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ABC Reporting Standards change

This document details a change that have been agreed for the Regional Publication Reporting Standards. You can view the updated ABC Reporting Standards on our [website](#).

Have a suggestion or a query about a rule?

As an ABC member you can ask us to look at any aspect of the information we publish or the rules behind them. If you have any suggestions or comments please contact your ABC Account Manager, Lynn Kendrick (lynn.kendrick@abc.org.uk) or any member of the ABC team.

Change to qualifying criteria to report a publication to Regional Publication Reporting Standards

The criteria for a publication to report to these Standards, being related to publication in a defined region of the UK or ROI, has stood us in good stead for many years. However, if titles are published in a digital format only or where a provider/publisher is only considering from a digital perspective, this criteria may in some cases no longer be practical.

The criteria has therefore been revised as follows, to include a condition based upon the publication name and/or content. Shading denotes text added and strike-through text deleted:

General principles [extract]

1. The publication must be eligible to report under the Reporting Standards

- a) You may apply to register a print or digital publication under the Regional Publication/ROI Newspaper Reporting Standards if it ~~is published~~:
 - i) **Published** in a defined region of the UK (i.e. not one that is available throughout all or most of the UK); ~~or~~
 - ii) **Published with** the majority of its circulation in the Republic of Ireland; or
 - iii) **Clear from the publication name and/or content that it relates to a defined region of the UK or the Republic of Ireland.**