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Disciplinary Committee ordered Member excluded*

On 02 November 2020, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Neil Matthew Jones, of Manchester, Lancashire, United Kingdom:

Allegations

1. It is alleged that Mr Neil Matthew Jones, a member of ACCA,
 - a. From 12 May 2016 to 08 August 2019 has been a director of Bennett Verby Limited a firm where public practice is carried on in the name of the firm contrary to paragraph 3(2)(a) of the Global Practising Regulations (as applicable in 2016-2019), without holding a valid practising certificate; and/or
 - b. Contrary to Paragraph 3(1) of the Complaints and Disciplinary Regulations 2019, Mr Neil Matthew Jones has failed to co-operate fully with the investigation of a complaint in that he failed to respond fully or at all to any or all of ACCA's correspondence dated:
 - i. 01 April 2019;
 - ii. 08 April 2019;
 - iii. 23 April 2019;
 - iv. 13 May 2019.
2. By reason of his conduct in 1(a) and/or 1(b) above, Mr Neil Matthew Jones is:

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- i. Guilty of misconduct pursuant to byelaw 8(a)(i); or
- ii. Liable to disciplinary action in respect of 1(a) and/or 1(b) above, pursuant to byelaw 8(a)(iii).

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Jones be excluded from membership and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £7,054.50.

Please note that this may be the subject of an appeal.

ACCA regulations require ACCA to publish the Committee 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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We believe that accountancy is a cornerstone profession of society that supports both public and private sectors. That is why we are committed to the development of a strong global accountancy profession and the many benefits that this brings to society and individuals.

Since 1904 being a force for public good has been embedded in [our purpose](#). And because we are a not-for-profit organisation, we build a sustainable global profession by re-investing our surplus to deliver member value and develop the profession for the next generation.

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