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Disciplinary Committee ordered removal from Student Register*

On Wednesday, 03 April 2019 – Thursday, 04 April 2019, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Ms Fatima Zia, of Lahore, Pakistan:

Allegation 1

- a) On or around 23 March 2017, Ms Fatima Zia caused or permitted one or more of the documents set out in Schedule A to be submitted to The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (“ACCA”), which purported to have been issued by Middlesex University when, in fact, they had not.

- b) Ms Fatima Zia’s conduct in respect of 1(a) was:
 - (i) Dishonest; and
 - (ii) Contrary to the Fundamental Principle of Integrity;

- c) Contrary to Paragraph 3(1) of the Complaints and Disciplinary Regulations 2014, Ms Fatima Zia has failed to co-operate fully with the investigation of a complaint in that she failed to respond to any or all of ACCA’s correspondence dated:
 - (i) 22 August 2017;
 - (ii) 13 September 2017;
 - (iii) 05 October 2017.

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d) By reason of her conduct at 2 (a) above, Ms Fatima Zia is:

- (i) Guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i); or
- (ii) Liable to disciplinary action pursuant to bye-law 8 (a)(iii).

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Ms Fatima Zia be removed from the student register and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £500.

Please note that this may be the subject of an appeal.

ACCA's regulations require ACCA to publish the Committee's findings and orders by way of a news release, as soon as practicable.

** An order made by the Disciplinary Committee shall take effect from the date of expiry of the Appeal Period referred to in the Appeal Regulations unless the Committee directs that the order should have immediate effect*

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ACCA has introduced major innovations to its flagship qualification to ensure its members and future members continue to be the most valued, up to date and sought-after accountancy professionals globally.

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