



Hong Kong Institute of
Certified Public Accountants
香港會計師公會

Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants takes regulatory action against a certified public accountant (practising)

(HONG KONG, 7 January 2020) The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants has taken regulatory action against Ms. Chan Mei Ling, certified public accountant (practising) (A09996) for her failure or neglect to observe, maintain or otherwise apply professional standards issued by the Institute.

Chan audited the financial statements of a private company for the year ended 31 December 2016 and expressed an unmodified auditor's opinion. In the audit, Chan failed to perform appropriate audit procedures to obtain sufficient evidence on the company's accounts receivable, accounts payable and administrative expenses.

The Institute concluded that Chan failed or neglected to observe, maintain or otherwise apply Hong Kong Standard on Auditing 500 *Audit Evidence*.

Regulatory action

Based on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Council of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants concluded that the following should resolve the complaint:

1. Chan acknowledges the facts of the case and her non-compliance with professional standards;
2. Chan be reprimanded; and
3. Chan pays an administrative penalty of HK\$25,000 and the Institute's costs of HK\$15,000.

About Resolution by Agreement

In order to better serve the interests of the public and the profession, the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") ensures complaints are dealt with in an effective and transparent manner. In accordance with Council powers outlined in the Professional Accountants Ordinance, a Resolution by Agreement ("RBA") may be offered in uncontested cases considered to be moderate after taking into account the nature and gravity of the complaint, past disciplinary records of the respondent and any aggravating or mitigating circumstances. An RBA will not be offered in cases involving complaints of dishonesty, which are handled through a separate disciplinary process.

The RBA includes a mandatory public censure which entails publication of the name of the respondent, facts of the case and areas of non-compliance with professional

standards. Information on the Institute's complaint handling process and guidelines for Resolutions by Agreement are available at the Institute website under the "Compliance" section at www.hkicpa.org.hk.

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About HKICPA

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") is the statutory body established by the Professional Accountants Ordinance responsible for the professional training, development and regulation of certified public accountants in Hong Kong. The Institute has more than 44,000 members and 18,000 registered students.

Our qualification programme assures the quality of entry into the profession, and we promulgate financial reporting, auditing and ethical standards that safeguard Hong Kong's leadership as an international financial centre.

The CPA designation is a top qualification recognised globally. The Institute is a member of and actively contributes to the work of the Global Accounting Alliance and International Federation of Accountants.

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香港會計師公會對一名執業會計師作出監管行動

(香港，二零二零年一月七日) 香港會計師公會就執業會計師陳美玲女士(會員編號：A09996)沒有或忽略遵守、維持或以其他方式應用公會頒佈的專業準則，對她作出監管行動。

陳女士曾審計一間私人公司截至二零一六年十二月三十一日止年度的財務報表，並發表無保留的核數師意見。在審計過程中，陳女士沒有執行適當的審計程序就該公司的應收賬款、應付賬款及行政費用獲取足夠的憑證。

公會認為陳女士沒有或忽略遵守、維持或以其他方式應用 Hong Kong Standard on Auditing 500「Audit Evidence」。

監管行動

基於上文所述及為省卻進一步程序，香港會計師公會理事會決定以下列的方案解決這宗投訴：

1. 陳女士承認此個案中的事實及違反了專業準則；
2. 陳女士被譴責；及
3. 陳女士須繳交行政罰款 25,000 港元及公會的費用 15,000 港元。

有關解決方案

為保障公眾及會計界的利益，香港會計師公會以有效及具透明度的方式處理投訴個案。根據《專業會計師條例》概述的公會理事會權力，公會在考慮投訴個案的性質與嚴重性、答辯人的過往處分紀錄，以及加重與寬減等因素後，若認為個案屬中度嚴重，便可在答辯人不抗辯的情況下藉解決方案處理。然而，如個案涉及不誠實行為的投訴，則不可藉解決方案處理，而須另按紀律處分程序處理。

對於所有解決方案，公會均作出強制性的公開譴責及公佈答辯人的姓名、個案涉及的事實和所違反的專業準則。公會投訴處理程序及解決方案的指引，可於公會網頁 (www.hkicpa.org.hk) 內「Compliance」部份查閱。

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關於香港會計師公會

香港會計師公會是根據《專業會計師條例》成立的法定機構，負責培訓、發展和監管本港的會計專業。公會會員超過 44,000 名，學生人數逾 18,000。

公會開辦專業資格課程，確保會計師的入職質素，同時頒佈財務報告、審計及專業操守的準則，以鞏固香港作為國際金融中心的領導地位。

CPA 會計師是一個獲國際認可的頂尖專業資格。公會是全球會計聯盟及國際會計師聯合會的成員之一，積極推動國際專業發展。

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