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## ABC Business Magazine Reporting Standards (UK)

A change has been agreed to the ABC Business Magazine Reporting Standards. We have updated the latest Reporting Standards – 2013 Version 2 – to incorporate this change and you can now view or download these from our website [www.abc.org.uk](http://www.abc.org.uk).

### **Audit and certificate issue**

*Up until now if we issue an audit report for a business publication for 2 consecutive audits for an identical reason, or if we issue an audit report for a publication for 3 consecutive audits but for a different reason, then we will not issue the next certificate until it has been audited. This may result in late certification and an additional charge will be payable which will amount to an additional 25% on the cost of the audit.*

*To minimise delays in certification it has been agreed to remove the requirement to have a mandatory audit before certification if there are similar repeatable problems. However please note:*

- 1. This will not remove the option for the ABC audit team to require an audit prior to certification if they think necessary (the byelaws provide for this).*
- 2. The ABC audit process will continue to flag up repeat and serious problems, and will initiate a remedial process with the publication's Account Manager to provide training and advice in advance of future publisher submissions.*

Sections V7.6 and V7.7 that detailed this procedure in the Reporting Standards have been removed.

The ABC Business Magazine Reporting Standards Group discussed these changes. If you would like the Standards Group to review any current reporting standard or if you would like more information about how the above changes affect you, please contact your ABC Account Manager Alden Arnold ([alden.arnold@abc.org.uk](mailto:alden.arnold@abc.org.uk)) or Ben Wignall ([ben.wignall@abc.org.uk](mailto:ben.wignall@abc.org.uk)).

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