

02 August 2019

Disciplinary Committee ordered Removal from Student Register *

On 02 August 2019, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Jiaxing Zou, of Tokyo, Japan:

Allegation 1

Mr Jiaxing Zou, who is registered with ACCA as a student:

- a) On 22 August 2017 and/or 26 August 2017 caused or permitted one or more of documents (i) to (ix) in Schedule A to be submitted to ACCA purporting to show Wuhan University had awarded him with a Master Degree and Diploma, when, in fact, it had not.
- b) On 06 August 2018, Mr Jiaxing Zou caused or permitted one or more of documents (x) – (xv) in Schedule A to be submitted to the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Accountants, which purported to show that he was an ACCA Affiliate, member and that he had been awarded a Diploma at Wuhan University when, in fact, he did not have these qualifications.
- c) Mr Jiaxing Zou's conduct as set out in paragraph 1 (a) and/or 1 (b) above was:
 - i. Dishonest, in that he knew or did not care that one or more of the documents in Schedule A were not issued by a Notary and/or Wuhan University and/or ACCA;
- d) By reason of his conduct in respect of paragraphs 1 (a) and/or 1 (b) and/or 1(c), Mr Jiaxing Zou is guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i).

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The Disciplinary Committee ordered that that Mr Jiaxing Zou be removed from the student register, with immediate effect, and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £9,640.00.

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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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.

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