AQR Inspection Scope

The typical categories of audit that the AQR is likely to inspect are summarised in the table below. It comprises the audits of PIEs, and certain non-PIE entities.

Firms that audit the entities specified below are subject to AQR inspections.

Scope Categories

Public Interest Entities (PIEs)

UK entities with transferable securities (equity/debt) admitted to trading on a regulated market in the EEA

EEA entities with transferable securities (equity/debt) admitted to trading on a regulated market in the EEA and audited by a UK Registered Auditor

Credit institutions: UK incorporated banks not already included in any other category

Credit institutions: UK building societies

Credit institutions: UK credit institutions authorised by the Bank of England other than unlisted banks and building societies.

Credit institutions: Non-listed EEA incorporated banks with a UK Registered Auditor

Insurance undertakings: Non-listed UK insurers¹

Insurance undertakings: Non-listed EEA insurers with a UK Registered Auditor²

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Other Entities in Scope

AIM or NEX (other than the Main Board) quoted companies incorporated in the UK with a market capitalisation of more than €200M, using the formula in MiFID II³

Lloyd's Syndicates

Non-EEA (excluding the Crown Dependencies)⁴ entities with transferable securities (equity/debt) admitted to trading on a regulated market in the EEA and audited by a UK Registered Auditor

¹ Those UK insurers authorised by the Bank of England that are required to comply with the Solvency II Directive.

² Those EEA incorporated insurers that are required to comply with the Solvency II Directive.

³ This formula is also set out in para 5.47 of the FRC Ethical Standard.

⁴ Excluding entities incorporated in Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man with transferable securities (equity/debt) admitted to trading on a regulated market in the EEA which are subject to separate inspection arrangements.