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# Charities Regulation

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# Key Issues Raised by the Public

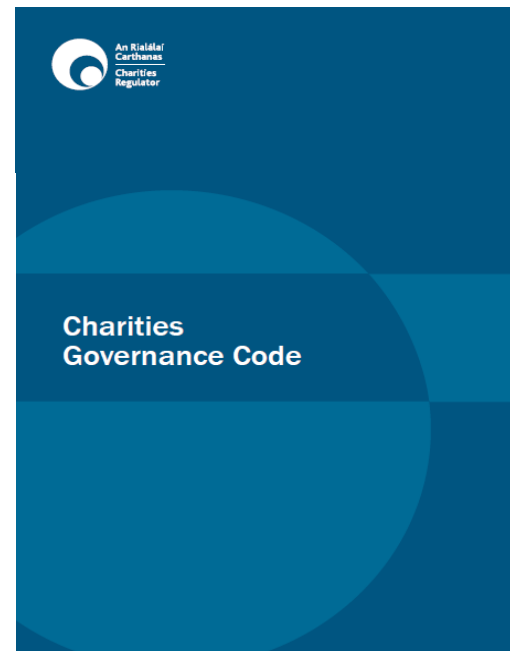
Main categories of concerns received by the Charities Regulator about charities included \* –

- financial control and transparency (29%)
- other governance issues (23%)

\* *Source: Compliance Report 2017*

# Charities Governance Code

- Consultation with charity trustees, beneficiaries, donors and the public over 2 year period
- Report of the Consultative Panel on the Governance of Charitable Organisations published May 2018
- Code launched November 2018





# 6 principles, 32 core standards, 17 additional standards



## Principle 4 – Exercising Control

*“4.4. Make sure you have appropriate financial controls in place to manage and account for your charity’s money and other assets.”*

- ‘Internal Financial Controls Guidelines for Charities’ (2017)
- Section 47, Charities Act 2009 – Duty to keep proper books of account

# The Code – Key Dates

- **2019** – Learning year – training, guidance (e.g. Online **Toolkit**)
- **2020** – Implementation of Code – compliance record forms retained
- **2021** – Report on compliance with the Code – comply or explain

# Annual Report

Charity is required to submit	Published on public Register
Summary of activities in the period (select from drop down list)	yes
Short description of activities (free text)	yes
Beneficiaries (select from drop down list)	yes
Whether a fee for services is charged and if so, details of the fee(s) and any concessions available	no
Average number of employees (in bands)	yes
Average number of volunteers (in bands)	yes
Codes or principles in place (e.g. Charity SORP, Dochas Code of Conduct)	no
Gross income	yes
Breakdown of the sources of income (e.g. cash collections, government grants)	yes
If it received donations, the types of donations (corporate, bequests etc.)	no
Gross expenditure	yes
Expenditure on salaries	no



# Annual Reporting Compliance Rates

- Section 52 of the Charities Act 2009
  
- **98%** of registered charities submitted their annual report for 2017
  - 54% filed on time
  - 28% filed within 3 months of the filing deadline
  - remainder filed > 3 months late
  
- The total number of annual **reports outstanding** for 2017 stood at 95 i.e. **2%** of the total number of annual reports due





# Draft Accounting and Reporting Regulations

## Step 1

Sections 48, 50 and  
52 of Charities Act  
2009 amended

## Step 2

Accounting and  
Reporting Regulations  
+ Guidance  
documents

## Step 3

New Accounting and  
Reporting Regulations  
implemented



# Proposed Thresholds

	Charity SORP Mandatory	Accruals / Simplified Accounts	Annual Audit Required	Independent Examination	No requirement to submit Annual Statement of Accounts
Gross income or Total Expenditure – Under €25,000	-	-	-	-	✓
Gross Income or Total Expenditure between €25,000 and €250,000	-	✓	-	✓	-
Gross Income or Total Expenditure Exceeds €250,000	✓	-	✓	-	-



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## NOTE:

Duty to keep proper books of account applies to all charities -  
section 47 Charities Act 2009 / section 282 Companies Act 2014



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