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# **Audit Monitoring Report 2026**

**Audit in Focus**

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# Today's webinar



2025 audit monitoring results



Key risks affecting audit quality



Common areas of weakness



Good practice and wider support



Q&A



Latest guidance

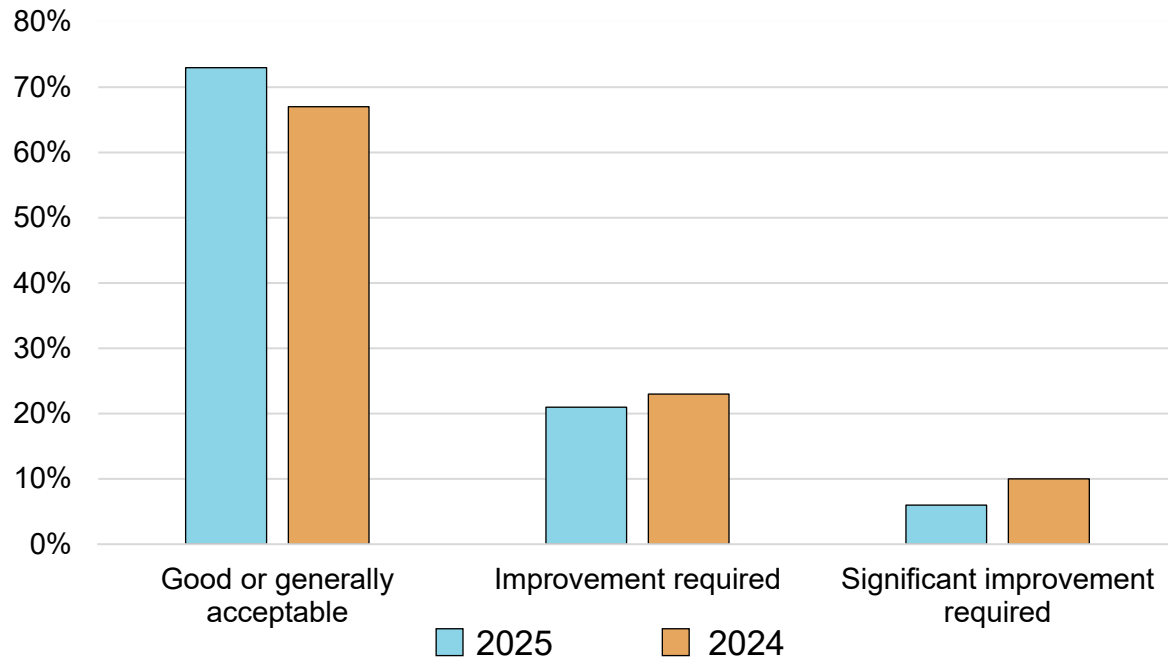
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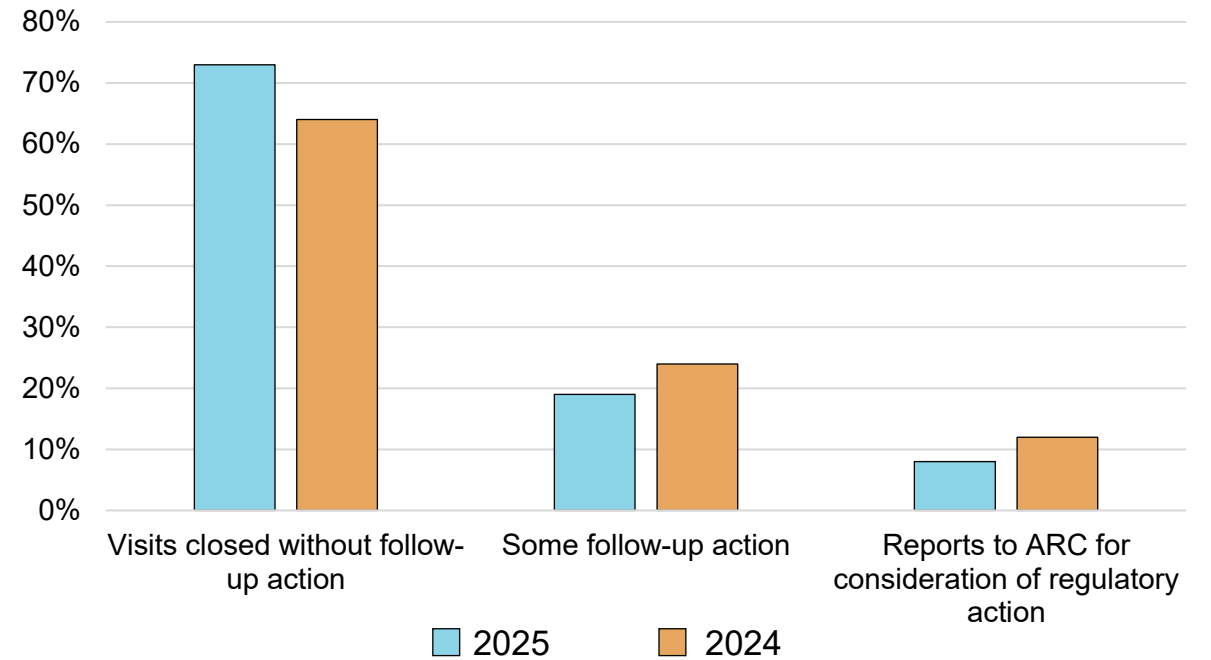
- Covers monitoring results up to 31 December 2025
- Reflects findings from 375 monitoring reviews
- Positive overall results

# Results

## Outcomes: audit monitoring visits (%)



## Audit quality: audit files reviewed (%)



# Key risks

Growth

Technology

Staff

# Effective systems of quality management

Examples scaled to culture and management of firm

Client acceptance/take-on

Audit system/technology components

Human resources

# Common areas of weakness

## Revenue/stock/contracts

- Planning and risk assessment
- Design of audit procedures
- Revenue recognition and measurement

## Financial statements

- Variety of issues including classification/disclosures
- Importance of adequate review and challenge

## Group audits

- Planning, direction, supervision and review
- Audit of consolidation
- Dealing with larger firms as component auditors

# Wider monitoring and support

- Proactive audit risk identification
- Notification requirements
- Education and support





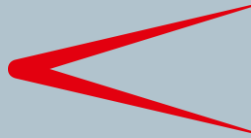
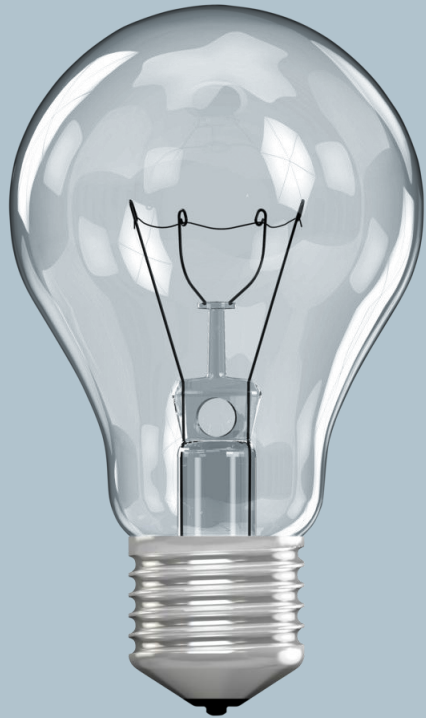
## Looking forward

Proportionate, improvement-focused regulation remains critical to the public interest

# Takeaways and resources

- Read the 2026 report
- Watch the recording of our Ethical Standard webinar
- Use the Crossing the Line film
- Save the date for our next webinar:  
[ISQM 1- 8 September](#)





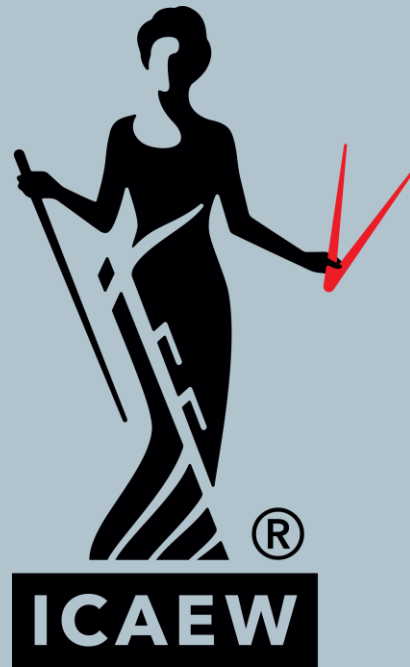
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# Latest guidance

New guidance firms should be aware of:

- [Artificial intelligence in audit work: managing the risks](#)
- [Names of audit-registered firms guidance](#)





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