



AUDIT BUREAU
OF CIRCULATIONS

SUMMARY: AMENDMENTS TO ABC RULES

Effective July 1, 2010

The re-appointment of a Director of Audit Services and the introduction of ABC's eLodgement system highlighted some inconsistencies in the application of the ABC Rules and Audit Guidelines by external ABC Registered Auditors when verifying average net paid sales data.

To ensure a consistent approach to the application of the ABC Rules and Audit Guidelines by all auditors, the ABC Executive Committee approved the proposal for the introduction of an Auditor Accreditation Programme, which requires all ABC Registered Auditors and their staff to be accredited if they are to conduct or work on any ABC audits.

Following formal submission, the ABC Executive Committee approved the proposed changes at the meeting held on March 10, 2010. These were then presented to the General Committee for consideration who in turn approved the amendments to proceed to a member vote in late April 2010.

The member vote closed on May 13, 2010, the results of which have been scrutinised by W.V Armstrong & Co. We are pleased to announce the ABC members have passed the amendments to the Rules which will come into effect from July 1, 2010.



Amendment 1

Amendment to Rule 24.3 – Introduction of new rule to enable ABC Executive Committee to manage registration of ABC Registered Auditors.

Summary

Amendment 1 introduces a rule that requires ABC Registered Auditors to attend training workshops as determined by the Executive Committee.

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This amendment is the addition of a new rule **24.3.3**.

Part 5 – Audits, Auditors and Audit Reports

24.3 Registration of Auditor

- 24.3.1 An individual approved as an Auditor under **Rule 24.2** will be registered with the ABC by the Executive Director as an Auditor approved to carry out Audits under these Rules.
- 24.3.2 The Executive Director will maintain a list of the individuals approved and registered as Auditors.
- 24.3.3 An individual approved as an Auditor or involved in the audit process may be required to attend training workshops relating to the application of the ABC Rules and Audit Guidelines and other topics, as determined by the Executive Committee, to maintain their ABC registration.



Amendment 2

Amendment to Rule 24.2 – Introduction of new rule to enable the ABC Executive Committee to manage registration of ABC Registered Auditors.

Summary

Amendment 2 introduces a rule that will require Audit Companies that employ ABC Registered Auditors to hold membership to the ABC.

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Addition of new clause 24.2.1(c) to rule 24.2.1.

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24.2 Auditor to be Approved

24.2.1 The Executive Committee may approve to be an Auditor an individual who:

- (a) is qualified in accordance with **Rule 24.1**;
- (b) the Executive Committee considers is of good character and professional reputation; and
- (c) either is employed by a Member of the ABC or holds ABC Membership.