

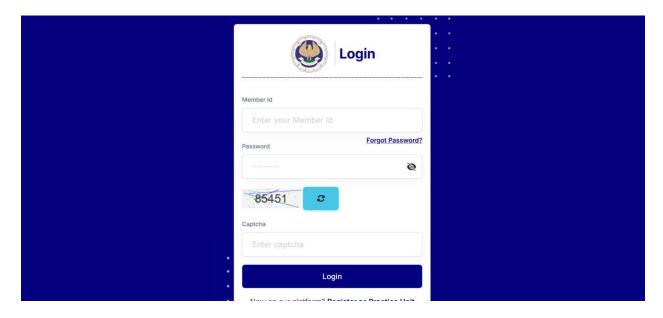
# Peer Review Board

User Manual for Peer Reviewer (PR)

# Login to the Peer Review Board Portal

### **Purpose:**

To securely access your Peer Review Board dashboard login by using your Membership Number and password send to your registered email address.



# **Steps to Login:**

1. Visit the Peer Review Board login page.

The login page contains the ICAI logo and the title Login.

- 2. Enter your Membership Number
  - o In the **Membership Number** field, input your unique ICAI membership number.
- 3. Enter your Password
  - Type your password in the **Password** field. Password is already sent to your registered email address.
  - Use the eye icon on the right to toggle visibility of your typed password if needed.
- 4. Enter Captcha
  - o View the alphanumeric characters shown in the image under the password field.
  - o Enter the exact characters in the **Captcha** field.

o If the captcha is unclear, click the **refresh icon** next to it to generate a new one.

## 5. Click on 'Login'

o Once all fields are correctly filled, click the **Login** button to proceed.

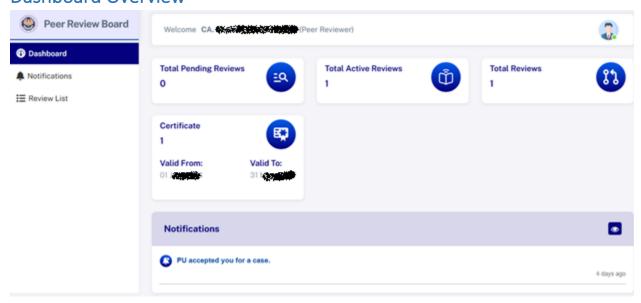
#### 6. Forgot Password?

 If you've forgotten your password, click the 'Forgot Password?' link beside the password field and follow the instructions to reset it.

## 7. Change Password

- After login, if you want to change your password, please go to 'My Profile' and change your password.
- 8. If the PR is also a Head Incharge of PU, then after click login, system will ask to select your role as Peer Reviewer or Practice Unit. Then select as Peer Reviewer and PR Dashboard will appear.

# **Dashboard Overview**



#### **View Review Status Summary**

You'll see three key boxes displaying:

- Total Pending Reviews shows how many reviews are awaiting your action.
- **Total Active Reviews** indicates ongoing reviews that are in progress.
- **Total Reviews** reflects the total number of review assignments received to date.

### **Check Certificate Validity**

A separate panel shows your **Peer Reviewer Certificate** count and its validity period:

Valid From: Starting date of your certificate

Valid To: Expiry date of the certificate

### **Review Notifications**

At the bottom of the dashboard, you'll find the **Notifications section**.

- It alerts you to important updates, such as:
  - "PU accepted you for a case"

# **Review List**

To enable the Peer Reviewer to view, verify, and take action on Practice Unit (PU) assignments — including reviewing Form 1 and accepting or rejecting it.

SR. NO.	REVIEW ID	PEER UNIT NAME	FRN	REQUESTED DATE	ACCEPTED DATE
1	100009		oca <del>n felo</del>	05 May, 2025	05 May, 2025

CITY	STATUS	ACTIONS
New Delhi	Pending for agenda Reviewer submitted the report	:

Click on 'Review List'

From the left-hand menu, select **Review List** to view all cases assigned to you.

• Locate Your Assignment

The list will display key details for each case:

- o Review ID
- Practice Unit Name
- Firm Registration Number (FRN)
- Requested Date and Accepted Date
- City of the Practice Unit
- Status e.g., "Pending for agenda", "Form 1 to be accepted", or "Reviewer submitted the report"
- Open the Action Menu

On the right side of each row, click the **three-dot (:) icon** under **Actions**.

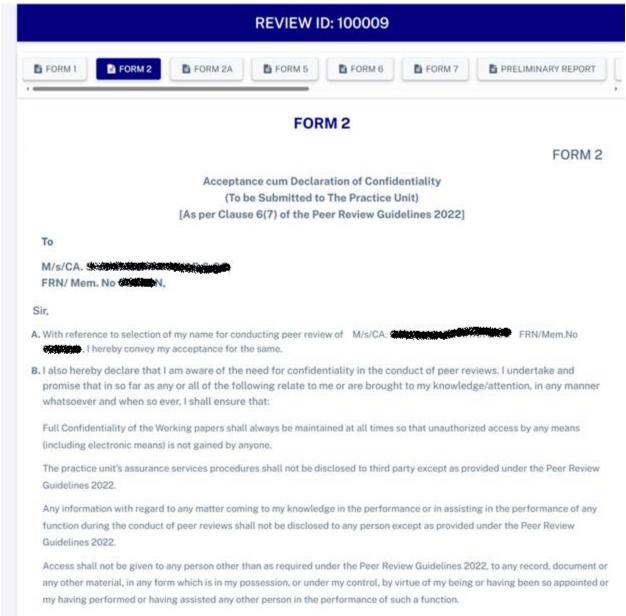
# **Accept or Reject Peer Review Assignment**

- To accept the assignment, click on Accept Request and review the conditions appearing in pop-up. PR needs to satisfy all the conditions to accept the assignment and click on 'Accept'.
- To Reject the assignment, click on Reject Add your reason for rejection and click on Reject.

#### **View Review Details**

To provide the Peer Reviewer with a centralized view of all submitted documents (Form 1, 2, 2A, etc.) and allow structured review of the Practice Unit's information and compliance.

# Filling Form 2



#### 1. Access Form 2:

After accepting the assignment, 'Form-2' will appear automatically to fill or you
may click the "Form 2" tab from the top navigation bar on the Peer Review
Process page.

## 2. Review the Declaration Carefully:

- o The form outlines various confidentiality and conflict of interest clauses.
- In point no. C, please select option from dropdown.

# 3. Verify Reviewer Details:

o Reviewer's name, membership number, email ID, and mobile number are shown.

# 4. Submit Form 2:

- o Once verified, confirm and submit the form electronically.
- This confirms your formal agreement to proceed with the peer review under confidentiality terms.

# Filling Form 2A



Form 2A is a formal declaration submitted to the **Peer Review Board** (not the PU) affirming the reviewer's eligibility.

#### **Access Form 2A:**

 After submitting Form 2, 'Form-2A' will appear automatically to fill or you may click on the "FORM 2A" tab in the top navigation bar of the Review Process page.

#### Review the Declaration:

- Form 2A is addressed to the Secretary, Peer Review Board of ICAI.
- The declaration includes acceptance and declarations of eligibility.

## **Verify Personal Details:**

- Your name, membership number, email, mobile number, and period of review are displayed.
- Confirm submission date and location.

#### **Submit Form 2A:**

- Once the declaration is verified, confirm and submit it electronically.
- This form is mandatory before proceeding to document evaluation and report preparation.

# Review and Send Back Form 1 (If Corrections Are Needed)

To allow the Peer Reviewer to request changes or corrections in the information submitted by the Practice Unit through Form 1.



### **Complete Form 2 and Form 2A First:**

Ensure you have already filled and submitted both Form 2 (Confidentiality) and Form
 2A (Eligibility Declaration) before accessing Form 1.

#### Go to the 'Form 1' Tab:

- On the **Review Process** page, click on the **Form 1** tab.
- You will see two buttons:
  - View Form 1 to open and review the submitted information
  - Send Back to send Form 1 back to the PU if you find any issues

# **Review Form 1 Thoroughly:**

• Click on "View Form 1" to examine all responses filled in by the PU, including assurance services, AQMM applicability, and related disclosures.

# Send Back for Correction (If Needed):

- If you identify missing or incorrect information:
  - Click the "Send Back" button.
  - o A prompt will appear to add your remarks or reason for returning the form.
  - o Submit the feedback, and the form will be returned to the PU for correction.

### Wait for PU Resubmission:

- The Practice Unit will be notified to make necessary updates.
- Once corrected, you'll be notified to re-review the updated Form 1.

# Filling Form 5 – Notice for Visiting the Practice Unit

Form 5 is used by the Peer Reviewer to formally notify the Practice Unit (PU) about the proposed office visit date and client files to be reviewed.

#### FORM 5

FORM 5

Notice by Peer Reviewer for visiting office of the Practice Unit [As per Clause 7(2) of the Peer Review Guidelines 2022]

To

#### Name of Partner of PU: CA. Sharmer Current Kursel

This is regarding the Peer Review of the Firm \*\*REAL COMPANY FRN: CANADA for the period 01/04/2022-31/03/2025.

This is to inform you that I plan to visit your office on 10 May, 2025

#### Proposed date by PU 08 May, 2025

Further on going through the questionnaire submitted by you, you are requested to keep ready the files pertaining to the Following Clients so that I may review them on visiting your office

S.No.	Name of Client	F.Y.
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#### Thanking you,

Name: CA. 2004 CARRELE CO.

Date: 05 May, 2025

Alternate dates may be given to the Practice Unit, if the PU is not ready with the required records or for any other reason.

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## Steps:

#### 1. Navigate to Form 5:

 On the Review Process page, click on the "FORM 5" tab after submitting Form 2 and 2A.

### 2. Review the Practice Unit Information:

 The form is addressed to the Partner of the Practice Unit, with the FRN and review period auto-filled.

#### 3. Enter Visit Details:

- Mention the planned date for visiting the PU's office.
- The form also shows the **Proposed Date by PU**, which is the preferred date shared by the Practice Unit.

### 4. Specify Clients for Review:

- List the clients whose files you intend to review during the visit.
- PR may use search option to filter the clients as per sample selection criteria specified by the Board.
- Alternatively, PR may download complete list of clients in excel format and upload the excel file having list of those clients which are meeting the sample selection criteria specified by the Board and to be reviewed by the PR during the visit.

- For each client, specify:
  - Name of the Client
  - Financial Year (F.Y.) relevant to the audit or assurance service

## 5. Add Optional Notes (If Needed):

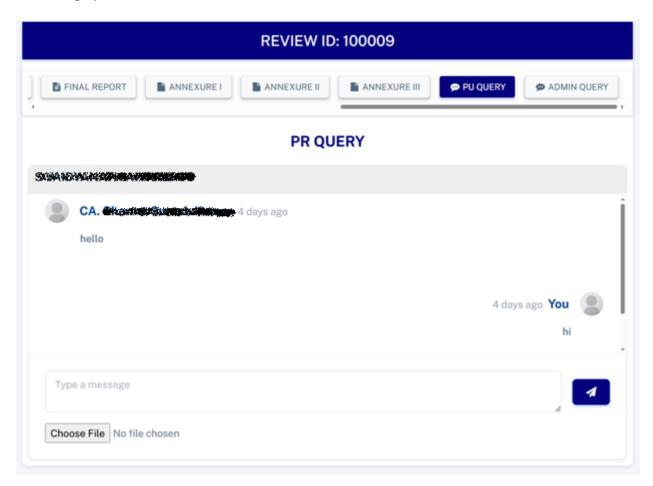
 You may mention in the footer that alternate dates may be considered if the PU is not ready with required records.

#### 6. Submit the Form:

- o Once filled, submit the form electronically.
- A confirmation message with submission date, IP address, and reviewer details will appear at the bottom of the form.

# PR-PU Query Chat

To allow the **Peer Reviewer (PR)** and **Practice Unit (PU)** to communicate directly within the portal regarding the review—such as scheduling the office visit, clarifying document requests, or sharing updates.



### 1. Go to the 'PU QUERY' Tab:

- On the Review Process page, scroll across the top tab menu and click on the "PU QUERY" tab.
- 2. View the Chat Interface:

- You will see a real-time conversation panel displaying:
  - Messages sent by the PU on the left
  - Messages sent by you (PR) on the right

# 3. Type Your Message:

- Use the text box at the bottom to type your message.
- o You may discuss:
  - Office visit scheduling (e.g., proposed dates)
  - Document availability
  - Clarifications on Form 1 or other responses

# 4. Attach Files (Optional):

 If needed, click "Choose File" to upload and share documents (e.g., schedules, checklists).

# 5. Send the Message:

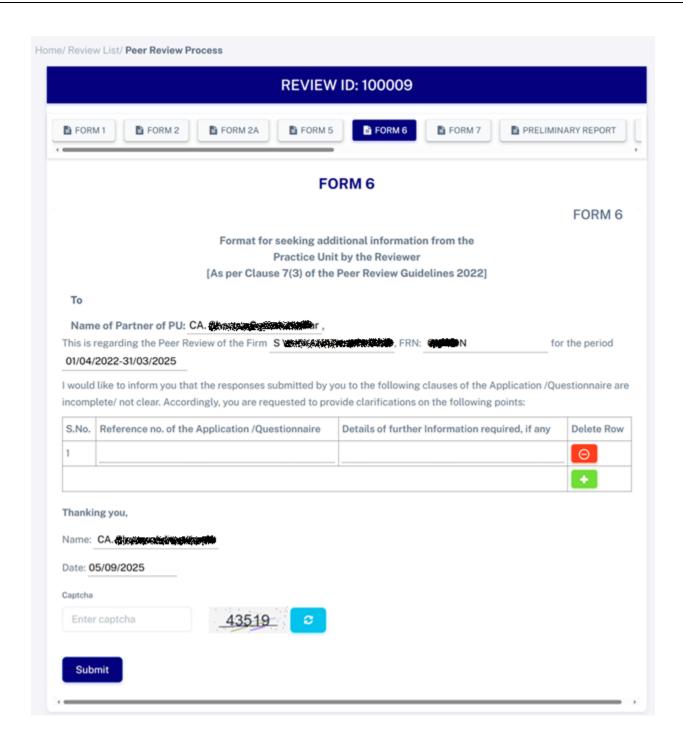
Click the send button to deliver the message.

# 6. Keep Track of Replies:

- New messages from the PU will appear instantly.
- o All communication is timestamped and securely logged for reference.

# Filling Form 6 – Request Additional Information from PU

Form 6 allows the Peer Reviewer to formally **seek clarification or further details** from the Practice Unit if any response in the Application or Questionnaire (Form 1) is found to be unclear or incomplete.



# **Open Form 6:**

• From the **Review Process** page, click the **"FORM 6"** tab in the top navigation bar.

#### **Review the Context:**

- The form is addressed to the Partner of the PU.
- It includes:
  - Firm Name and FRN
  - o Period of Review (e.g., 01/04/2022–31/03/2025)
  - o Reviewer Name (auto-filled)
  - Current Date

# **Specify the Clarification Needed:**

- Under the table section:
  - Enter the Reference Number from Form 1 (i.e., the question or clause you need clarity on).
  - o Provide the **Details of Further Information required**.
- To add more rows, click the + button.
- To remove a row, use the "Delete" button.

# **Captcha Verification:**

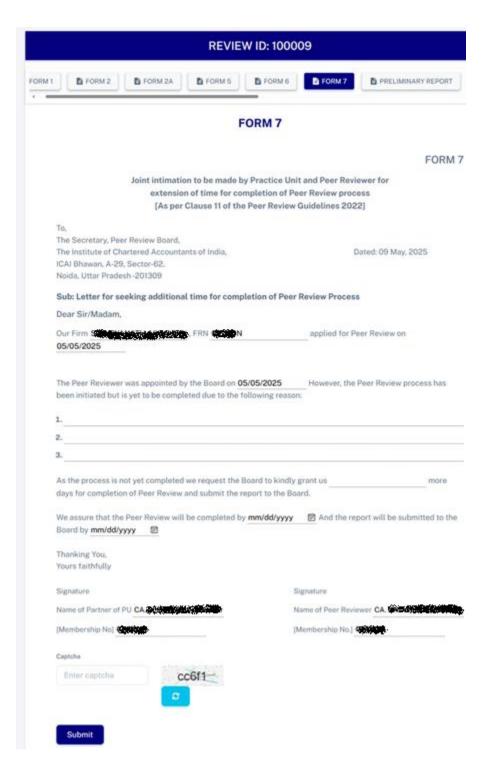
- Enter the captcha code shown to proceed with submission.
- Use the **refresh** icon to regenerate a new captcha if needed.

#### Submit the Form:

- Click **Submit** to send Form 6 to the Practice Unit.
- The PU will receive a system notification and respond accordingly.

# Filling Form 7 – Request for Extension of Time

Form 7 is used when the Peer Reviewer and the Practice Unit **jointly agree** that additional time is needed to complete the peer review. It is submitted to the **Peer Review Board** for approval.



# Navigate to the 'Form 7' Tab:

On the Review Process page, click on the "FORM 7" tab.

#### **Review the Form Context:**

The form is pre-addressed to the Secretary, Peer Review Board of ICAI.

- Displays:
  - Firm Name & FRN
  - Date of Peer Review Application
  - o Date of Reviewer Appointment

# **Enter the Reasons for Delay:**

- List **reasons why the review could not be completed** within the expected timeline.
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# **Specify the Requested Extension:**

- Enter the **number of additional days** you are requesting for completing the review.
- Provide:
  - Expected completion date of the peer review
  - o Expected report submission date to the Board

# **Verify Signatures:**

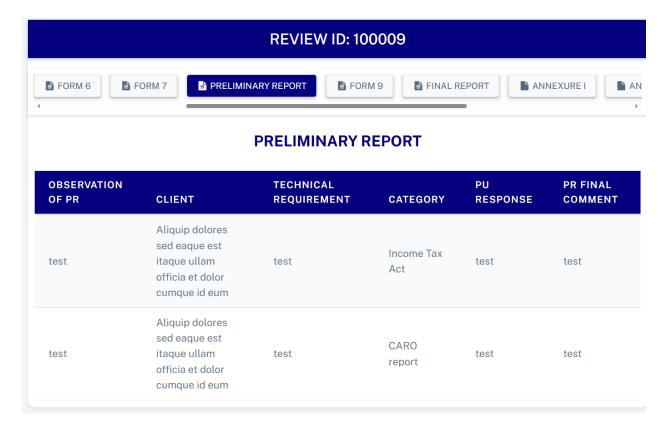
- The form shows auto-filled names and membership numbers of:
  - Partner of PU
  - o Peer Reviewer
- Both names are included to confirm mutual consent.

# **Enter Captcha and Submit:**

- Complete the captcha verification.
- Click the "Submit" button to send the extension request to the Peer Review Board.

# Filling the Preliminary Report – Adding PR Observations

The Preliminary Report allows the Peer Reviewer to record key **observations** about the Practice Unit's compliance with professional standards, document practices etc.



# 1. Navigate to the 'Preliminary Report' Tab:

 On the Review Process page, click on the "PRELIMINARY REPORT" tab in the navigation bar.

#### 2. Add a New Observation:

- Click the "Add Observation" button.
- o An **input form** will appear, allowing you to fill in details for each observation.

#### 3. Fill Observation Details:

- Observation of PR: Write your comments/notes based on the review findings.
- o **Client:** Select or input the name of the client the observation relates to.
- Technical Requirement: Specify the applicable auditing standard/accounting standard/tax regulation requirement (e.g. Para 23 of SQC-1 requires "At least annually, the firm should obtain written confirmation of compliance with its policies and procedures on independence from all firm personnel.")
- Category: Choose or write the nature of the observation from dropdown menu (e.g., CARO Report, Income Tax Act, Tax Audit etc.)
- Save the entry using the "Save" button in the form.

#### 4. Repeat for Multiple Observations:

- You can add multiple observations before final submission.
- o Each saved observation appears in a summary table with columns for:
  - PR Observation
  - Client
  - Technical Requirement
  - Category
  - PU Response (post feedback)

PR Final Comment

## 5. Edit/Delete (If Enabled):

 If the platform permits, you can edit or remove unsent observations before submitting.

### 6. Submit Once Final:

 Once all observations are added and finalized, they can be submitted to the Practice Unit for response.

# Filling Form 9 – Submission of Report to the Peer Review Board

Form 9 is a formal letter submitted by the Peer Reviewer to the **Peer Review Board (PRB)** declaring the **completion of the review process** and listing the attached reports and documents, and receipt of fees for the peer review.



### Steps:

- 1. Navigate to 'Form 9':
  - On the Review Process page, click on the "FORM 9" tab in the top navigation menu.
- 2. Review the Addressed Authority:

## The form is addressed to:

The Secretary, Peer Review Board
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, ICAI Bhawan, A-29, Sector-62,
Noida - 201309

### 3. Understand What You're Declaring:

- You confirm that you have conducted the Peer Review of the assigned Practice Unit (PU).
- Declare that the **Peer Review is complete**, and you're submitting the required documents as listed.

#### 4. Checklist of Documents Submitted:

The form lists the following enclosures:

- Final Peer Review Report (Clean / Qualified)
- Annexure I
- Annexure II
- List of samples reviewed with justification for selection
- o Preliminary Report and response verification (if applicable)
- Questionnaire copy from PU (Form 1)

## 5. Confirm Fee Acknowledgment:

 The PR confirms receipt of the peer review fee from the PU by selecting option from dropdown menu

#### 6. Auto-filled Reviewer Details:

- Reviewer's Name
- Membership Number
- Date of submission

#### 7. Submit the Form:

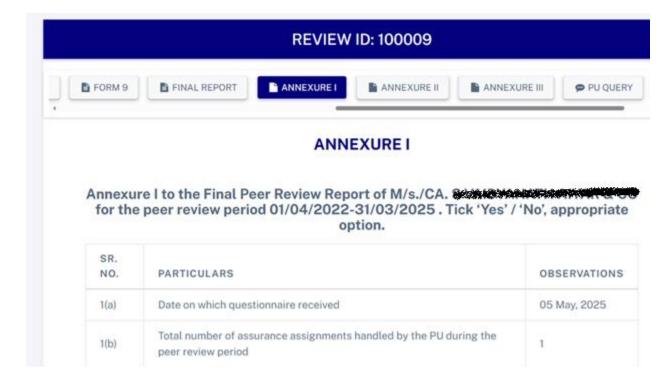
 Once the confirmation text is reviewed, click the **submit** button to formally notify the PRB.

# Filling Annexures – Final Peer Review Attachments

These annexures form a **critical part of the Final Peer Review Report**, summarizing observations, verifying controls, and providing scoring under AQMM (if applicable). Let's go through each:

# A. Annexure I – Summary of Review Findings

To capture operational and compliance confirmations related to the peer review process.

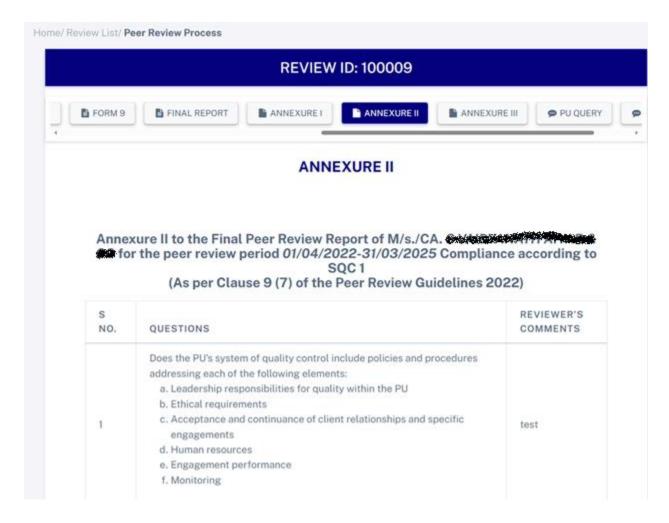


# Steps:

- 1. Go to the "ANNEXURE I" tab.
- 2. Fill in each observation field including:
  - Date of questionnaire received.
  - Number of assurance assignments.
  - Number of samples reviewed.
  - Whether PU list verification was done.
  - Staff/office/admin control elements (Yes/No).
  - Maintenance and review of working papers.
  - Systems and standards followed by PU.
- 3. Choose 'Yes' / 'No' based on factual review or enter specific responses where applicable.
- 4. Ensure accuracy, as this will be referenced during final approval.

# B. Annexure II – Compliance with SQC 1 (System of Quality Control)

To verify PU's internal systems for quality control and documentation.



# Steps:

- 1. Open the "ANNEXURE II" tab.
- 2. Answer to each question in Reviewer's comment box

# C. Annexure III – AQMM Scoring (If Applicable)

To assess the PU under the Audit Quality Maturity Model (AQMM) framework.



# Steps:

- 1. Click on the "ANNEXURE III" tab.
- 2. Fill in competency-based scoring.
- 3. Points are auto-assigned based on input selection.

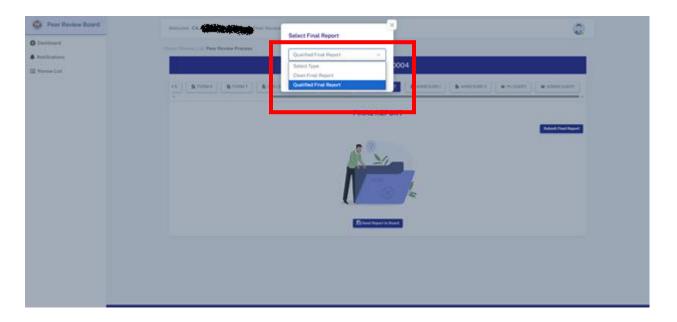
# Final Report Submission:

To submit the Final Report, the PR must click on the "Submit Final Report" button.

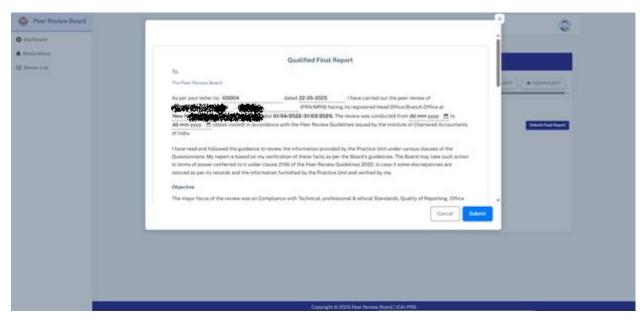
# Steps:

On click of submit final report a popup will appear.

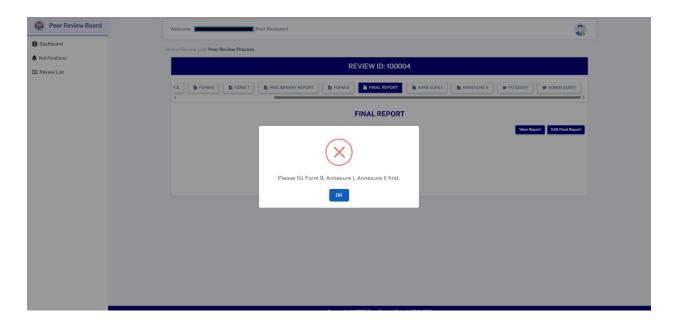
- In the popup, the PR must choose one of the following options from the dropdown:
  - Submit Clean Report
  - Submit Qualified Report



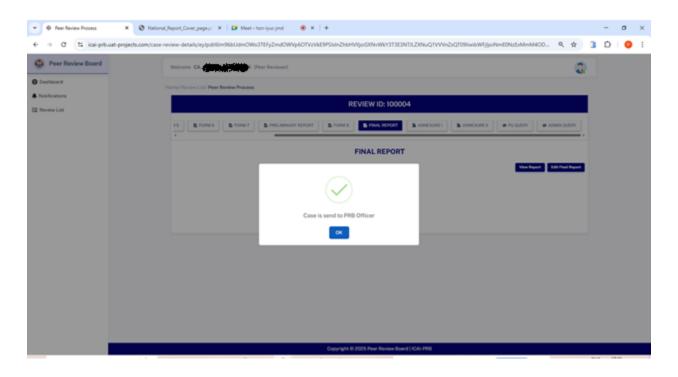
• PR to select whether Clean Report or Qualified Report



Before the Final Report can be submitted, Form 9, Annexure I, Annexure II, and Annexure III
(if applicable) must be completed. The PR will only be able to proceed with the final
submission once these forms are filled otherwise the error will be shown on Screen.



Once the entire form is completed, the PR can proceed with the final submission of the report to the Board.



Thank you for using the Peer Review Board Portal. For any further assistance or queries, please contact the support team at prbinfo@icai.in. We wish you a smooth and efficient peer review experience.