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# News release

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## Appeal Committee refused Permission to appeal

On 29 August 2018, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against a student, Ms Zainab Zia of Lahore, Pakistan:

### Allegation 1

- (a) On or around 22 March 2017, Miss Zainab 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) Miss Zia’s conduct in respect of 1(a) was:
  - i. Dishonest; and
  - ii. Contrary to the Fundamental Principle of Integrity.
  
- (b) Contrary to Paragraph 3(1) of the Complaints and Disciplinary Regulations 2014, Miss Zainab Zia has failed to co-operate fully with the investigation of a complaint in that he failed to respond to any or all of ACCA’s correspondence dated:
  - i. 18 August 2017;
  - ii. 11 September 2017;
  - iii. 03 October 2017.

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(c) By reason of his conduct at 1(a) and/or 1(b) and/or 1(c) above, Miss Zainab Zia is:

i. Guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i); or

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Miss Zainab Zia be removed from student register and pay costs of £3000.

Miss Zainab Zia was notified of this decision on 12 September 2018 and on 25 September 2018 Miss Zia gave notice of appeal against the decision of the Disciplinary Committee.

On 09 November 2018, Miss Zia was notified that the Chairman of the Appeal Committee had refused her application for permission to appeal.

On 07 December 2018, Miss Zia lodged a submission for the application to be reconsidered.

On 09 January 2019, Miss Zia was informed that another Chairman of the Appeal Committee had granted her permission to appeal on grounds 5(2)(a) – 5(2)(f) of the Appeal Regulations. This matter was listed before the Appeal Committee on 16-17 April 2019.

The Appeal Committee on 16-17 April 2019.

### **OUTCOME**

- The Appeal Committee refused Miss Zia's permission to appeal the decision of the Disciplinary Committee held on 29 August 2018.

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

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