

27 August 2020

Disciplinary Committee ordered Removal from Student register*

On 11 August 2020, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Miss Cindy Kimberly Diana, of Nairobi, Kenya:

Allegation 1

- a. Miss Cindy Diana caused and/or permitted Mr Shawn Wafula to impersonate her for the purpose of sitting her MA1 (Management Information) examination on 06 October 2018 at Strathmore University CBE Centre, Nairobi, Kenya.
- b. Miss Cindy Diana's conduct above was:
 - i. Dishonest, in that she caused and/or permitted Mr Shawn Wafula to sit her MA1 examination on her behalf in order for her to gain an unfair advantage in that exam; or in the alternative
 - ii. Contrary to the fundamental principle of integrity, as applicable in 2018, in that such conduct demonstrates a failure to be straightforward and honest; and

- iii. Contrary to exam regulations 10 and/ or 13 and/or 15.(c)
- c. By reason of her conduct, Miss Cindy Diana is:
- i. Guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i) in respect of any of the matters set out at 1(a) to 1(b) above.
 - ii. Liable to disciplinary action pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(iii), in respect of 1(a) and 1(b)(iii) above.

Allegation 2

- a. Contrary to Regulation 3(1) of the Complaints and Disciplinary Regulations 2018, Miss Cindy Diana failed to co-operate with the investigation of a complaint in that between 21 November 2018 and 22 August 2019, she failed to respond to ACCA's correspondence as set out in Schedule A.
- b. In light of the facts set out at 2(a) above Miss Cindy Diana is:
 - i. Guilty of misconduct pursuant to byelaw 8(a)(i), or
 - ii. Liable to disciplinary action pursuant to byelaw 8(iii).

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Miss Diana be removed from the student register and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £5408.50.

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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