

The decision and reasons of the Regulatory Assessor for the case of Mrs K Knight FCCA and Knight Accountants Limited referred to him by ACCA on 5 February 2019

Introduction

1. Knight Accountants Limited is the incorporated sole practice of ACCA member, Mrs K Knight FCCA. I have considered a report, including ACCA's recommendation, together with related correspondence, concerning Mrs Knight's conduct of audit work.

Basis and reasons for the decision

2. I have considered all of the evidence in the booklet sent to me, including related correspondence.
3. In reaching my decision, I have made the following findings of fact:
 - a the firm and Mrs Knight have had three audit monitoring visits;
 - b all three visits had unsatisfactory outcomes;
 - c the firm had failed to effectively improve its quality control and audit procedures sufficiently to achieve a satisfactory outcome at the third visit in spite of the advice and warnings previously given, particularly by the Assessor following the second visit; and
 - d some of the deficiencies reported at the previous visit remained which indicates that the firm has failed to effectively implement its remedial action plan.
 - e Mrs Knight has relinquished her practising certificate with audit qualification and her firm's auditing certificate.

The decision

4. I note that Mrs Knight has relinquished her practising certificate with audit qualification and her firm's auditing certificate. On the basis of the above I have decided pursuant to Authorisation Regulations 7(3)(b) and 7(4) that any future re-application for audit registration by Mrs Knight, or by a firm in which he/she is a principal, must be referred

to the Admissions and Licensing Committee, which will not consider the application until she has provided an action plan, which ACCA regards as satisfactory, setting out how Mrs Knight intends to prevent a recurrence of the previous deficiencies and attended a practical audit course, approved by ACCA and, following the date of this decision, passed paper P7 (or the equivalent advanced level audit paper) of ACCA's professional qualification.

Publicity

4. Authorisation Regulation 7(6) indicates that all conditions relating to the certificates of Mrs Knight and her firm made under Regulation 7(2) may be published as soon as practicable, subject to any directions given by me.
5. I have considered the submissions, if any, made by Mrs Knight regarding publicity of any decision I may make pursuant to Authorisation Regulation 7(2). I do not find that there are exceptional circumstances in this case that would justify non-publication of my decision to impose conditions and/or the omission of the names of Mrs Knight and her firm from that publicity.
6. I therefore direct pursuant to Authorisation Regulation 7(6)(a), that a news release be issued to ACCA's website referring to Mrs Knight and her firm by name.

Regulatory Assessor
22nd March 2019