



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

(HONG KONG, 7 June 2021) The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants has taken regulatory action against Mr. Tsoi Yuen Hoi, certified public accountant (practising) (A36255) for his failure or neglect to observe, maintain or otherwise apply professional standards issued by the Institute.

Tsoi audited the financial statements of a private company for the year ended 31 March 2019. He failed to prepare adequate audit documentation of his understanding of the nature of the company's business. In addition, Tsoi failed to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to support that revenue from sales of goods was correctly recorded in accordance with the criteria for recognizing sales, and that purchases included in the financial statements did occur.

The Institute concluded that Tsoi failed or neglected to observe, maintain or otherwise apply Hong Kong Standard on Auditing ("HKSA") 315 *Identifying and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement through Understanding the Entity and Its Environment* and HKSA 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. Tsoi acknowledge the facts of the case and areas of non-compliance with professional standards;
2. Tsoi be reprimanded; and
3. Tsoi pay an administrative penalty of HK\$20,000 and costs of the Institute 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 over 46,000 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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