



# Experience from practitioners in countries with a high audit threshold: can SMPs survive?

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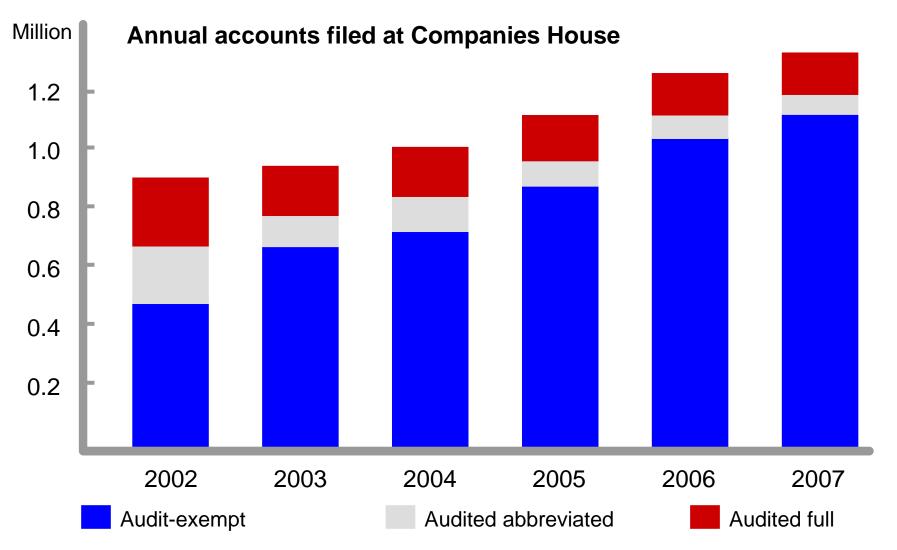


# The UK Audit Exemption Threshold

- Accounts do not have to be audited for financial years starting after 6 April 2008 if the entity:
  - qualifies as a small company for the purposes of filing abbreviated accounts
  - has a turnover of not more than £6.5 million (€8.2m)
  - has a balance sheet total of not more than £3.26 million (€4.13m)



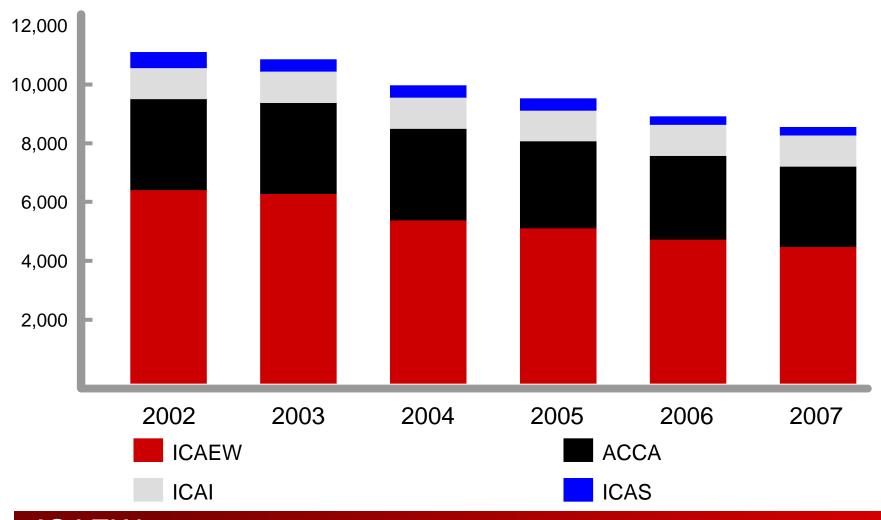
# Audit-exempt companies





# **Auditors**

#### Number of audit registered firms by professional body

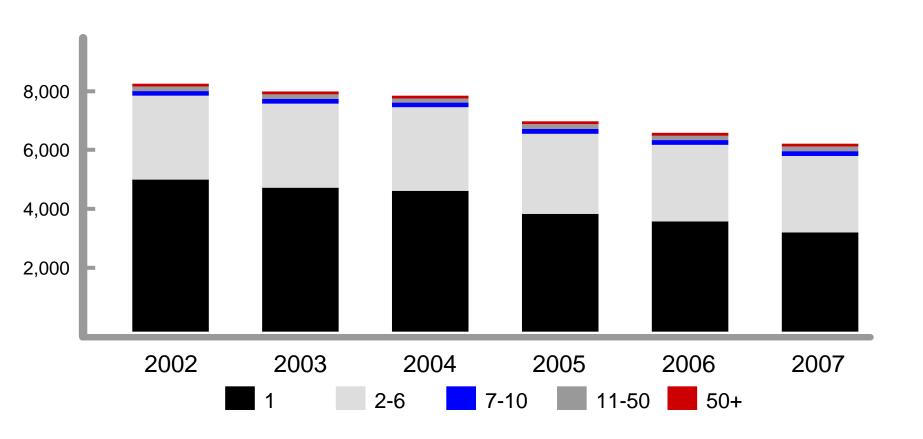


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## Size of audit firms

Analysis of audit firms registered with ICAEW, ICAI and ICAS by number of principals





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Most of the world's businesses will have no professional opinion on their accounts

**Statutory audit** 

Professional opinion on accounts

**ICAEW Assurance Service** 

Professional opinion on accounts

**Accounts compilation** 

No professional opinion on accounts

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opinions
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