

26 February 2019

Disciplinary Committee ordered Removal from Student Register*


On 25 February 2019, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Arsalan Shoukat, of Abbottabad, Pakistan:

Allegation 1

- a) On or around 17 May 2017, Mr Arsalan Shoukat caused or permitted the submission to ACCA of one or more of the documents listed in Schedule A, which purported to be issued by the University of Sydney when, in fact, they had not.
- b) Mr Arsalan Shoukat's conduct as set out in paragraph 1a) above was:
 - (i) Dishonest in that Mr Arsalan Shoukat knew that one or more of the documents submitted at 1(a) above were false; and
 - (ii) Contrary to the Fundamental Principle of Integrity
- c) Contrary to Paragraph 3(1) of the Complaints and Disciplinary Regulations 2014, Mr Arsalan Shoukat 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 as set out in Schedule B.
- e) By reasons of his conduct in relation to any or all of the matters set out at 1a) and/or 1b) and/or 1c), Mr Shoukat is:
 - i. Guilty of misconduct pursuant to Bye-law 8(a)(i)

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The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Arsalan Shoukat be removed from ACCA's Student Register and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £3,500.00. The Committee further ordered that any future application for re-admission as a student be referred to ACCA's Admissions and Licensing Committee.

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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