
FINAL NOTICE

To: Lee Elrick (Trading as Autopoint Aberdeen)
FRN: 759313
Dated: 27 July 2023

ACTION

1. For the reasons set out in this Final Notice, the Authority hereby takes the following action against Lee Elrick ("Mr Elrick").
2. The Authority issued to Mr Elrick the Decision Notice which notified Mr Elrick that for the reasons given below and pursuant to section 55J of the Act, the Authority had decided to cancel Mr Elrick's Part 4A permission.
3. Mr Elrick has not referred the matter to the Tribunal within 28 days of the date on which the Decision Notice was given to him.
4. Accordingly, the Authority has today cancelled Mr Elrick's Part 4A permission.

DEFINITIONS

5. The definitions below are used in this Final Notice:
"the Act" means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000;
"the Authority" means the Financial Conduct Authority;

“the Decision Notice” means the Decision Notice issued by the Authority to Mr Elrick dated 17 May 2023;

“the Overdue Balance” means the outstanding sum of £1,679.38 owed by Mr Elrick to the Authority comprising: an invoice dated 6 November 2019 for regulatory fees and levies of £1,188.08 for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, which was due for payment by 6 December 2019; and an invoice dated 7 October 2020 for regulatory fees and levies of £491.30 for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, which was due for payment by 5 January 2021.

“the Principles” means the Authority’s Principles for Business;

“Mr Elrick” means Lee Elrick (Trading as Autopoint Aberdeen);

“Mr Elrick’s Part 4A permission” means the permission granted by the Authority to Lee Elrick pursuant to Part 4A of the Act;

“the suitability Threshold Condition” means the threshold condition set out in paragraph 2E of Schedule 6 of the Act;

“the Tribunal” means the Upper Tribunal (Tax and Chancery Chamber); and

“the Warning Notice” means the Warning Notice issued by the Authority to Mr Elrick dated 18 April 2023.

REASONS FOR THE ACTION

6. On the basis of the facts and matters and conclusions described in the Warning Notice, and in the Decision Notice, it appears to the Authority that Mr Elrick is failing to satisfy the suitability Threshold Condition, in that the Authority is not satisfied that Mr Elrick is a fit and proper person having regard to all the circumstances, including whether Mr Elrick managed his business in such a way as to ensure that his affairs were conducted in a sound and prudent manner.
7. Mr Elrick has failed to pay the Overdue Balance and has not been open and co-operative in all his dealings with the Authority, in that Mr Elrick has failed to respond to the Authority’s repeated requests to pay the Overdue Balance and has thereby failed to comply with Principle 11 of the Principles and to satisfy the Authority that it is ready, willing and organised to comply with the requirements and standards of the regulatory system.
8. These failings, which are significant in the context of Mr Elrick’s suitability, lead the Authority to conclude that Mr Elrick has failed to manage his business in such a way as to ensure that his affairs are conducted in a sound and prudent manner, that he is not a fit and proper person, and that he is therefore failing to satisfy the Threshold Conditions in relation to the regulated activities for which he has had a Part 4A permission.

DECISION MAKER

9. The decision which gave rise to the obligation to give this Final Notice was made by an Authority staff member under executive procedures.

IMPORTANT

10. This Final Notice is given to Mr Elrick in accordance with section 390(1) of the Act.

Publicity

11. The Authority must publish such information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates as the Authority considers appropriate. The information may be published in such manner as the Authority considers appropriate. However, the Authority may not publish information if such publication would, in the opinion of the Authority, be unfair to Mr Elrick or prejudicial to the interest of consumers.
12. The Authority intends to publish such information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates as it considers appropriate.

Authority contact

13. For more information concerning this matter generally, please contact Loktuz Zaman at the Authority (direct line: +44 20 7066 0601).

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