

**MICHAEL DEREK WOOD (AUD27)**

**NOTICE OF AN ORDER OF THE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE OF  
THE NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

Michael Derek Wood (“the Member”) appeared before the Professional Conduct Committee of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants on 4 February 2019 in relation to a complaint arising from a Quality Review undertaken by the Financial Markets Authority in accordance with the Auditor Regulation Act 2011.

The complaint arose from the Member’s role as Engagement Quality Control Reviewer in respect of the audit of four FMC reporting entities and concerned his failure to adequately identify, evaluate, and document his consideration of significant judgments made by the audit engagement team in relation to compliance with key audit partner independence rotation requirements under paragraph 290.149 of PES 1 (Revised).

The Professional Conduct Committee made the following order with the Member’s consent, received in writing on 19 March 2019:

1. that he be severely reprimanded in accordance with NZICA Rule 13.7(d)(v);
2. that he pay costs to the Institute in the sum of \$1,950.00 in accordance with Rule 13.7(d)(vii);
3. that notice of the Professional Conduct Committee’s decision and orders made be published in CA ANZ’s official publication *Acuity* and on its website with mention of the Member’s name and location in accordance with Rule 13.9(a);
4. pursuant to its obligations under the Auditor Regulation Act 2011 and in accordance with Rule 13.75 of NZICA’s Rules, notice of its order be provided with the Member’s name to the Registrar of Companies.

In making its decision the Professional Conduct Committee noted the higher public interest (and higher public expectation) that will generally accompany work undertaken by members who are licensed under the Auditor Regulation Act 2011, and that this will often see license holders found to have breached auditing standards referred to the Disciplinary Tribunal under Rules 13.7(d)(x) and 13.7(e). It considered that such a referral was not necessary on this occasion given the narrow scope of the matters at issue.

A full copy of the Professional Conduct Committee’s decision can be downloaded from the decisions register on CA ANZ’s website:

<https://www.charteredaccountantsanz.com/about-us/complaints/decisions-register>

