

Mr Phil Hall
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Dear Mr Hall,

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Thank you for your email of 20 January to the Minister of State for Immigration to request recognition for members of The Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) to be exempted from the requirement to be a member of a UK Recognised Supervisory Body (RSB) like the exemption that is currently in place for The Institute of Financial Accountants, whose members also do not hold membership with the RSB. Your email has been passed to me for reply.

We do not see any reason that AAT members cannot have the same level of exemption as The Institute of Financial Accountants and the requirement to be a member of the RSB will not be required for AAT members for any application that requires the demonstration of income from self-employment. Home Office guidance and rules will now be updated accordingly to reflect the exemption for AAT members.

Whilst our guidance and rules are being updated, you can advise your members that they do not need to be a member of the RSB for their clients to meet the self-employment financial requirements. A copy of this letter can also be provided to clients to submit as part of their application.

Yours sincerely

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