Regulation



Supplement 4 to the Sanctions Policy – Disciplinary History

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1. Disciplinary History Policy

1.1 This is a supplement to the Sanctions Policy and sets out the Regulatory Board's approach to the provision of a Member's or Firm's disciplinary history.

2. Policy Approach

The full disciplinary history of a member or firm will be supplied to Disciplinary and Registration Panels.

3. Disciplinary Panel/Registration Panel

- **3.1** In assessing the emphasis given to disciplinary records supplied to Panels, it will be necessary for Panels to take account of the following:
 - Length of time that has elapsed since the disciplinary finding was made; and
 - Similarities between the previous disciplinary history and the allegations set out before the Panel.

4. External Requests

- **4.1** Where requests about a member's or firm's disciplinary history are received from third parties (public, clients or employers), all previous disciplinary findings will be deemed to be spent six years following the date of the finding.
- 4.2 However, expulsions and de-registrations will never be spent and may be disclosed.

5. Exceptions

- Fixed Penalties will become spent three years after the penalty has been paid;
- Notwithstanding the fact that a finding is deemed spent, it may be disclosed if RICS considers it in the public interest to do so.

Notes

- For the purpose of this supplement, the date of the disciplinary history will be deemed to be the date at which the relevant Panel imposed the penalty/date of the letter indicating a Fixed Penalty had been applied to the firm/member/date when the consent order was signed by both parties.
- This supplement will apply to disciplinary findings under the Disciplinary, Registration and Appeal Panel Rules and all previous disciplinary rules.



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