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1. Purpose of this Bulletin

The International Governance Standards Board (IGSB) issues this Research Bulletin as an initial public reference document supporting the structured publication of the **G-Series Governance Standards Framework**.

This bulletin is intended to provide institutions, boards, regulators, and governance stakeholders with a neutral overview of the IGSB's standards architecture and assessment orientation.

IGSB standards are designed to support:

- effective oversight
- institutional accountability
- evidence-based governance control
- responsible AI and financial governance alignment
- jurisdiction-neutral governance expectations

2. Institutional Role of IGSB

The International Governance Standards Board (IGSB) is an independent standards-setting body responsible for the development, publication, and stewardship of globally applicable governance standards.

IGSB operates through controlled written procedures and publishes standards and assessment frameworks to support consistent governance interpretation across organisations of all sizes and sectors.

IGSB does not provide advisory, consultancy, or implementation services.

3. The G-Series Governance Standards Framework

The G-Series Standards represent IGSB's foundational governance architecture.

The initial published standards include:

G1 — Board Governance Standard

Establishes expectations for board structure, accountability, leadership responsibility, decision governance, and oversight integrity.

G2 — Institutional Governance Standard

Defines governance requirements across organisational systems, internal controls, delegated authority, and institutional risk management.

G3 — Financial & AI Governance Standard

Provides governance requirements for financial accountability, AI oversight, model governance, responsible automation controls, and emerging technology governance.

Each standard is structured by domains, control expectations, and evidence-based assessment criteria.

4. Evidence & Assessment Orientation

IGSB standards are supported by a documented Evidence & Assessment framework designed to ensure that governance conformance is evaluated through structured material review.

Assessment activity may include:

- evidence mapping against published requirements
- governance documentation review
- sampling of institutional controls
- formal findings determination
- controlled certification decision pathways

All assessment outcomes are recorded through defensible written processes.

5. Certification & Review Pathway

IGSB maintains a formal certification pathway structured to preserve independence, consistency, and institutional integrity.

Governance assessments may include:

- Pre-Assessment Review
- Initial Certification Assessment
- Review & Recertification Assessment
- Scope modification or renewal determinations

Certification availability is confirmed upon written request only.

No public pricing is published.

6. Publication Status and Forward Development

This bulletin constitutes the first public research publication supporting the structured release of the G-Series Governance Standards.

IGSB will issue additional bulletins, interpretive notes, and framework publications as the standards ecosystem expands.

Organisational structure and institutional capacity may evolve over time in accordance with demand and governance maturity.

7. Official Reference

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