

The decision and reasons of the Regulatory Assessor for the case of Mr N Choudhary FCCA and Capshire UK LLP referred to him by ACCA on 24/06/20

Introduction

1. Capshire UK LLP (the firm) is the limited liability partnership through which is conducted the sole practice of ACCA member, Mr N Choudhary FCCA (the member). I have considered a report, including ACCA's recommendation, together with related correspondence, concerning Mr Choudhary'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 and the action plan prepared and submitted by the firm since the monitoring visit.
3. In reaching my decision, I have made the following findings of fact:
 - a The member and the firm were subject to an audit monitoring visit on 12 May 2015, the outcome of which was unsatisfactory.
 - b The member and the firm were subject to an audit monitoring visit on 14 March 2019. The compliance officer found that the firm had not established effective audit procedures. The compliance officer inspected four files and the outcomes on one were satisfactory and the other three were unsatisfactory.
 - d Following the visit, the member and the firm submitted action plans addressing the identified deficiencies. The compliance officer found these to be generally acceptable, but that there were three areas where the updated action plan appears not to fully address the deficiency reported.

The decision

4. On the basis of the above I have decided pursuant to Authorisation Regulations 7(2)(f) and 7(3)(b) that Mr Choudhary should be required to:
 - a. Be subject to an accelerated monitoring visit before 31st May 2021 at a cost to the firm of £1,200 and £500 (plus VAT at the prevailing rate) for each additional

audit qualified principal (if any such additional principal has been appointed since 14 March 2019); and

- b. Note that failure to make the necessary improvements in the level of compliance with auditing standards and with the requirements of any regulators by that time will jeopardise his or their and his or their firm's continuing audit registration.

Publicity

5. Authorisation Regulation 7(6) indicates that all conditions relating to the certificates of Mr Choudhary and his firm made under Regulation 7(2) may be published as soon as practicable, subject to any directions given by me.
6. I have considered the submissions, if any, made by Mr Choudhary 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 Mr Choudhary and the firm from that publicity.
7. I therefore direct pursuant to Authorisation Regulation 7(6)(a), that a news release be issued to ACCA's website referring to Mr Choudhary and his firm by name.

Regulatory Assessor
26/01/21

