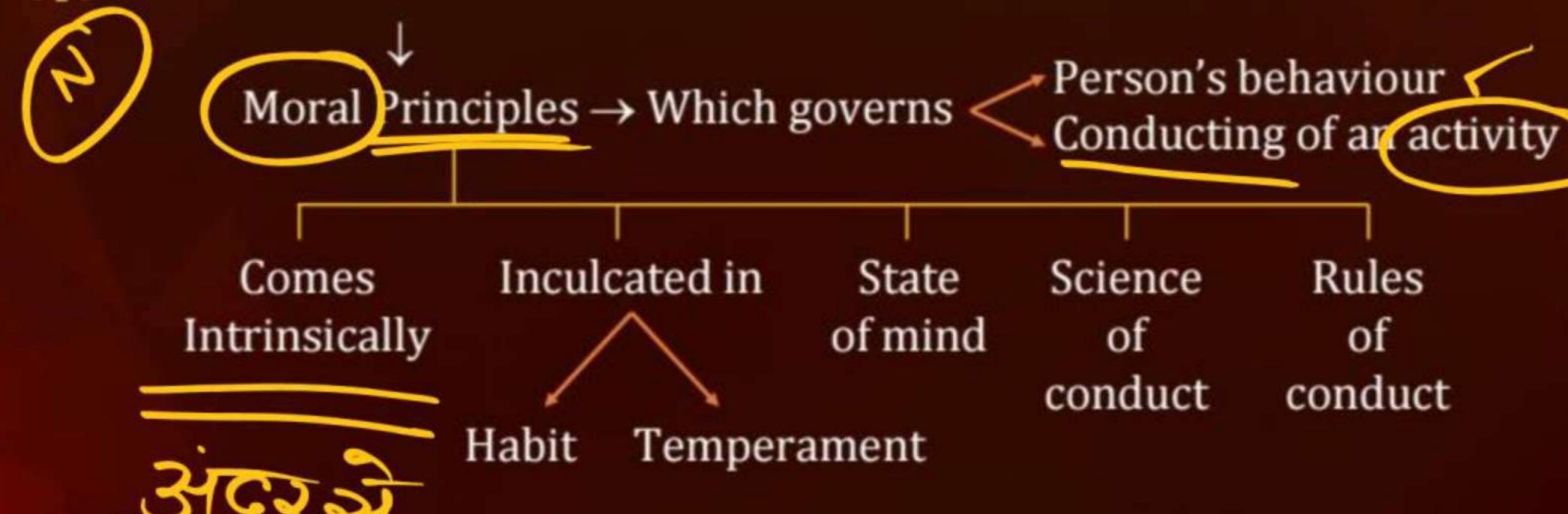
Knowledge

Skills



Topic: Meaning of Ethics -A State of Mind











ICAI \rightarrow requires \rightarrow members \rightarrow comply with principles of ethics

* Deviation → Disciplinary Mechanism

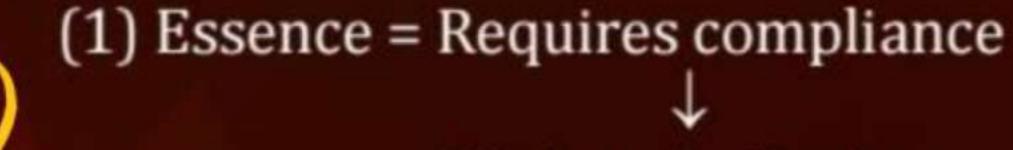
Fines
Suspension
Removal
Other



Topic: Principles based approach vs rules based approach to ethics (ethical or legal)

Principles Based Approach Rul

Rule Based Approach Act Low &



With sprit of ethics

(2) Accountants → exercise

Every situation Prof. Judgement

Based on

Prof. knowledge skill Expertise

Winner

(1) Strictly follows

Clearly established rules

- (2) Narrow outlook
- (3) Spirit of ethics

Overlooked

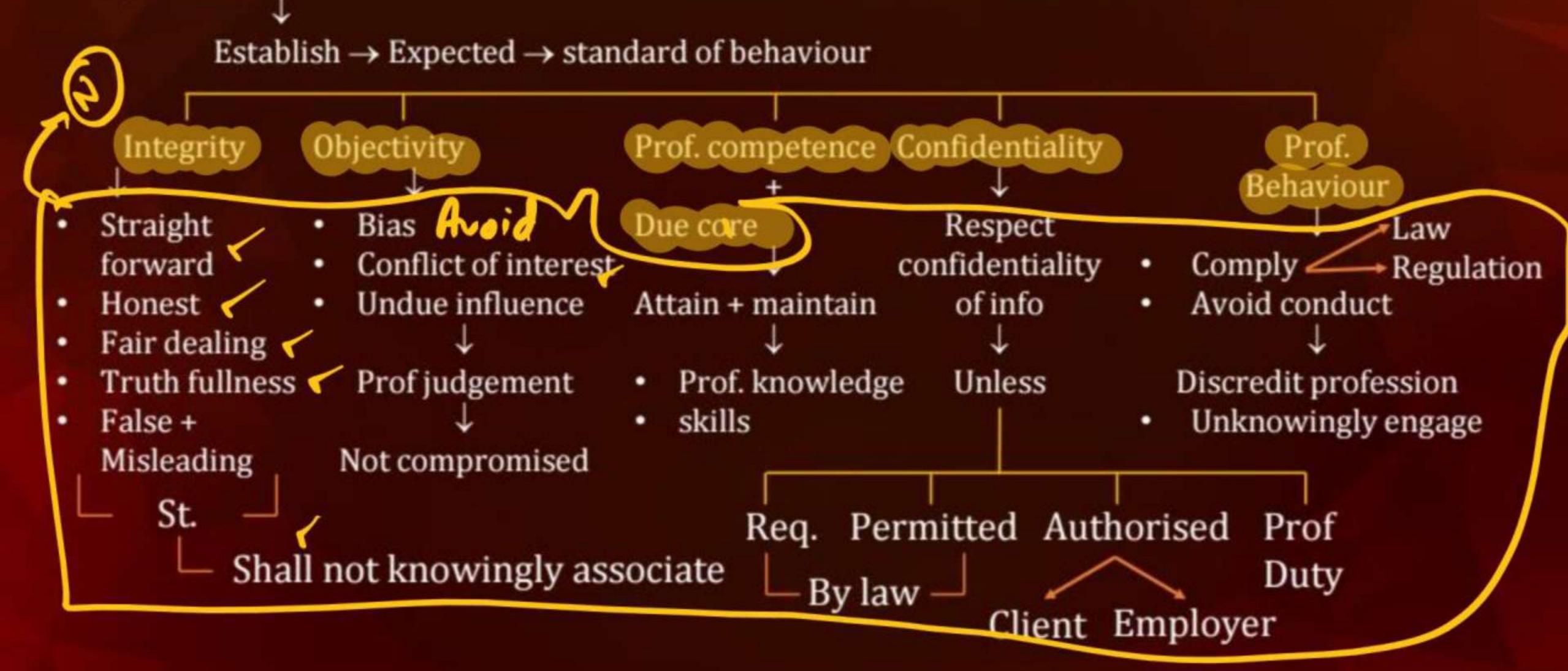
- (4) Rigid
- (5) May not possible

Every situation



Topic: Fundamental Principles of Professional Ethics









→ Diligence = Responsibility to Act [carefully + Thoroughly + timely]





Topic: Independence of auditors





Interlinked Perspective of INDEPENDENT

To own self interest

Independence of Mind

State of mind that permits the provision of an opinion → without being affected by influences

Independence in Appearance

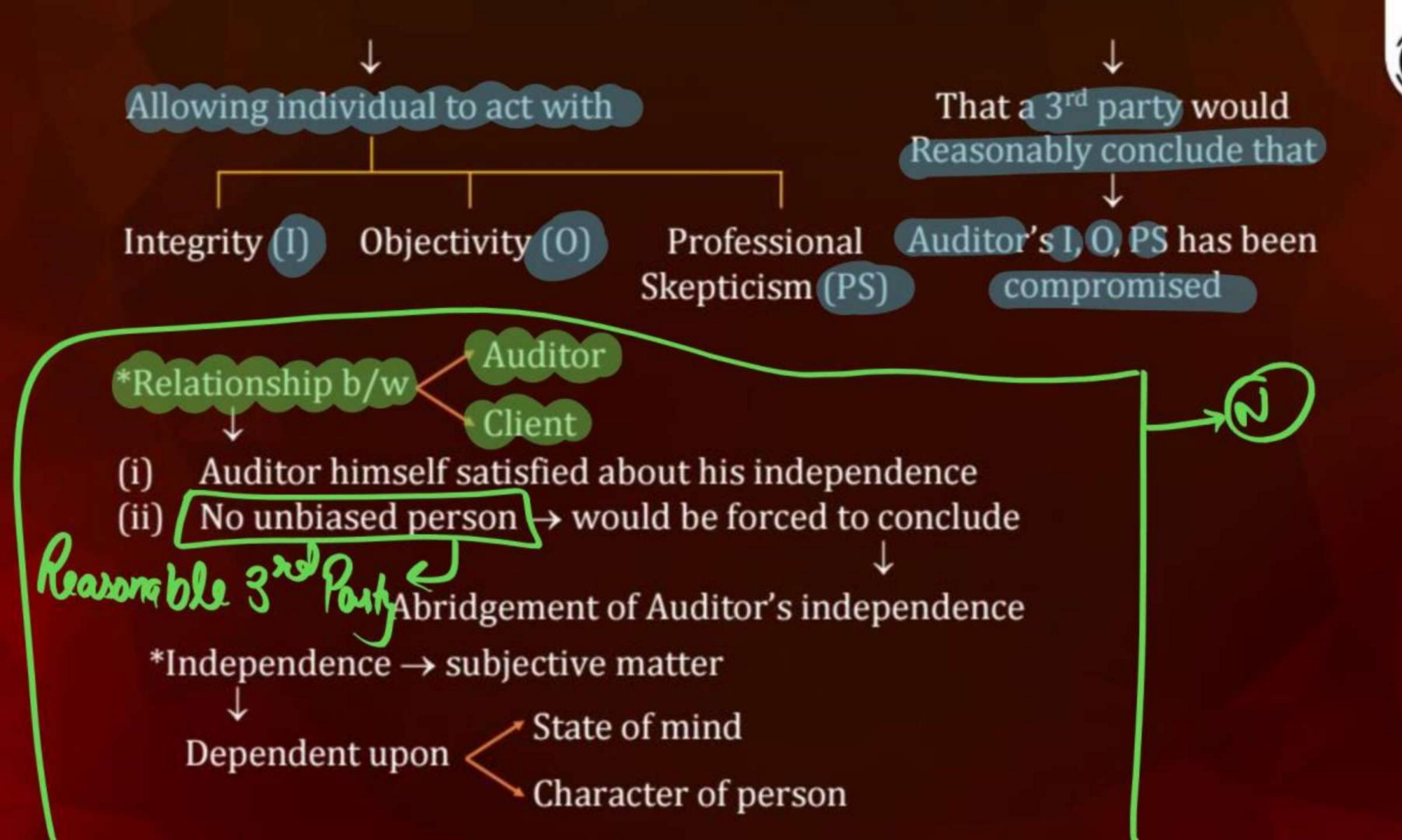
Avoidance of facts & circumstances

That are so Significant











Topic: Threats To Independence



Threats to Independence

Self Interest threats

Financial
Interest of
Partner/
Associate

Self Review threat

Review of any judgements or conclusions reached in previous audit

Advocacy Threat

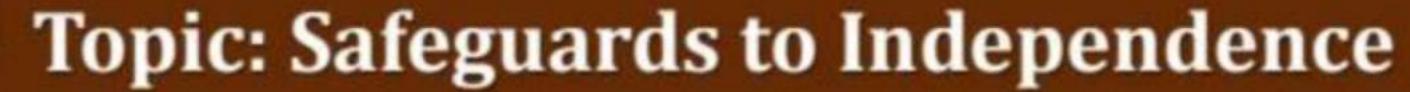
Auditor promote or perceived to promote a client's opinion

Familiarity Threat

Auditor forms Relationship with client Intimidation Threat

Auditor is deterred to act objectively







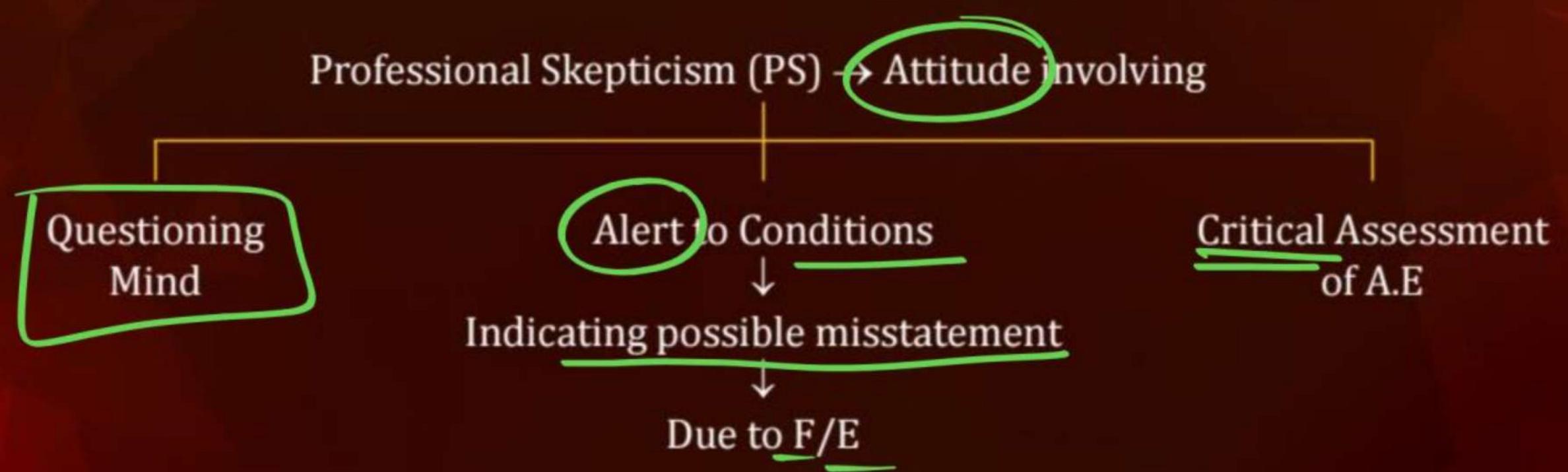
Safeguards to Independence

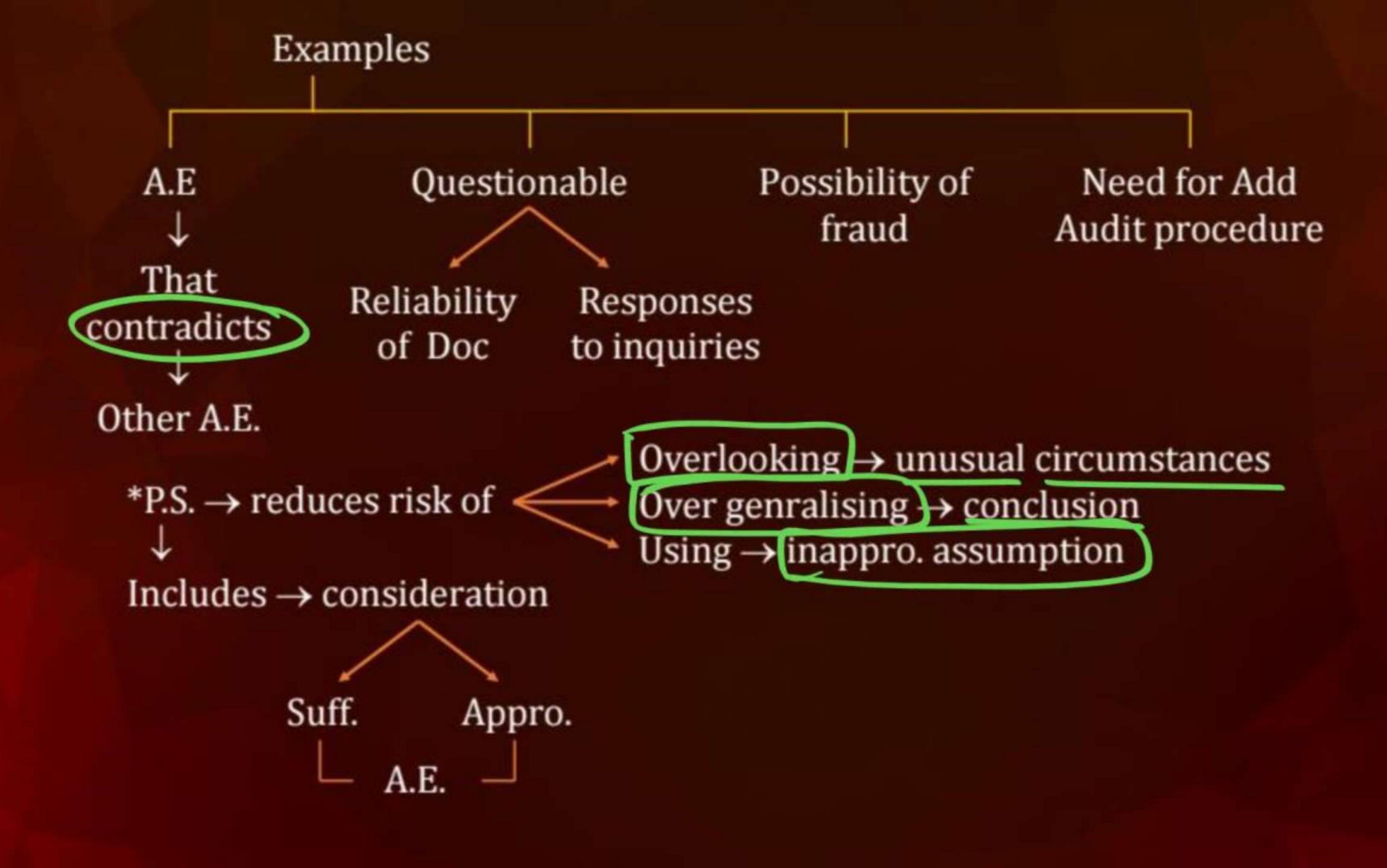
- (i) Always be & appear to be Independent
- (ii) Have I, O, PS
- (iii) Consider threats to his Independence
- (iv) Desist from the task or put in place safeguards
- (v) If unable to fully implement safeguards must not accept work

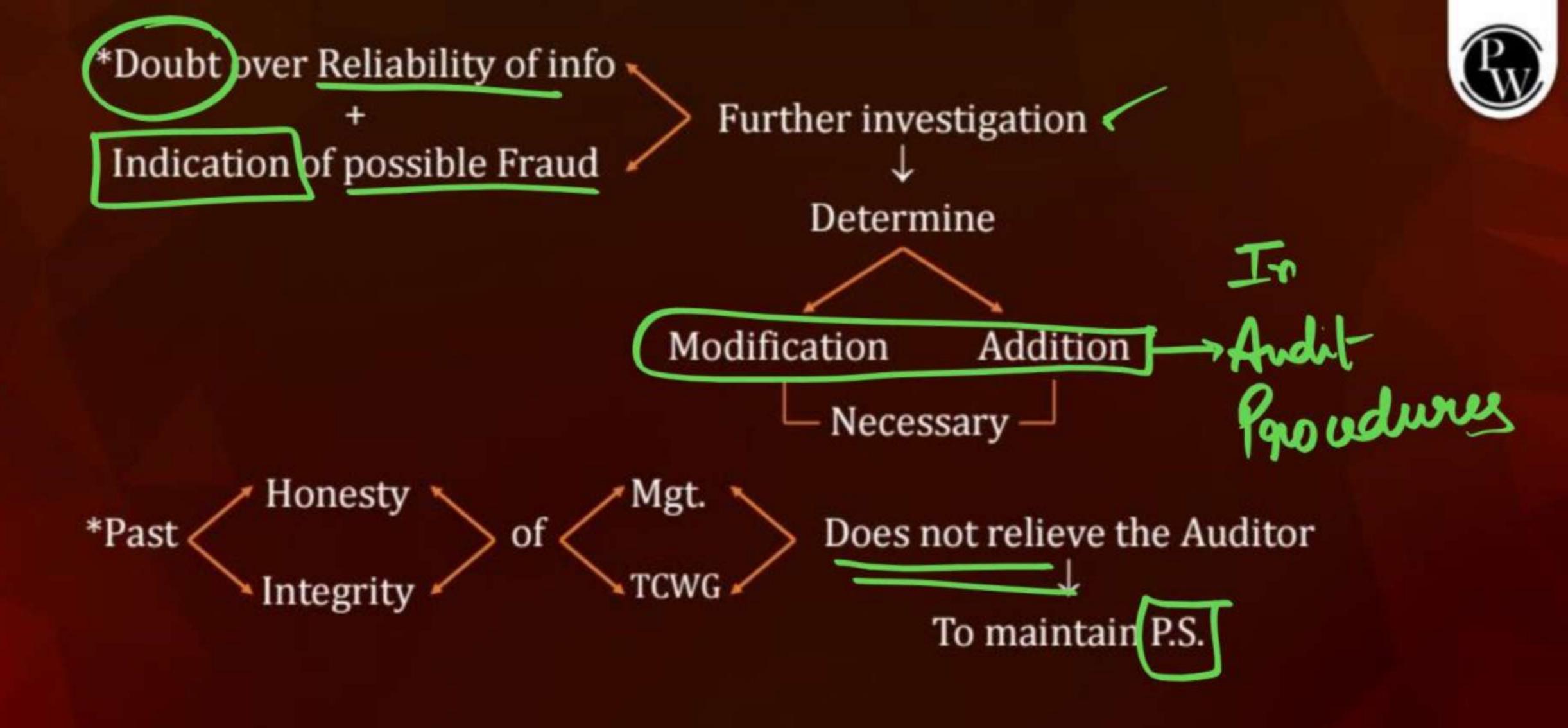


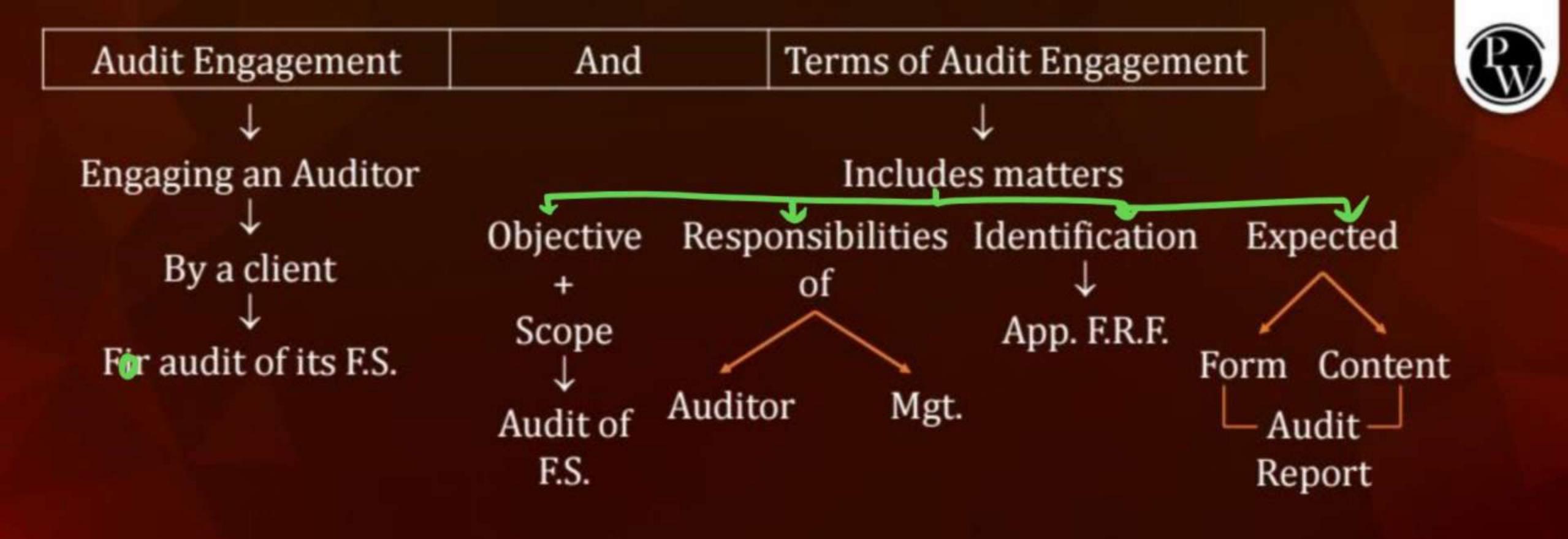
Topic: Professional Skepticism













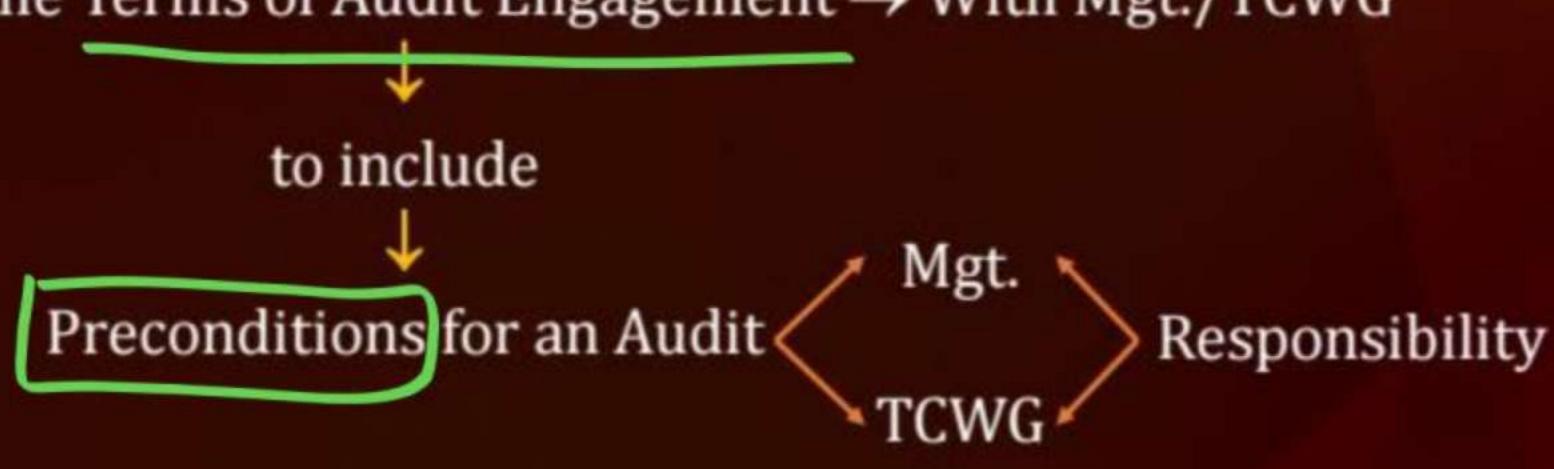
Topic: Agreeing the Terms of Audit Engagements



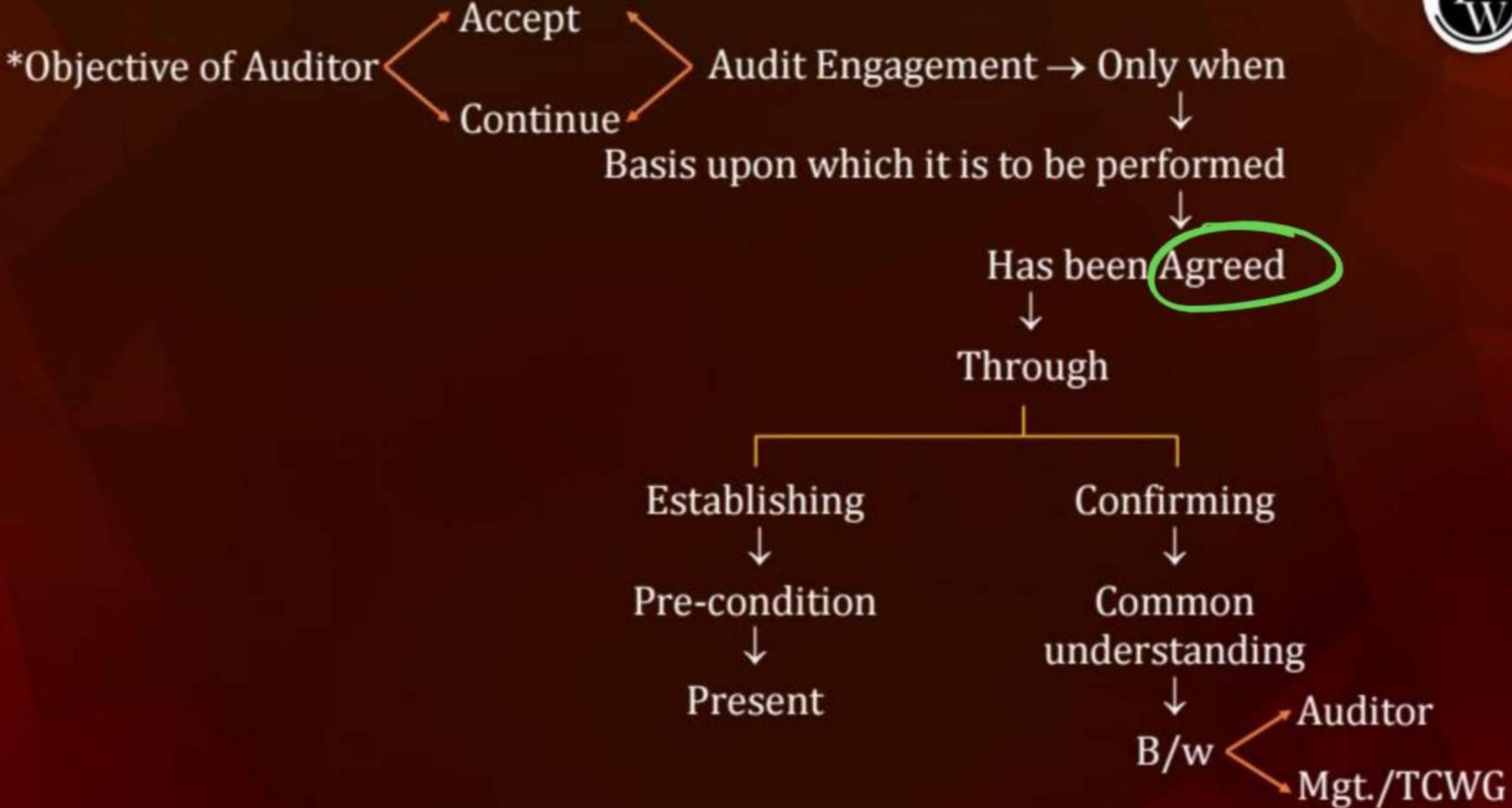
Agreement on Audit Engagement Terms

In writing → as per SA-210 "Agreeing to the Terms of Audit Engagements"

Auditor should agree to the Terms of Audit Engagement → With Mgt./TCWG









Topic: Pre-Conditions for an Audit



As per SA 210 "Agreeing to the terms of Audit Engagement"

Pre-Conditions for an Audit

Use by the Management

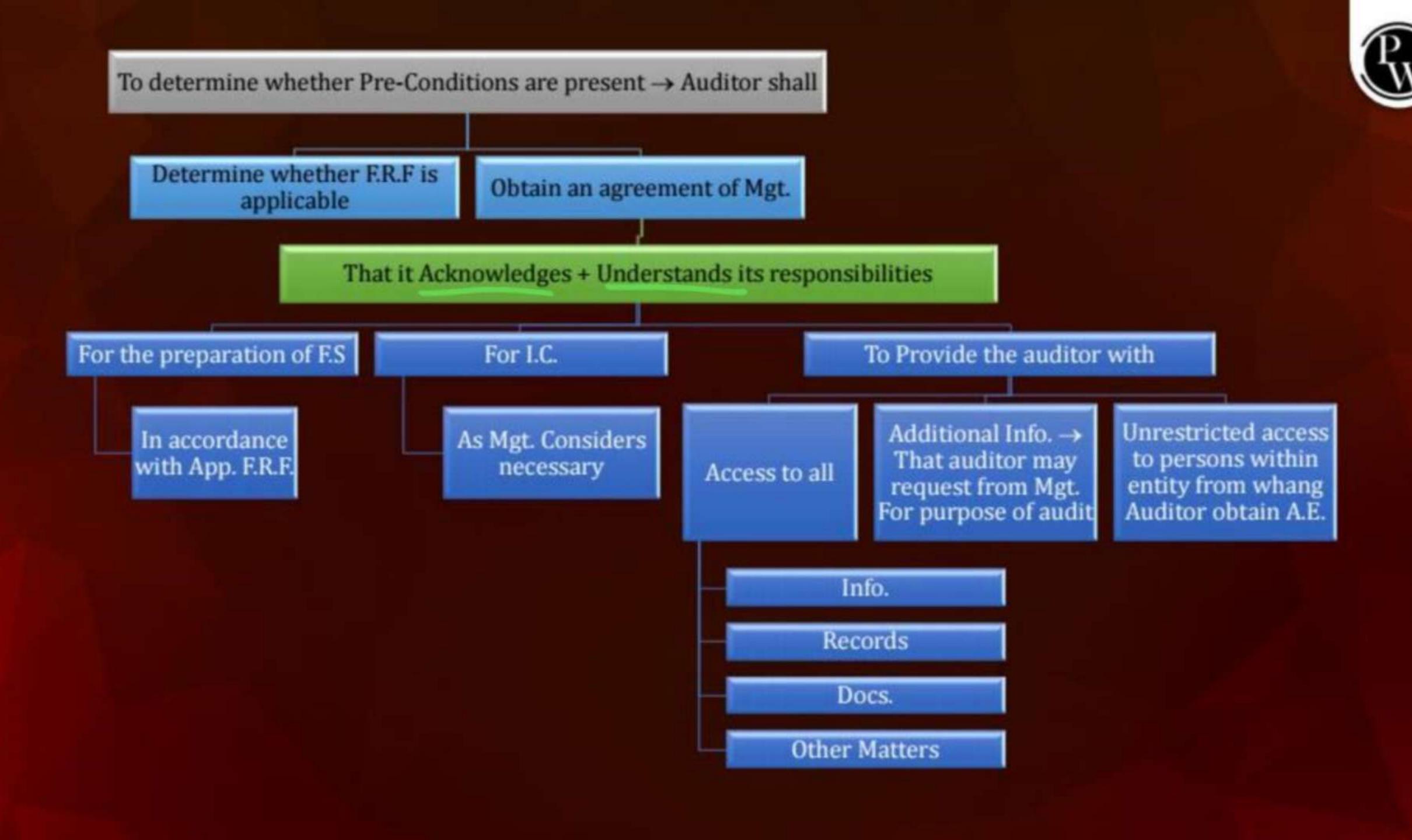
Agreement of Mgt. / TCWG

of an acceptable F.R.F

To the premise on which

In preparation of F.S

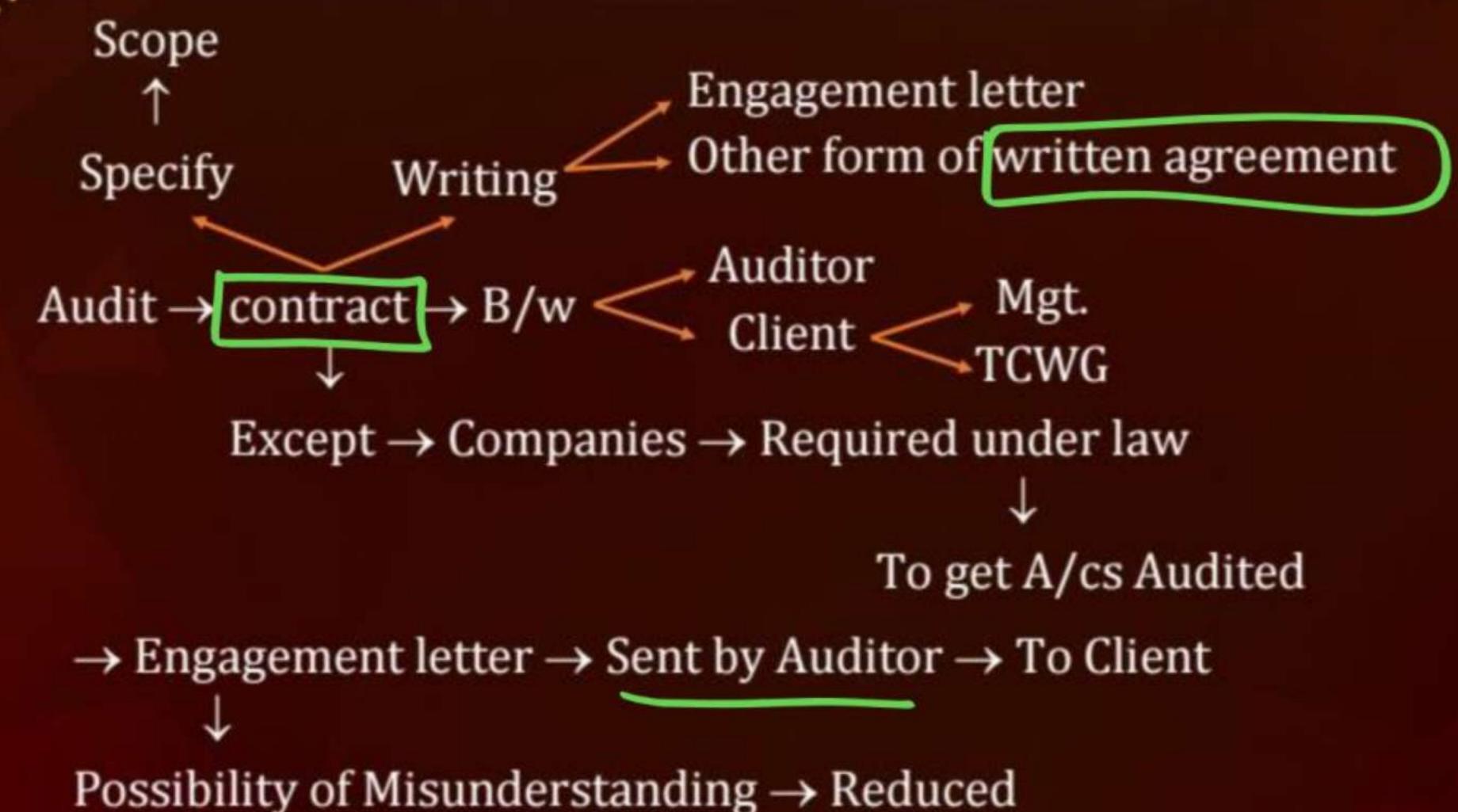
An audit is conducted







Topic: Agreement on Audit Engagement Terms



- (i) Objective → Scope → of Auditor
- (ii) Responsibilities of Auditor
- (iii) Responsibilities of Mgt.
- (iv) Identification of app. F.R.F. → for proportion of F.S
- (v) Reference of any Expected → Form → Content → of any Report to be issued by the Auditor

Statement → that Report may differ from Expected → Form → Content

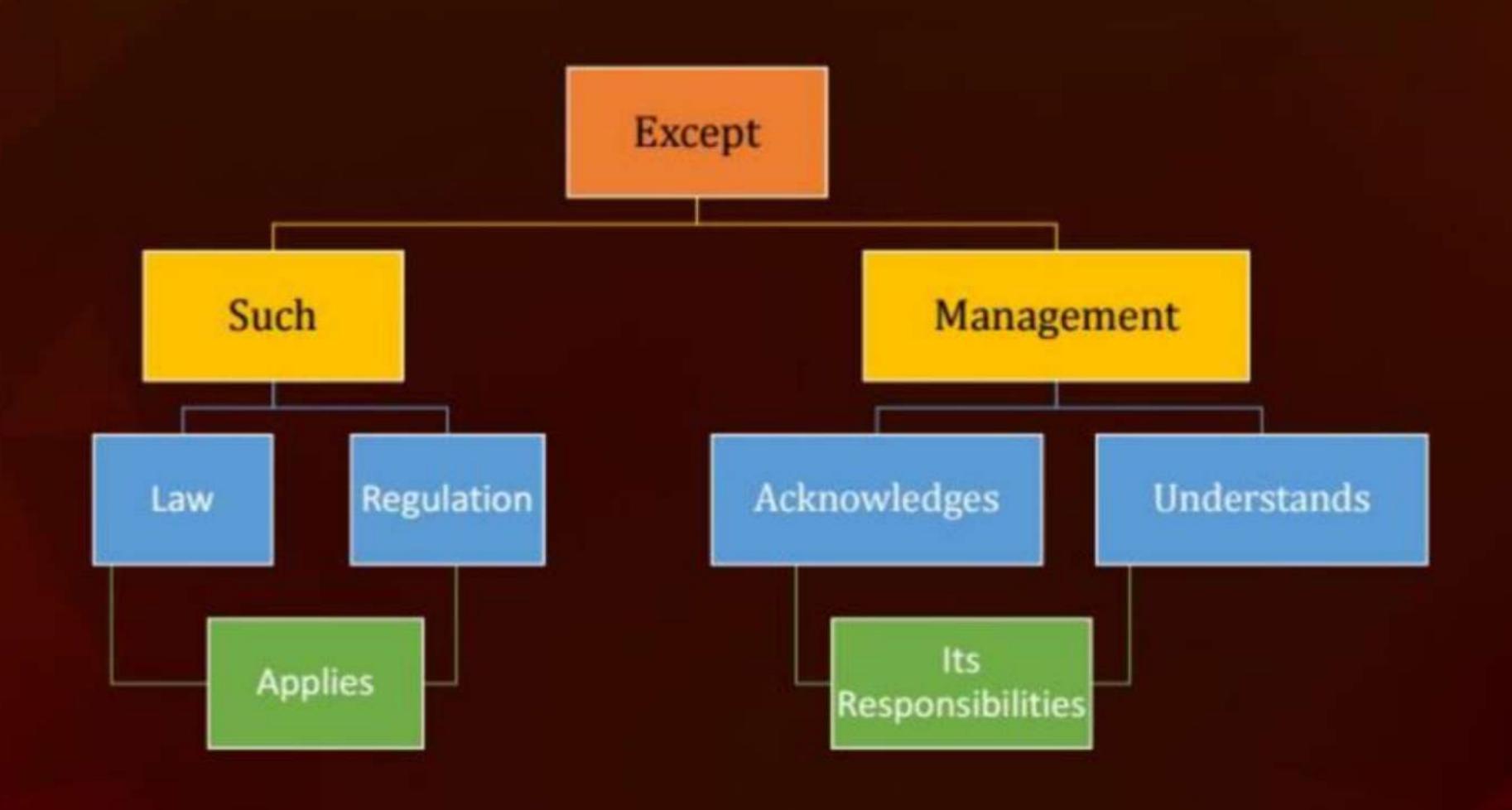


If \rightarrow Law \rightarrow Regulation \rightarrow Prescribes \rightarrow Sufficient Details

The Auditor NEED not Record them in writing









Topic: What Happens if Preconditions for an Audit are not Present?

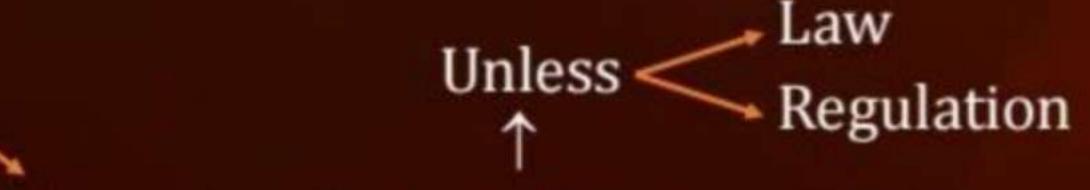




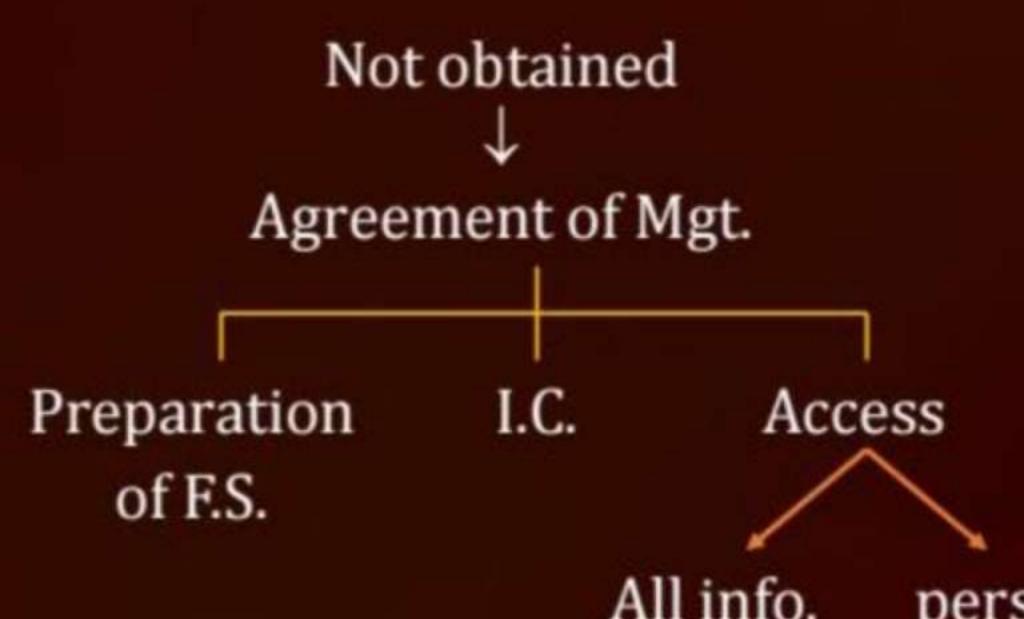
Auditor determines

F.R.F.

Unacceptable



Not Accept → Proposed engagement



All info.

persons



Topic: Limitation on Scope Prior To Audit Engagement Acceptance



If Mgt./TCWG \rightarrow Impose Limitations \rightarrow On the Scope \rightarrow Such that

Limitation would Result in → Auditor Disclaiming an opinion

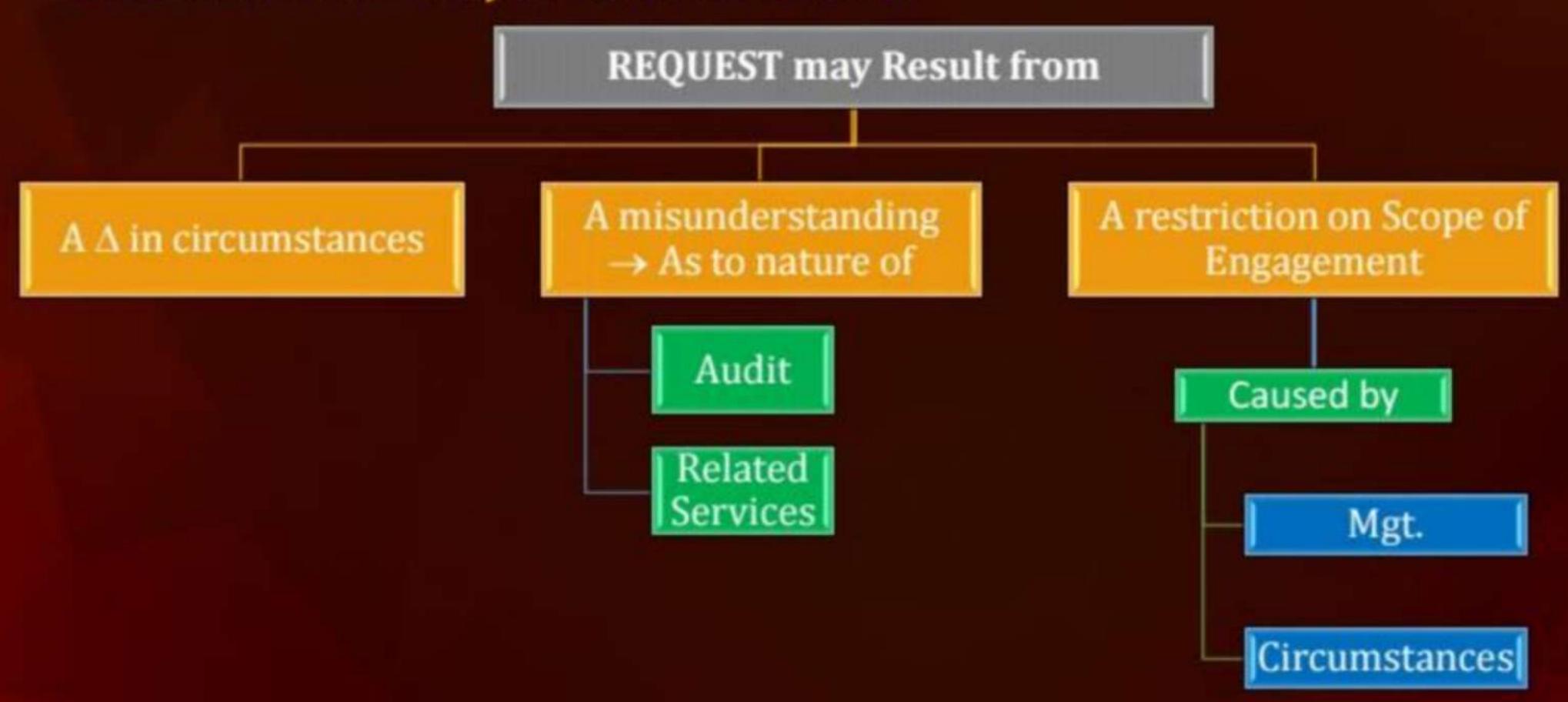
The Auditor shall not accept such a limited engagement



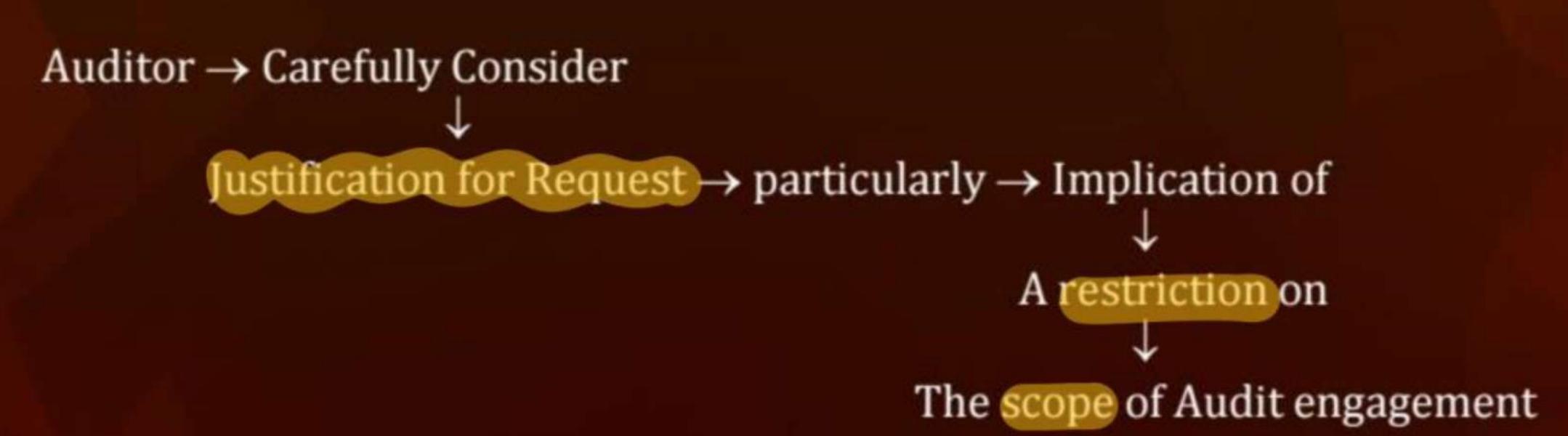
Topic: Acceptance of a Change in the Terms of the Audit Engagement



Request from Entity to change the Terms of Audit Engagement-When Reasonable Justification Exists?







*A ∆ in circumstances

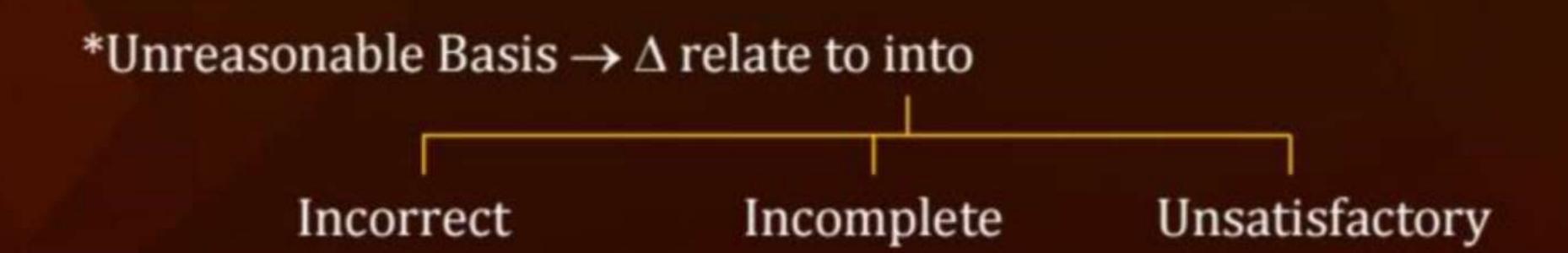
↓
affects entity's Requirement

Considered

↓
Reasonable Basis

Nature of service originally requested







Topic: What should auditor consider before agreeing to change the audit engagement to the engagement providing lower level of assurance?



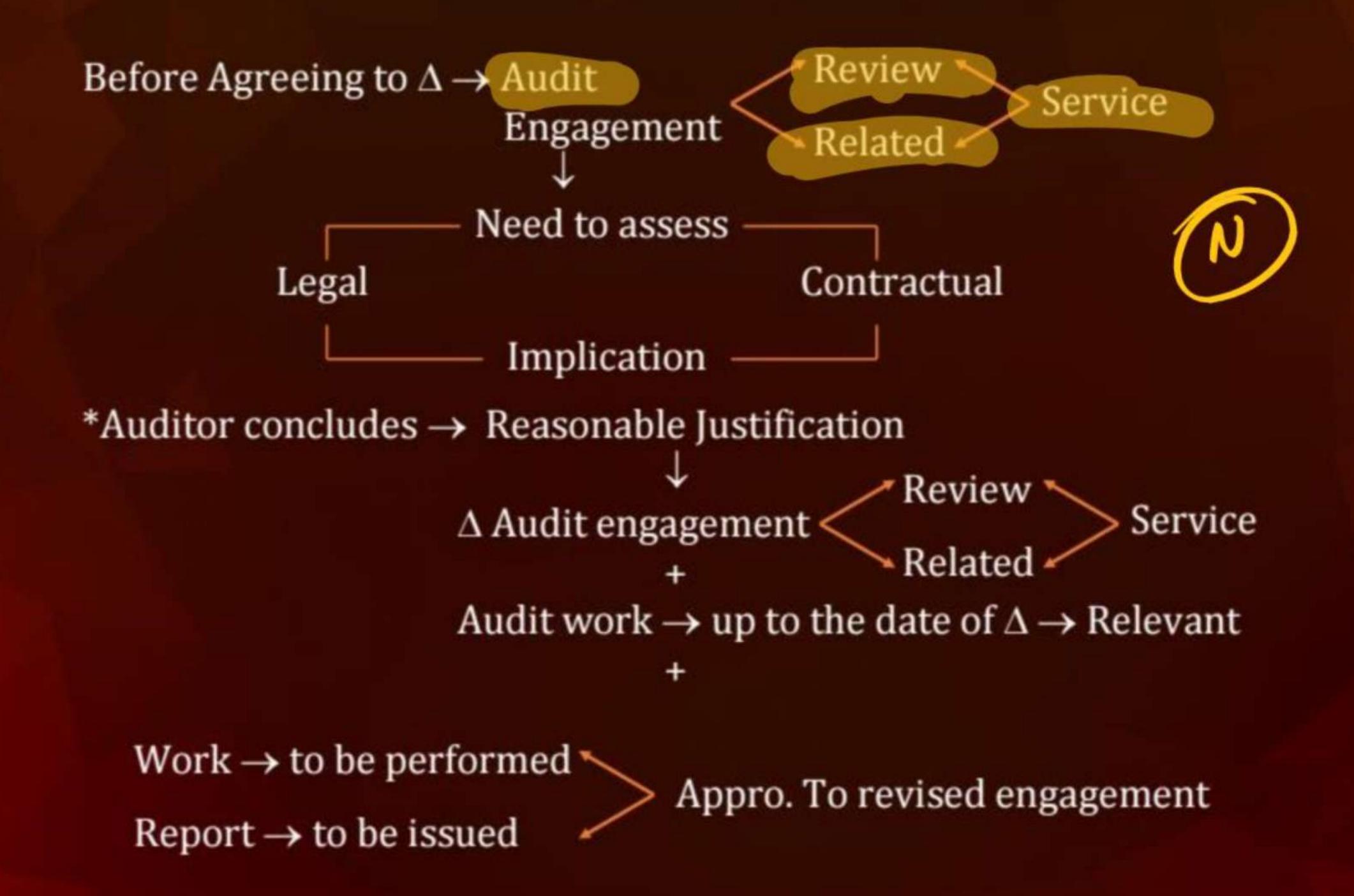
Prior Completion of Engagement → Auditor is REQUESTED by client

To change the Engagement → to one which provides

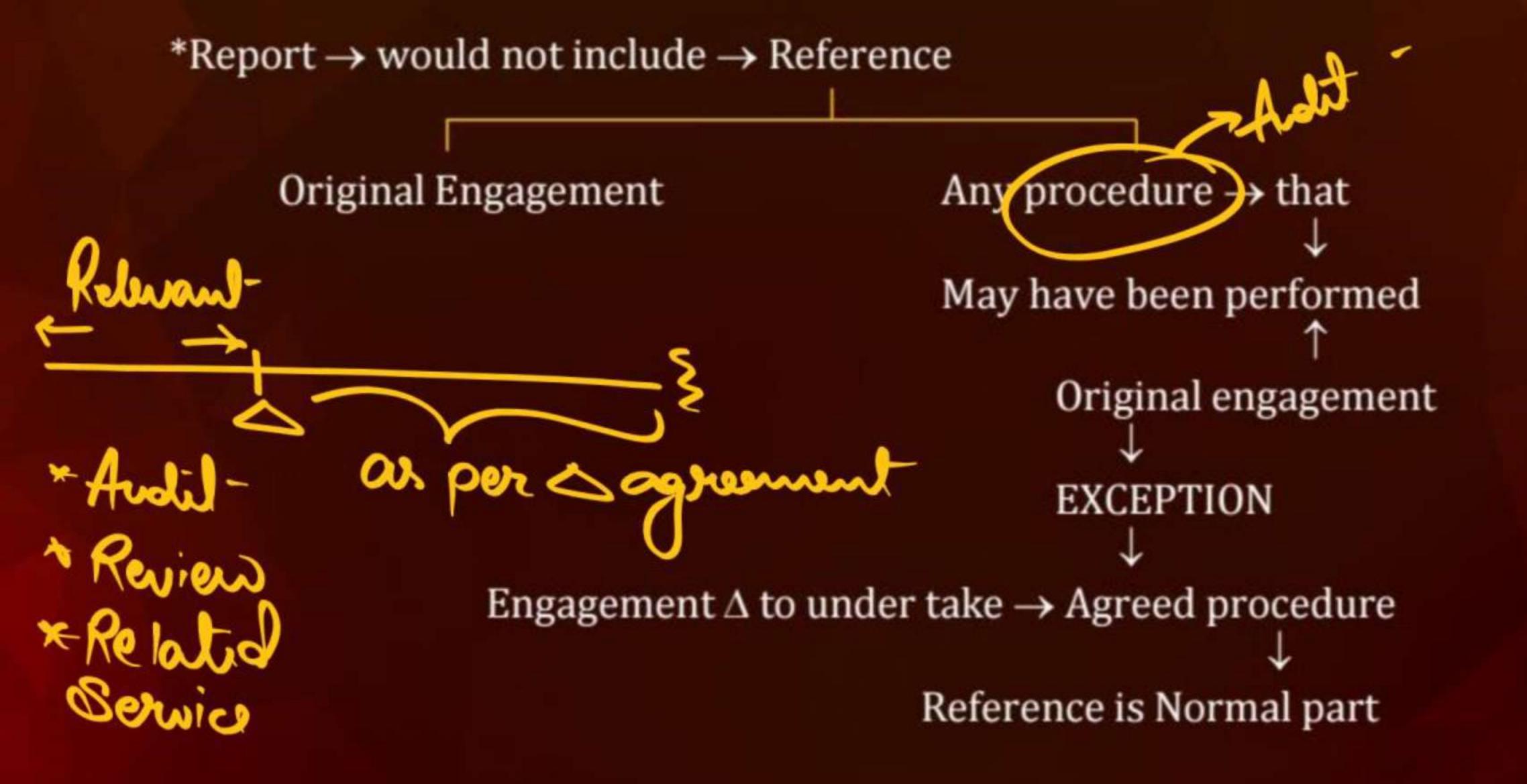
A lower level of Assurance

Auditor should consider the Reasonable justification of doing so







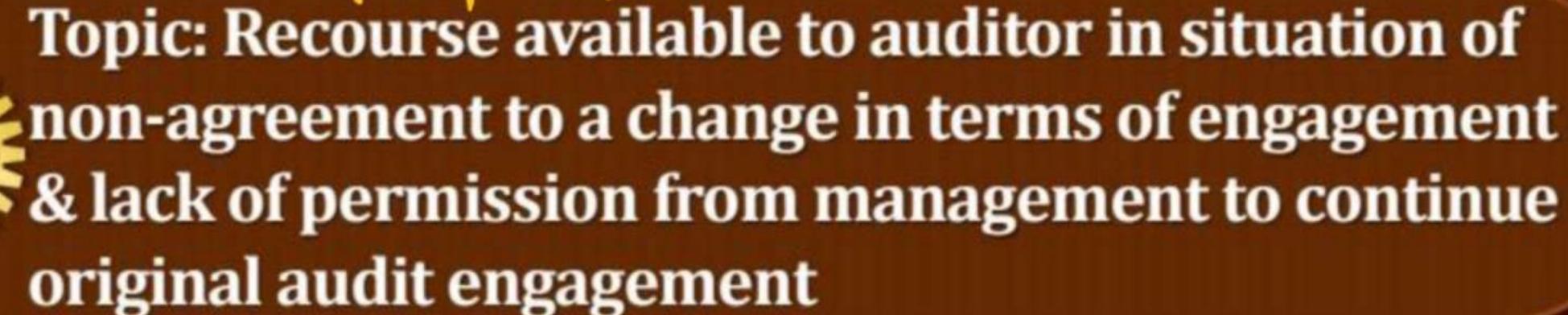




* A Terms of Audit engagement



Poptions









Topic: Terms of Engagement In Recurring Audits



An Audit → performed → over years



Auditor May decide → Not to send → A new → for each period → Audit Engagement Letter → written Agreement

Following Factors makes it appropriate to → Revise → Remind :



- (i) Any indication that Entity \rightarrow Misunderstands \rightarrow Objective \rightarrow Scope
- (ii) Any → Revised → Special → Terms of Audit Engagement
- (iii) A recent Δ in senior Mgt.
- (iv) A significant ∆ in ownership
- (v) A Significant \triangle in \rightarrow Nature \rightarrow Size \rightarrow of Entity Business
- (vi) $A \triangle in \rightarrow Legal \rightarrow Regulatory \rightarrow Requirement$
- (vii) $A \Delta in F.R.F.$
- (viii) A Δ in other Reporting Requirement



Topic: Audit quality

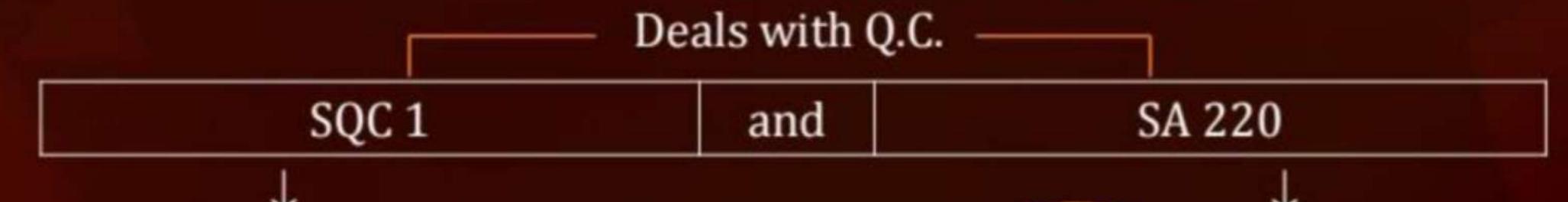




High Audit Quality → Essential → Maintain Confidence

Independent assurance

Provided by Auditor



All engagements

Audit engagements Only

Audit Reviews Assurance Related

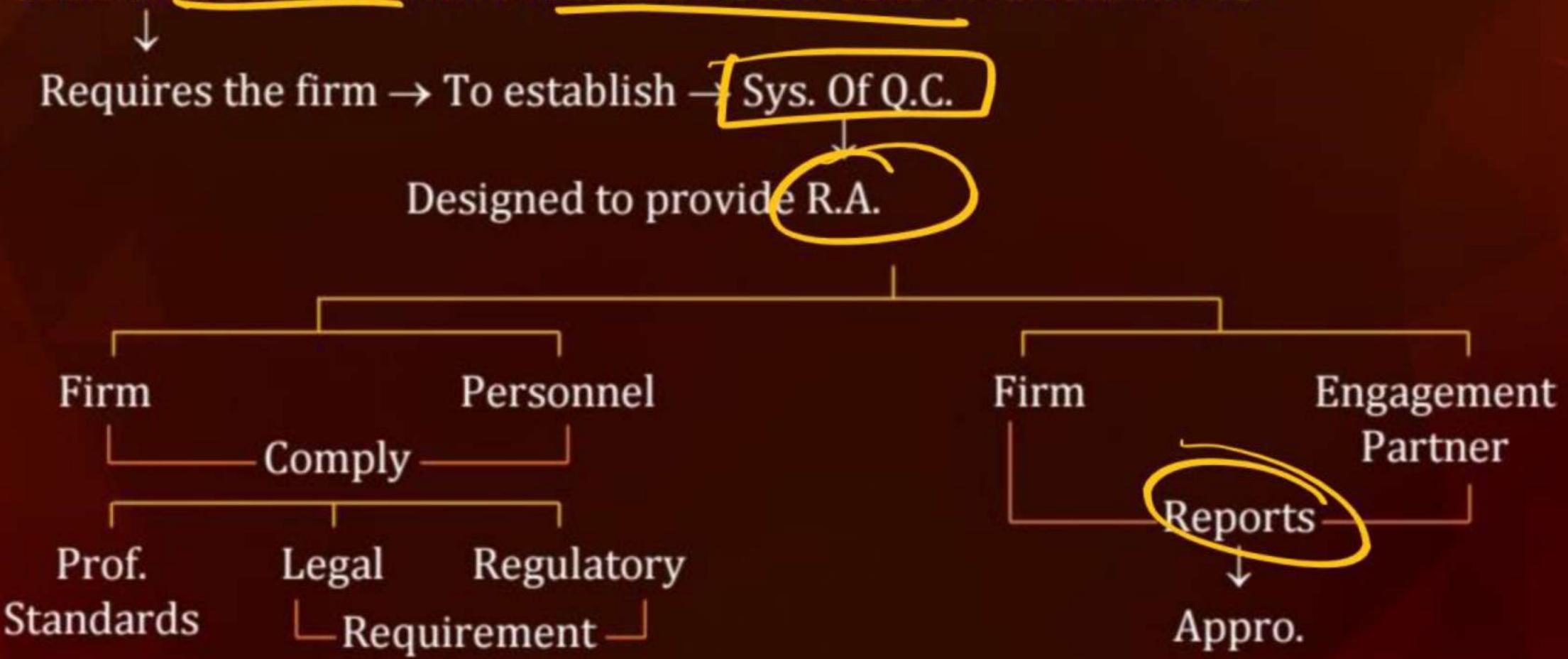
Services

Particular Audit

Entire Firm

SQC 1 -"QUALITY CONTROL FOR FIRMS THAT PERFORM AUDITS AND REVIEWS OF HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION, AND OTHER ASSURANCE AND RELATED SERVICES ENGAGEMENTS"







Topic: Elements of system of quality control

Elements of system of Quality Control

Leadership
Responsibilities
for quality within
the firm

Ethical Requirements

Acceptance & Continuance of client's relationships &

ce & Human ce of Resources gagement

Engagement Monitoring

Resources performance

Policies & Proudwy Engagements

Q.C. \rightarrow P & P

Documented

Communicated.

To Firm's Personnel



Leadership responsibilities for quality within the firm



SQC - 1 → Requires Firms → to establish P & P

Designed to promote

Internal culture

Based on recognition → Quality is essential

→ Persons assigned → for firm's Q.C. Sys.



Ethical requirements [Same as fundamental Parinciples of Ethical Requirements Q.C.]



Objectivity Professional Professional Confidentiality Integrity Behaviour Competence + Due Care As per code of Ethics for professional Accountants

Observance of independence \rightarrow Basic Req. \rightarrow All engagements

 \Rightarrow Firm should establish P & P \rightarrow designed to provide it with R.A.

Firm

Its personal

Experts

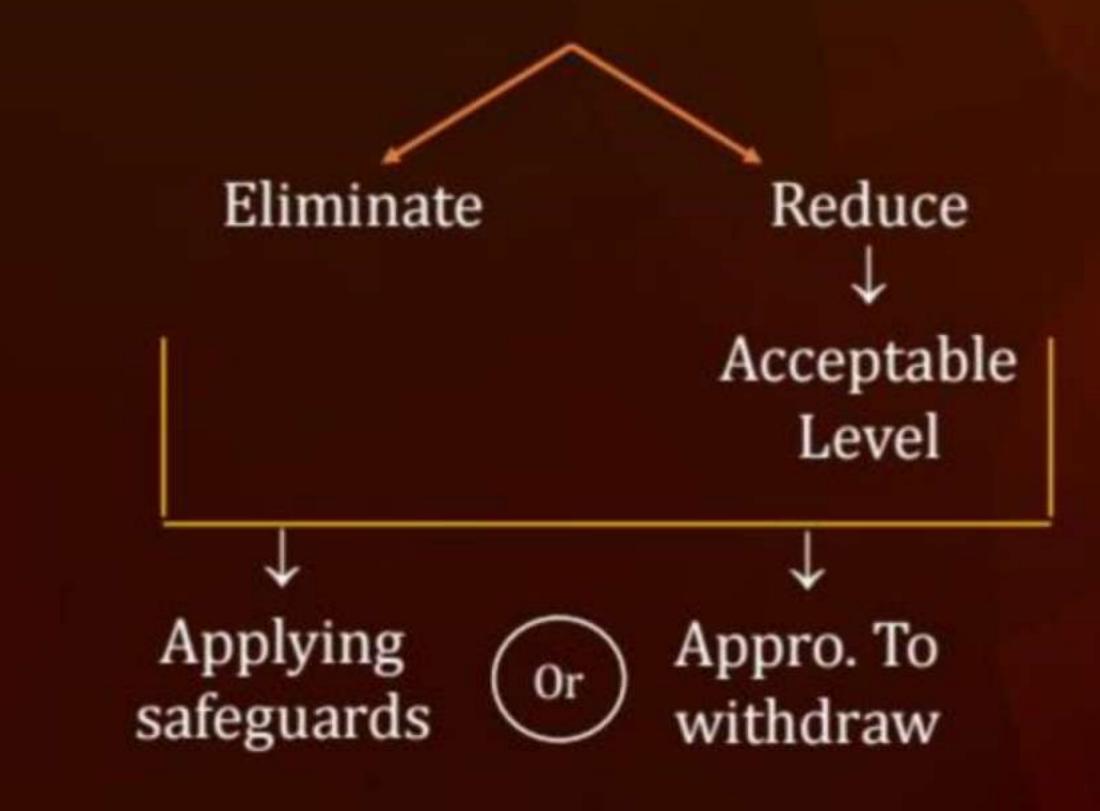
Network Firm's

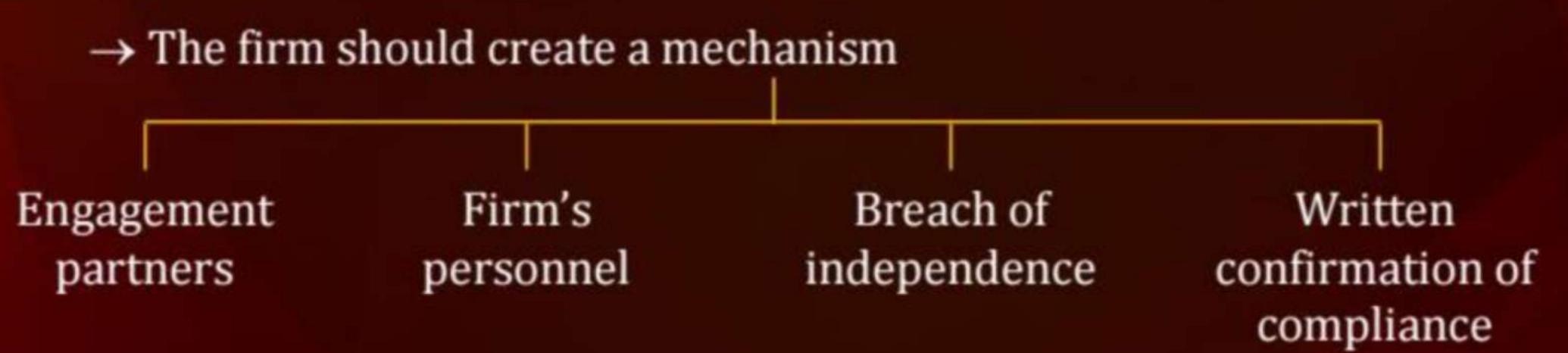
Personnel









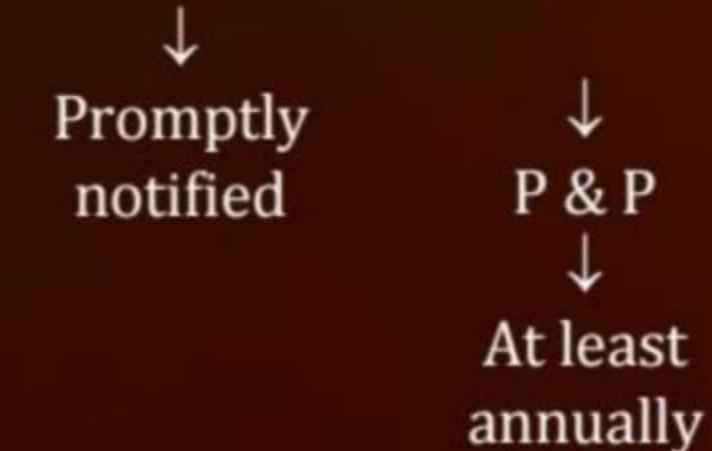




Provide relevant info

Client engagement

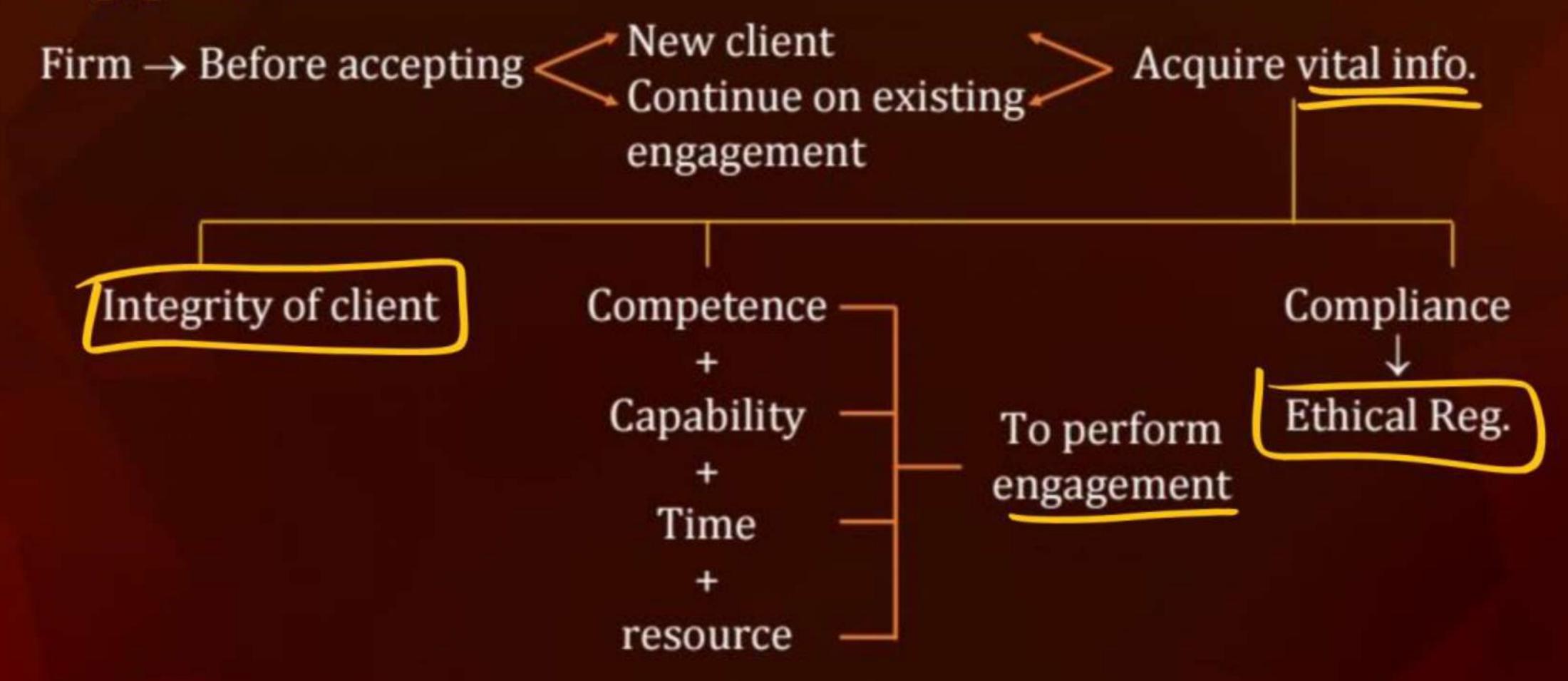






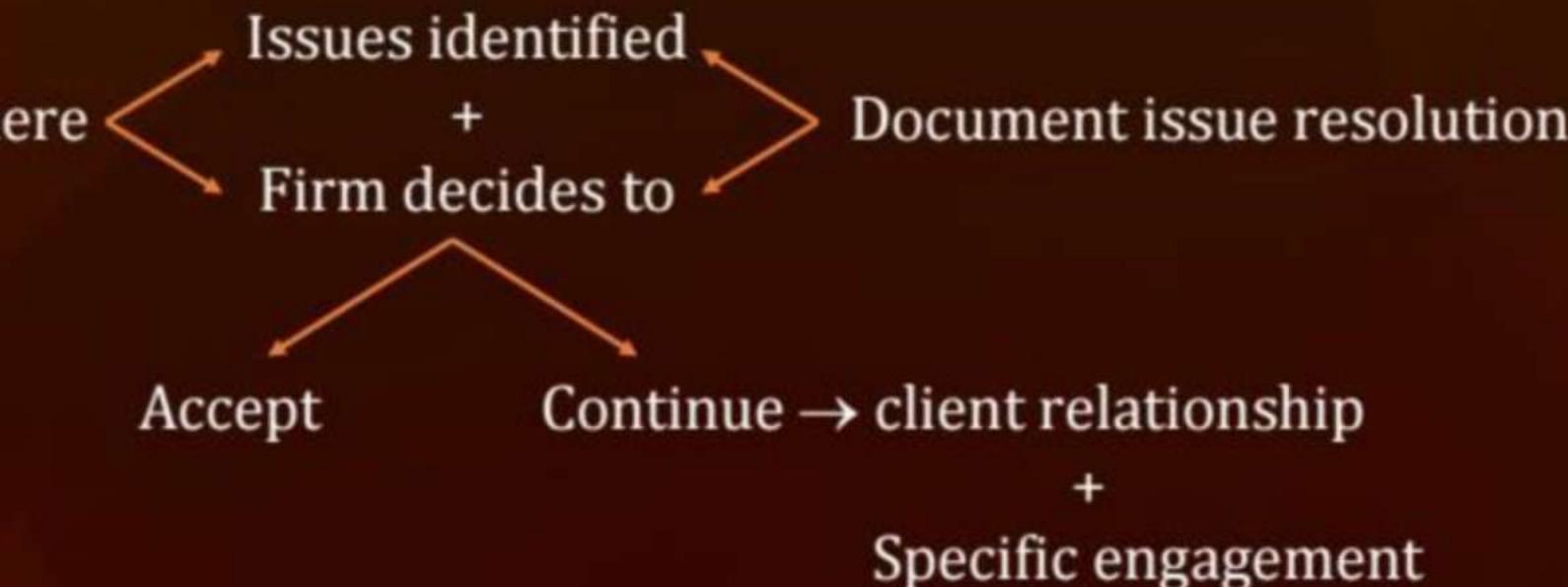
Acceptance and Continuance of Client Relationships and Specific Engagements











 \Rightarrow Matter \rightarrow Regarding \rightarrow integrity of client Principal Owners (1) Identity + Reputation → client's **KMP** Client operation Related Parties (2) Nature **TCWG Business Practices**

Principal owners (3) Info. \rightarrow Attitude \rightarrow client's **KMP TCWG**



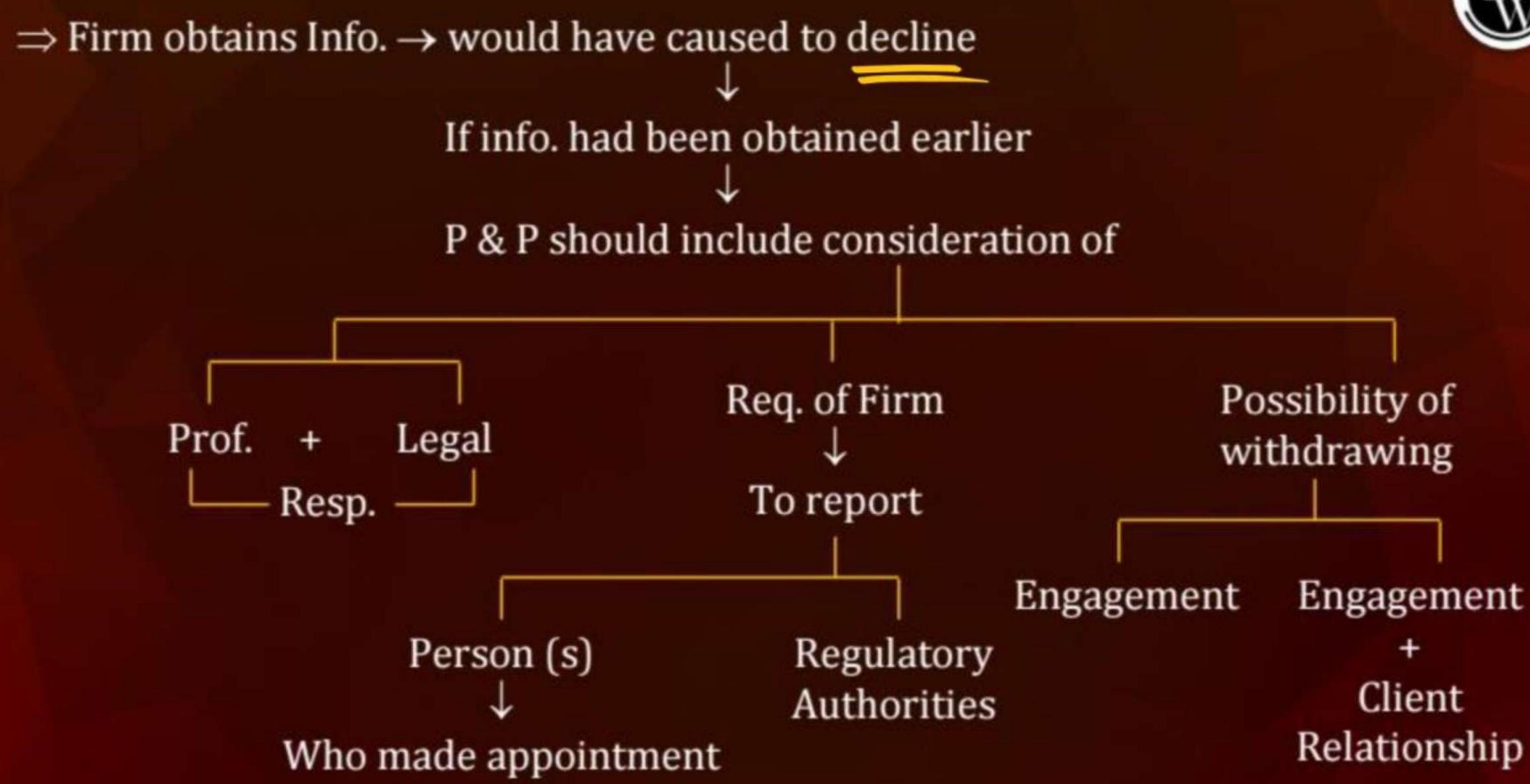
Aggressive interpretation of AS

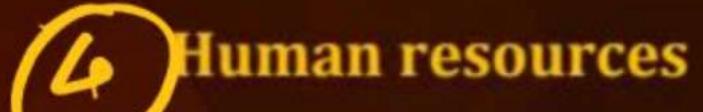
I.C. Env.

- (4) Client → Aggressively concerned → minimis Law firm's Fees
- (5) Indication → Inappro. Limitation → scope of work
- (6) Indication → client involved Criminal activities
- (7) Reason Proposed appointment → of firm
 Non reappointment → previous firm
- ⇒ Any → conflict of interest ↓ client

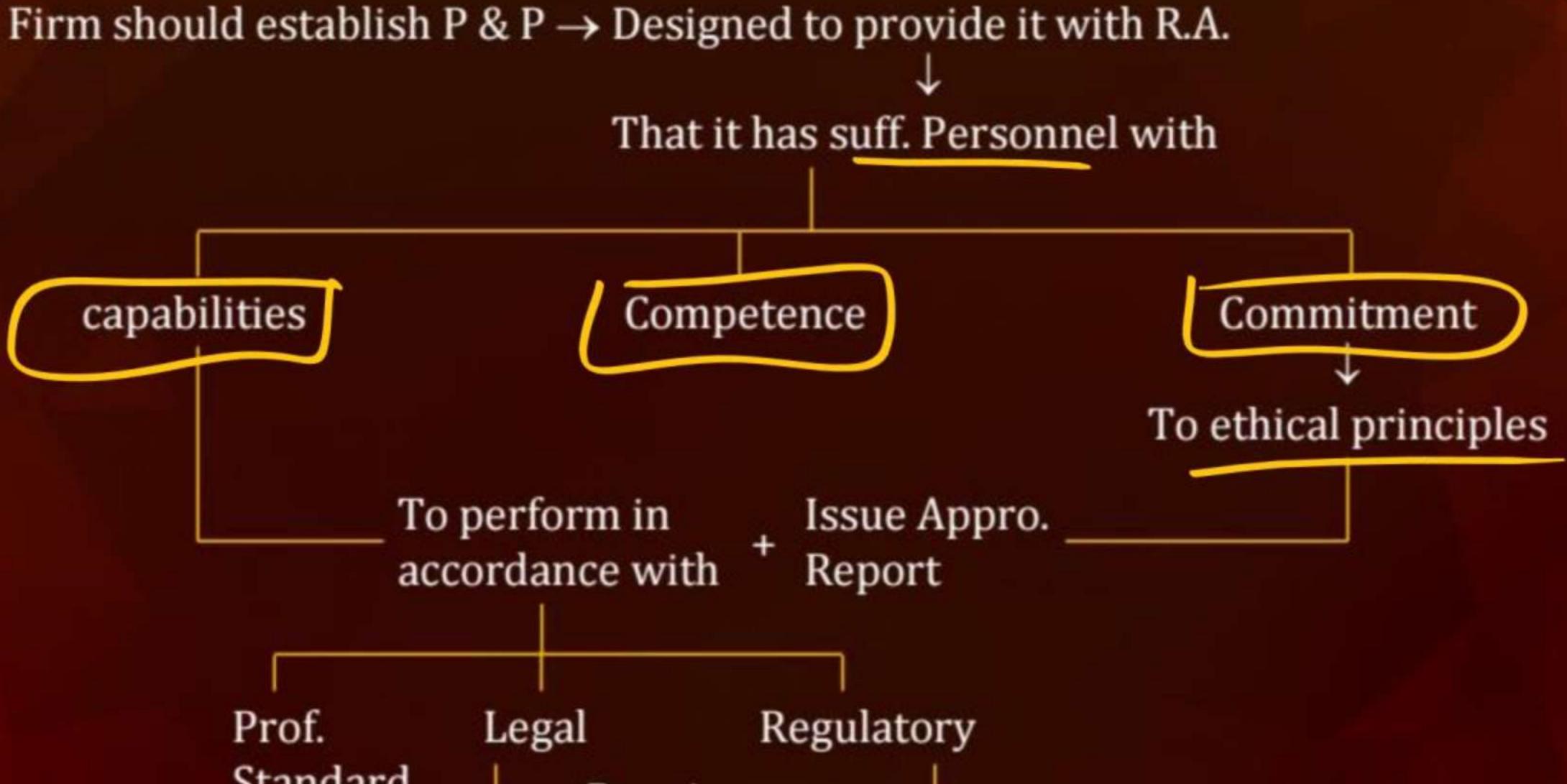
Properly Resolved → Before accepting











Standard Requirement-



Engagement Performance



(1) Consistency in quality → through briefing of team



Training

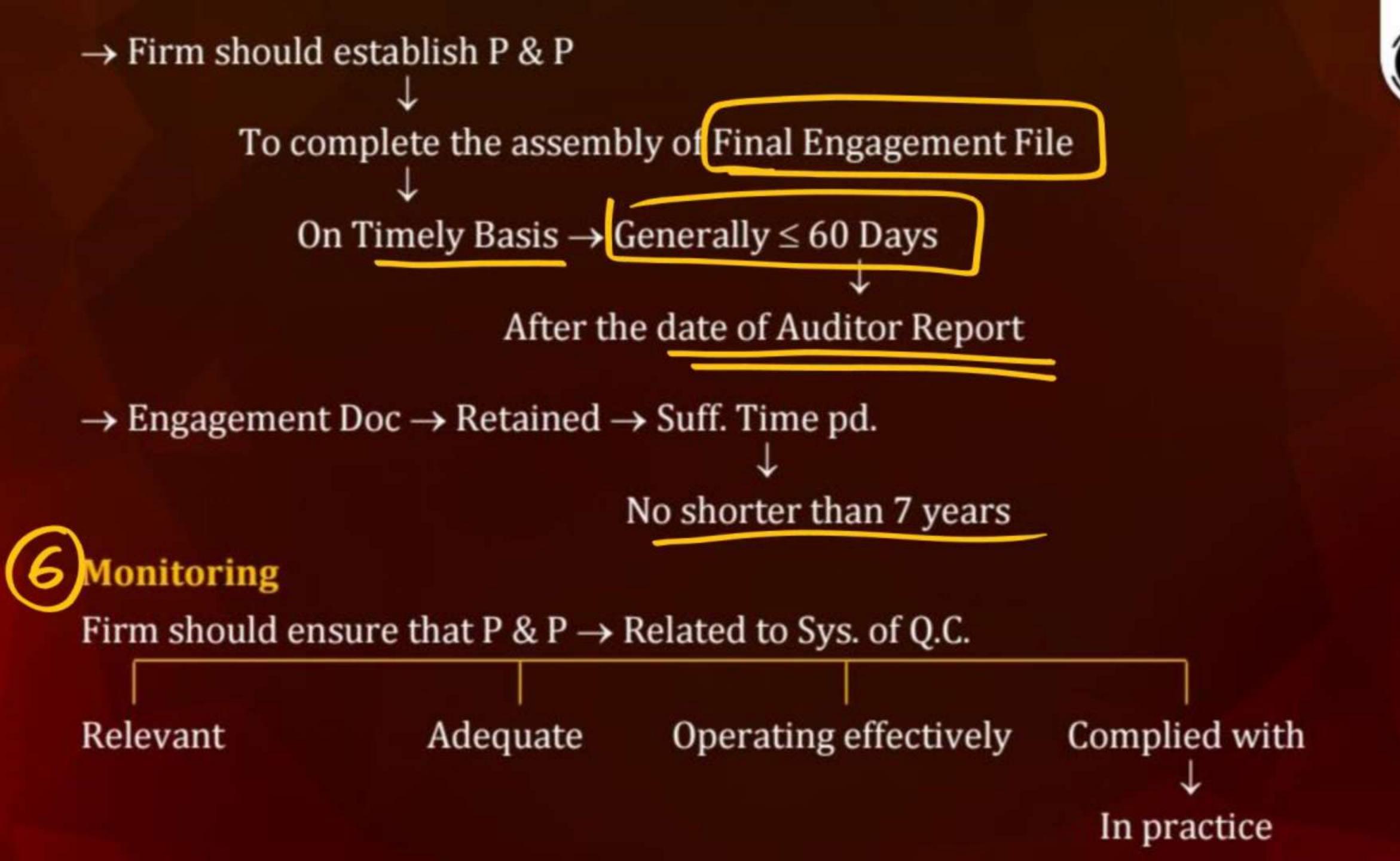
(2) Consultation
Contentious Matters

Contentious Within

Discussion → Individual (s)
Outside Firm

Supervision

(3) Sig. Judgement → Reviewed by → Q.C. Review



Monitoring



In practice

Firm should ensure that P & P \rightarrow Related to Sys. Of Q.C.

Relevant Adequate Operating effectively Complied with



Topic: SA 220-"Quality Control for an audit of financial statements"



Based on Q.C. Sys of a Firm (Previous Topic)
Q.C. policies pertaining to Audit engagements are decided by engagement teams

*Engagement partner → Responsible for Q.C. → as per SA 220

*As per SA 220 → Objective of Auditor → implement Q.C. policies

Provide him with R.A.





SA 220 \rightarrow modelled \rightarrow on lines of SQC.1

Leadership Responsibilities for quality within the firm

2 Ethical Requirements

Continuance of client's relationships & specific Engagements

Acceptance & Whuman Engagement Monitoring Resources performance



Leadership Responsibilities for quality within the firm on Audit



As per SA 220 "Quality control for an Audit of F.S"

Engagement partner shall take responsibility

for overall quality of each audit engagement \rightarrow to which he is assigned.

Engagement partner's Actions + Messages to Engagement Team Members

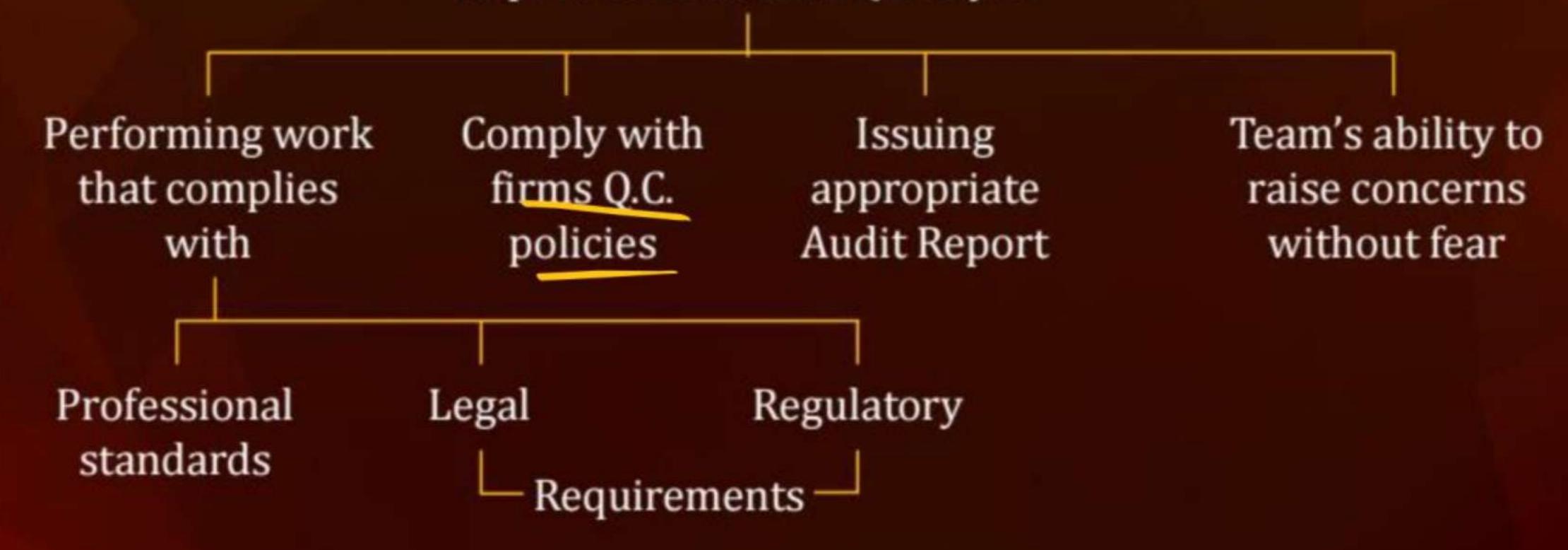
Should emphasize

Importance of Audit Quality of

Quality Is essential in performing audit engagement



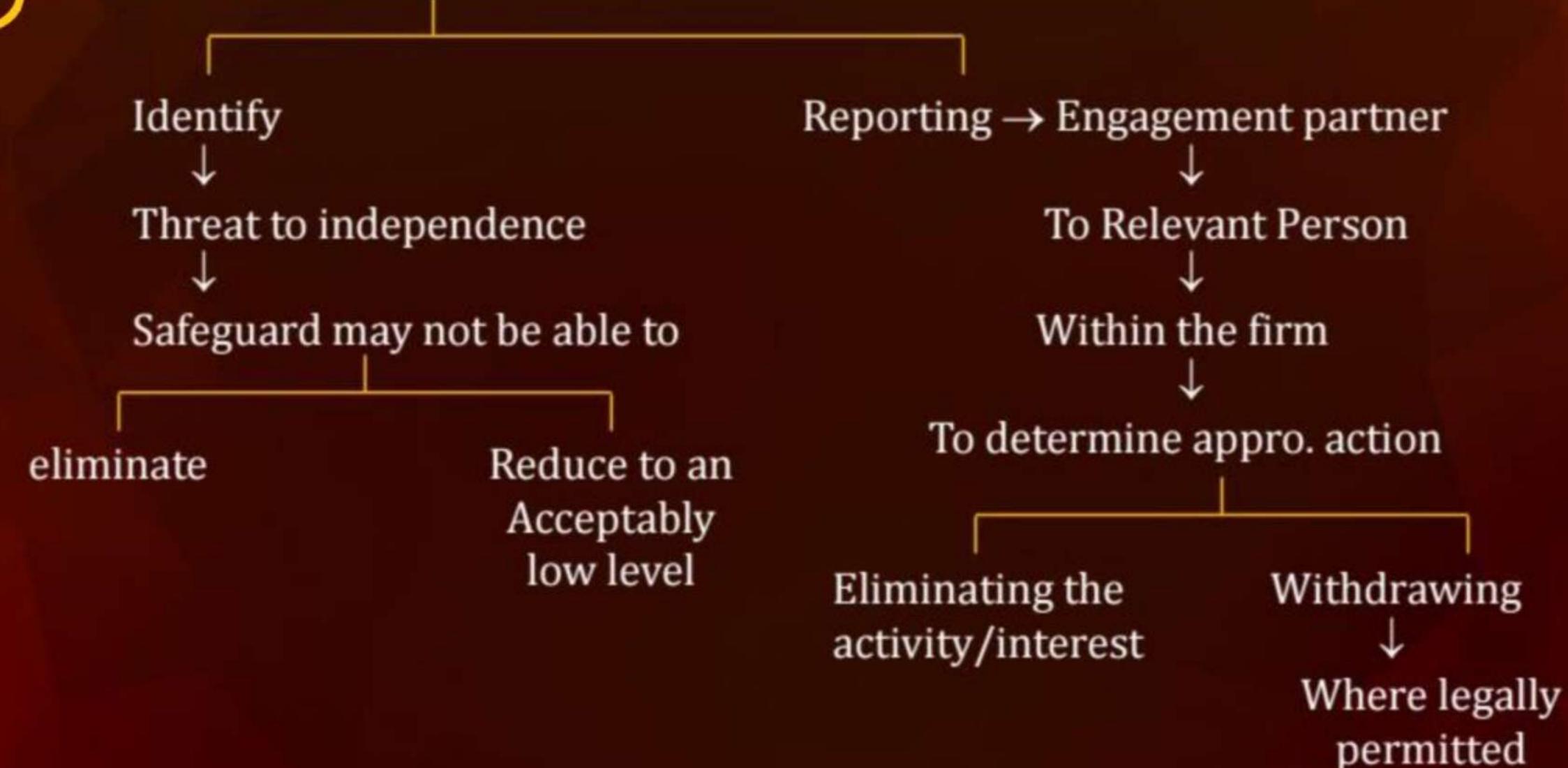
Importance of Audit Quality of





Relevant ethical requirements





Acceptance and Continuance of Client Relationships and audit Engagements



SQC-1 → Requires the firm → to obtain info ← Before Accepting Audit Engagement

Integrity of Principal owners, KMP & TCWG of entity

Competence of Engagement Team + Time & Resources

Firms' Engagement Partner Significant matters of current / previous Audit Engagement

Comply with ethical requirements



Assignment of engagement teams







Engagement Performance



Responsibilities of engagement partner

- (1) Direction
 Supervision
 Performance

 Audit → as per
 Requirement
 Regulatory

 Prof. standard

 Requirement
- (2) Appro. Audit Report
- (3) Review → Audit Doc → Before → Issue of Audit Report
- (4) Ensure \rightarrow suff. + Appro. \rightarrow A.E. \rightarrow obtained
- (5) Undertaking → Appro. Consultation Contentious Matters
- (6) For → listed entities + where Q.C. Reviewer Required





→ If Difference of opinion arise → engagement team

Follow

Follow

Dealing

Resolving

Differences





Firm should \rightarrow P&P \rightarrow design to provide it with R.A \rightarrow that P & P relating to \rightarrow System of Q.C

Relevant

Adequate

Operating Effectively Complied with →
In practice

Engagement Partner → Document



Issues

Identified w.r.t.

Compliance with ethical Req.

How they were Resolved Conclusions

On compliance

Relevant Discussions Conclusions

Acceptance

Continuance of client
Relationship

Nature

Scope

Conclusion

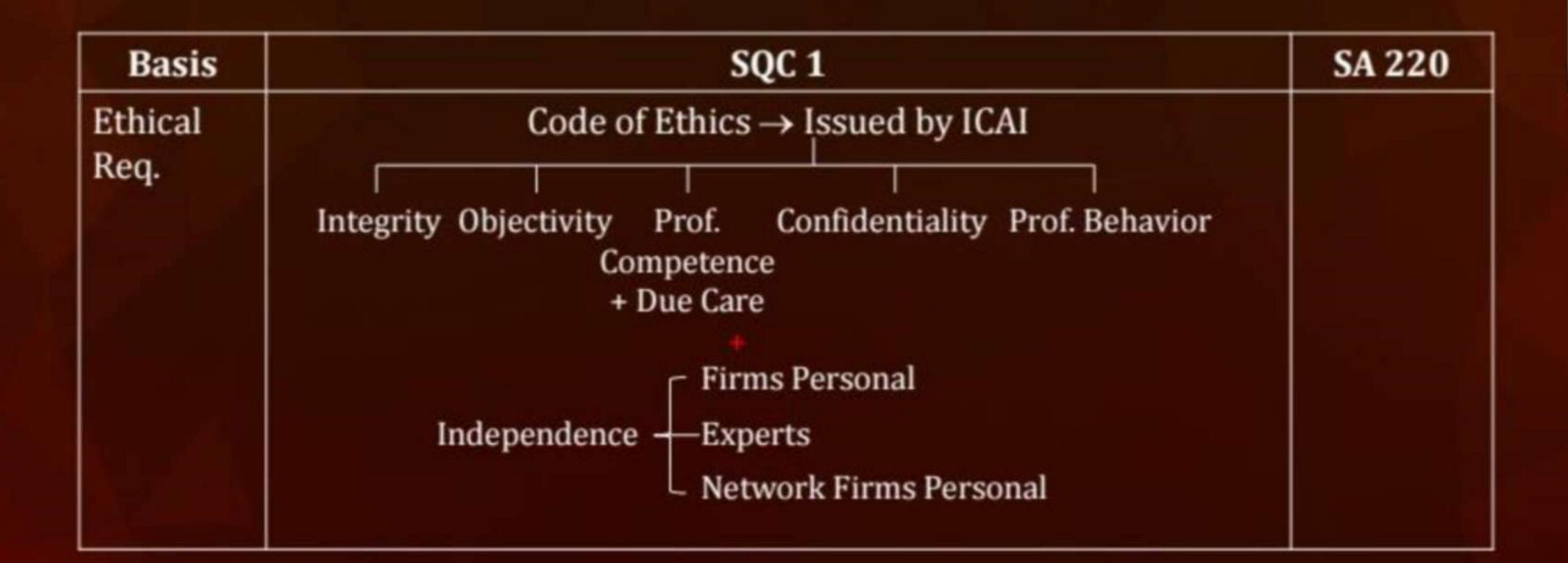
Consultation

Basis	SQC 1	SA 220
Applicable	All engagement Audit Assurance Review Related Engagements	Audit Engagement
Applies	Firms	Audit
Leadership Responsibility for Quality	CEO + Managing Partner Ultimate Resp. → Encourages → Inner Culture → Q.C. Sys. Persons Assigned Experience Ability Authority	Engagement Partner Overall Resp. + Eng. Partner Actions Messages → Team Emphasis → Quality Importance Essential



Basis SQC 1	SA 220
Leadership Responsibility for Quality	 Quality → Importance (1) Complies Prof. Legal Regulatory (2) Comply → Firm → Q.C. P & P (3) Issue → Appro. Report (4) Team's ability to raise concern









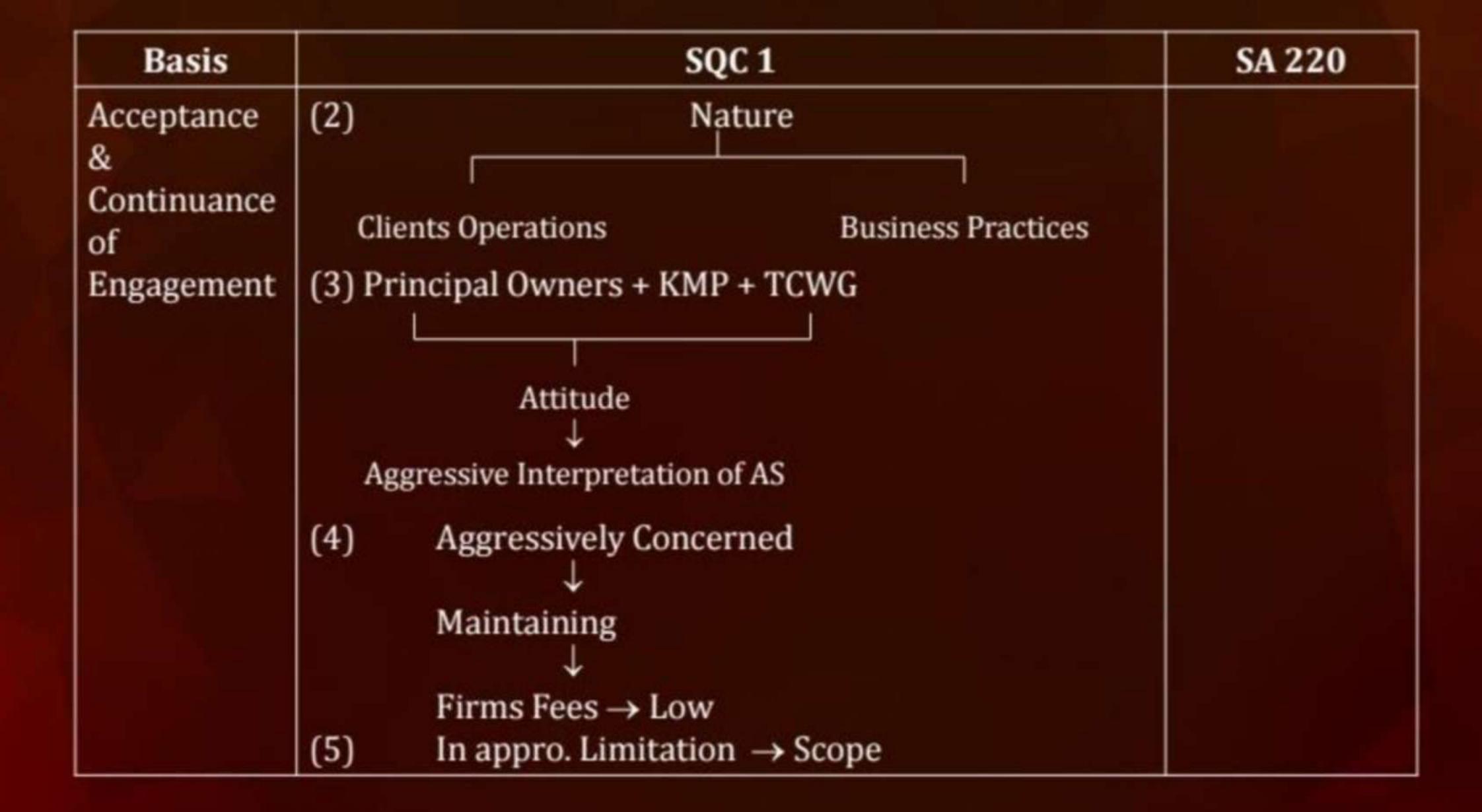


Basis	SQC 1	SA 220
Ethical Req.	 (1) Mechanism → Relevant Info. (2) Promptly Notify → Threats (3) At least annually → Written Confirmation 	Same
	Independence	
Acceptance & Continuance of Engagement	Before accepting Engagement Obtain info. → Client	Same
	Integrity Competence Confidentiality + Capability + Time Ethical Reg. + Resources	

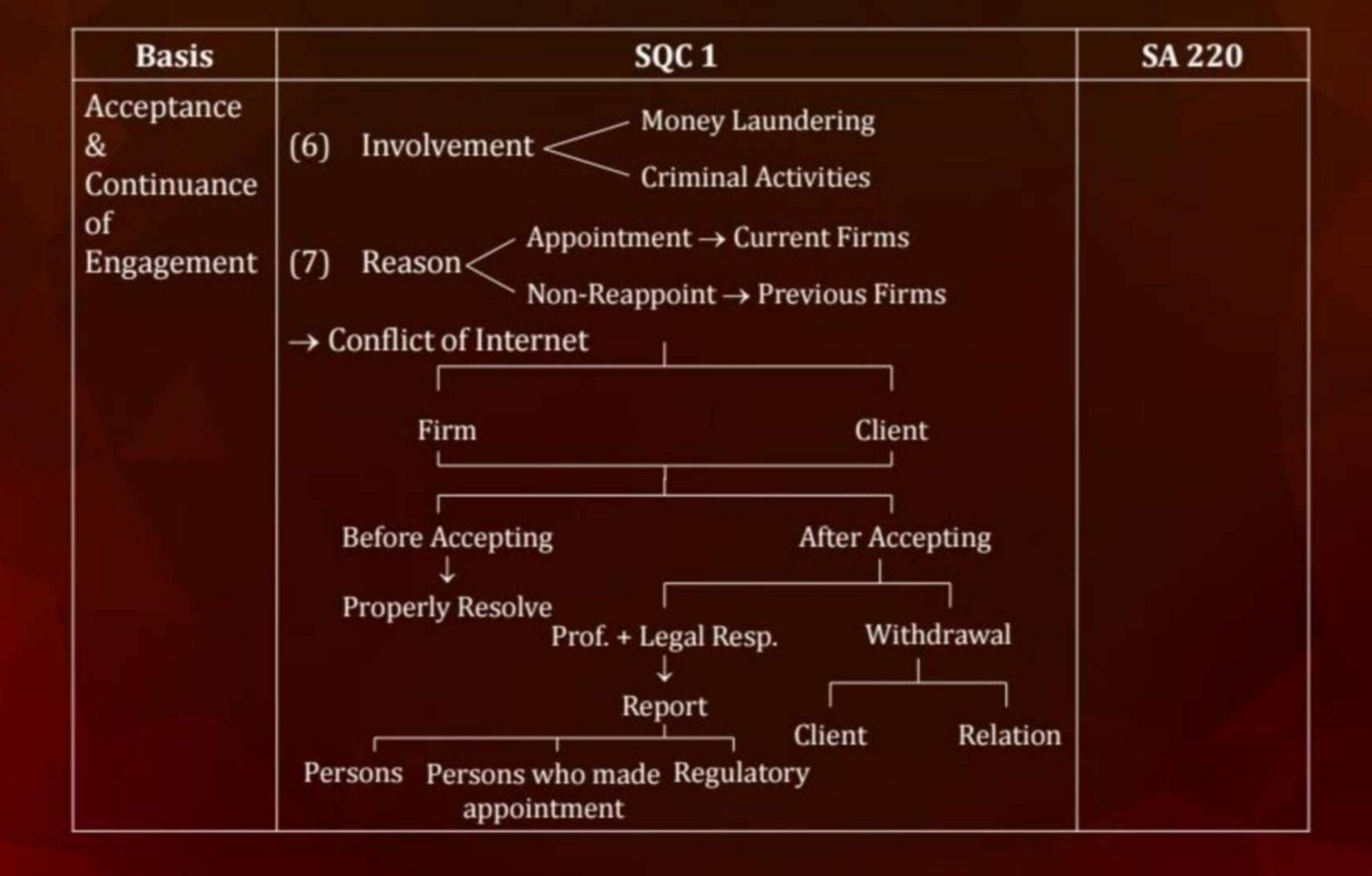


Basis	SQC 1	SA 220
Acceptance	Issues → Identified	
&	↓	
Continuance of	Document → How they were Resolved	
Engagement	⇒ Examples → Integrity of Client Principal Owners + Related Parties + KMP + T 	rcwg
	Identify Business Reputa	tion









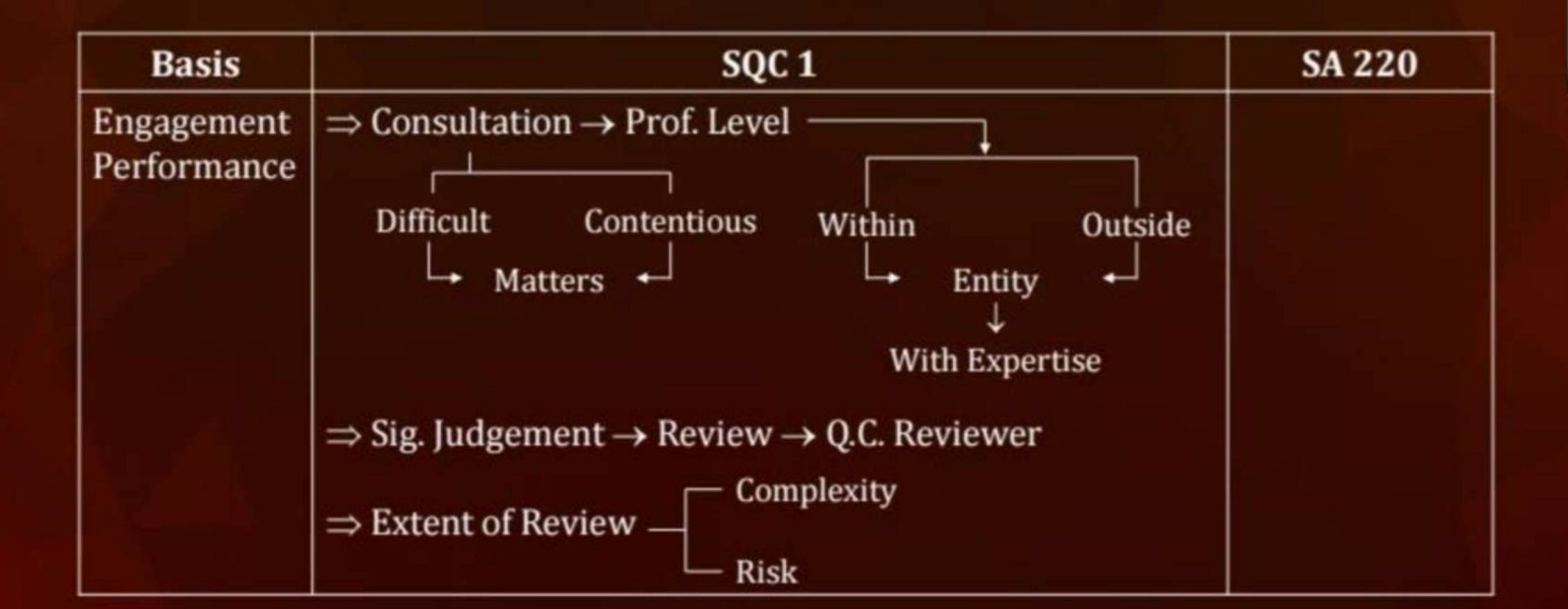


Basis		SQC 1		SA 220
Human	Suff. Personnel			Same
Resources				
	Capable Co	ompetence	Committed	
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			Ethical Principles	
		+		
	Per	rform Engag	ement	
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	Prof. Standards		Legal Regulatory	
			Requirement	
		+		
	Issu	ie → Appro.	Report	



Basis	SQC 1	SA 220
Engagement Performance	Quality → Consistent	
remormance	Briefing Engagement Team	
	(1) Objective — Complying → Standards	
	(2) Process — Supervision Training	
	(3) Performance Review → Method (4) Document → Work Performed	

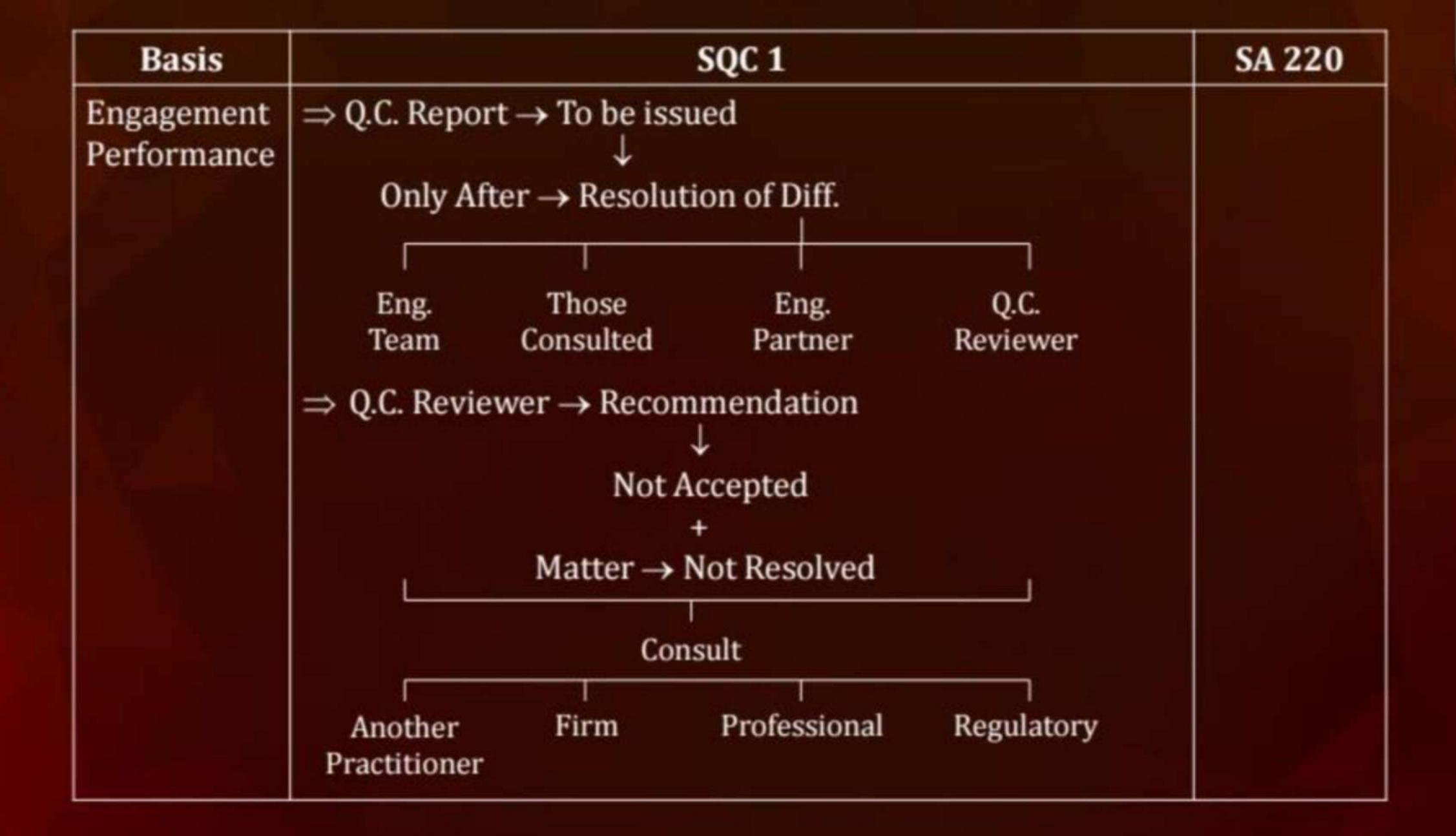






Basis	SQC 1	SA 220
Engagement Performance	⇒ Review → Does Not Reduce Engagement Partner ⇒ Q.C. Review Listed Entities ↑ Mandatory Device Criteria	Engagement Partner Responsibilities Listed Entity Other Engagement (1) Appoint → Q.C. Reviewer (2) Sig. Matter → Discuss (3) Date → Auditor Report
		After → Q.C. Review

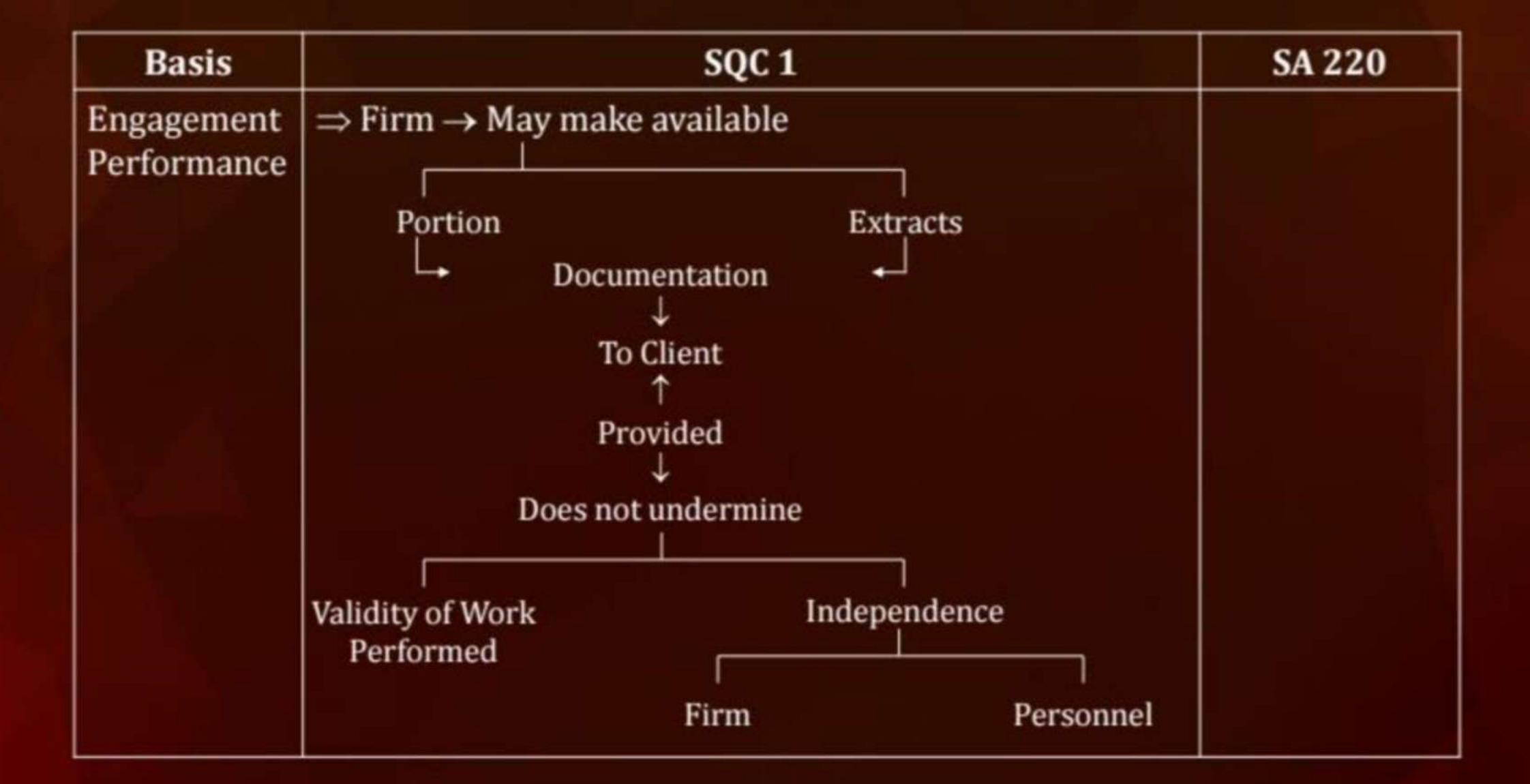




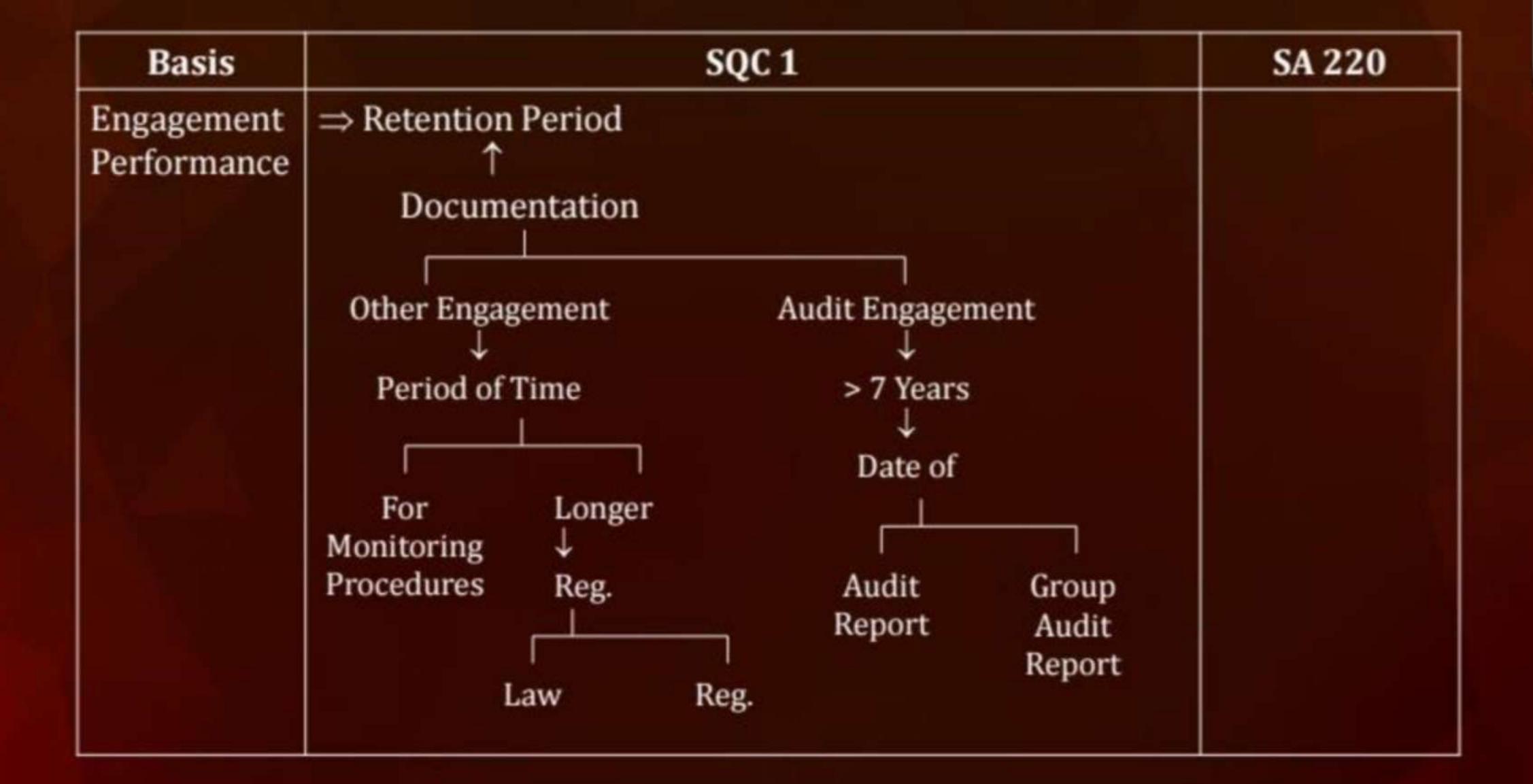




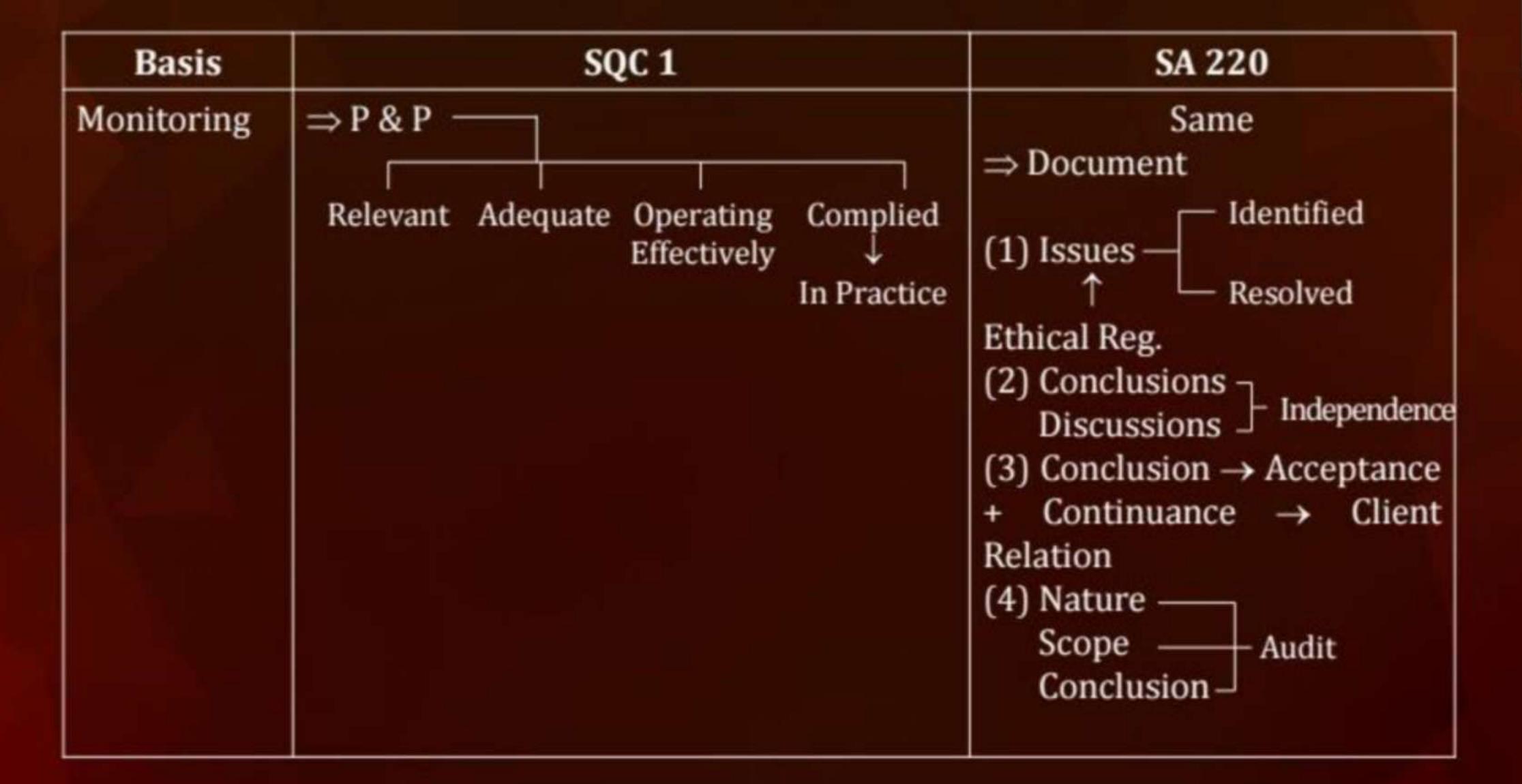
















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