



Companies Act 2006

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PART 16

AUDIT

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REQUIREMENT FOR AUDITED ACCOUNTS

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- (1) A company's annual accounts for a financial year must be audited in accordance with this Part unless the company—
- (a) is exempt from audit under—
 - section 477 (small companies),
 - [^{F1}section 479A (subsidiary companies)] or
 - section 480 (dormant companies);
 - or
 - (b) is exempt from the requirements of this Part under section 482 (non-profit-making companies subject to public sector audit).
- [^{F2}(2) A company is not entitled to any such exemption unless its balance sheet contains a statement by the directors—
- (a) identifying the exemption in question, and
 - (b) confirming that the company qualifies for the exemption.]
- (3) A company is not entitled to exemption under any of the provisions mentioned in subsection (1)(a) unless its balance sheet contains a statement by the directors to the effect that—

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- (a) the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476, and
 - (b) the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of this Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- (4) The statement required by subsection (2) or (3) must appear on the balance sheet above the signature required by section 414.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 475(1)(a) inserted (1.10.2012 with application in accordance with reg. 2 of the amending S.I.) by [The Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships \(Accounts and Audit Exemptions and Change of Accounting Framework\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2301\)](#), regs. 1, **6**
- F2** S. 475(2) substituted (26.10.2023 but only so far as it confers a power to make regulations or relates to the exercise of the power, otherwise prosp.) by [Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 \(c. 56\)](#), **ss. 57**, 219(1)(2)(b)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 475 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2008) by [The Limited Liability Partnerships \(Accounts and Audit\) \(Application of Companies Act 2006\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1911\)](#), **reg. 33** (as amended (1.10.2012 with application in accordance with reg. 2 of the amending S.I.) by S.I. 2012/2301, regs. 1, **20(2)**)
- C2** Ss. 475-481 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2009) by [The Unregistered Companies Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2436\)](#), regs. 3-5, **Sch. 1 para. 11** (with transitional provisions and savings in regs. 7, 9, Sch. 2)
- C3** S. 475 applied (with modifications) in part (31.7.2015) by [The European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1493\)](#), regs. 1(2), **7(1)** (with reg. 11)
- C4** S. 475(1) applied (with modifications) (6.4.2008) by [The Insurance Accounts Directive \(Miscellaneous Insurance Undertakings\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/565\)](#), **reg. 3**

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