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# News release

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## Disciplinary Committee ordered Exclusion from Membership\*

On 23 April 2019, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Marc Keating, of Tyne and Wear, United Kingdom.

### Allegation 1

- a) On 10 August 2018 Mr Marc Keating was convicted of attempt to engage in sexual communication with a child x3 contrary to Section 1(1) Criminal Attempts Act 1981 at Newcastle Upon Tyne Court which is discreditable to the Association or the accountancy profession;
- b) By reason of his conduct at 1(a) above, Mr Marc Keating is liable to disciplinary action pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(ix).

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Marc Keating be excluded from membership, with immediate effect and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £5000.00

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 supports its **208,000** members and **503,000** students in **179** countries, helping them to develop successful careers in accounting and business, with the skills required by employers. ACCA works through a network of **104** offices and centres and more than **7,300** Approved Employers worldwide, who provide high standards of employee learning and development. Through its public interest remit, ACCA promotes appropriate regulation of accounting and conducts relevant research to ensure accountancy continues to grow in reputation and influence.

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.

Founded in 1904, ACCA has consistently held unique core values: opportunity, diversity, innovation, integrity and accountability. More information is here: [www.accaglobal.com](http://www.accaglobal.com)