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## ABC Business Magazines Reporting Standards

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This document details a change that has been agreed to the Reporting Standards for Business Magazines. You can view the updated ABC Reporting Standards on our [website](#).

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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, Charlotte Brown ([charlotte.brown@abc.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.brown@abc.org.uk)) or any member of the ABC team.

### Transition of June-reporting publications to December reporting from 2025

#### Recap of the previous change

- All ABC Business Magazine reporting periods are being standardised to a December year-end. This change only affects publications that previously reported on a June year-end.
- After their standard submission for the period **July 2024 to June 2025**, publications on the June cycle will move to December reporting by submitting a 6-month return for the period **July 2025 to December 2025**.

#### Details of the latest change

- As an alternative to submitting the 6-month return (**July to December 2025**), publications may instead choose to submit a 12-month return covering **January to December 2025**.
- If using this option, there will be no gap in certification but there will be an overlap with the previous certificate for the period July 2024 to June 2025.

The updated Standards reflect this change, which is shown by the shaded text below.

#### Reporting Periods [extract]

b) The mandatory Reporting Period is:

i. 12 months, 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December

o Note: To transition to December reporting, those titles currently on a June annual cycle will:

- Report as normal their July 24 to June 25 period, to existing standards
- Issue an additional 6-month certificate for the period July to December 2025, with no additional fee from ABC. As an option, you may replace this with a 12-month certificate for the period **January to December 2025** (please contact us if you wish to exercise this option).
- Then report January to December 2026, continuing on a December cycle thereafter.