

# News release

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## Disciplinary Committee ordered exclusion from membership with immediate effect\*

On 29 January 2021, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Ahmad Abdullah Khan, of Lahore, Pakistan:

## Allegations

- 1. Between 21 March 2017 and 02 April 2019, Mr Ahmad Abdullah Khan, an ACCA member:
  - 1.1 Approved any or all of the Practical Experience Performance objectives and/or supporting statements of the ACCA Qualification trainees referred to in Schedule A when he had no reasonable basis for believing they had been achieved and/or were true;
  - 1.2 Falsely represented to ACCA that he had supervised the work experience of any or all of the ACCA Qualification trainees referred to in Schedule A in accordance with ACCA's Practical Experience Requirements;
  - 1.3 Improperly assisted any or all of the ACCA Qualification trainees referred to in Schedule A in completing their supporting statements as evidence of their achievements of their ACCA Practical Experience performance objectives;
  - 1.4 Improperly participated in, or was otherwise connected with, an arrangement to assist ACCA Qualification trainees referred to in Schedule A to draft and/or approve their supporting statements as evidence of their achievement of their ACCA Practical Experience performance

objectives, when those trainees were unable or unwilling to properly obtain verification from a supervisor that they had met ACCA's Practical Experience Requirements.

- 3.1.2 Had not supervised sufficiently or at all any or all of the ACCA Qualification trainees referred to in Schedule A in accordance with ACCA's Practical Experience Requirements;
- 3.1.3 Knew the supporting statements in relation to the Performance objectives should be written personally by the ACCA Qualification trainees referred to in Schedule A but had not been so done by any or all of them;
- 3.1.4 By approving the performance objectives and supporting statements of the ACCA Qualification trainees referred to in Schedule A, he was improperly assisting them in obtaining membership of ACCA when he knew they had not properly completed ACCA's Practical Experience Requirements, and accordingly, were not eligible to become members;
- 3.1.5 Was involved in an arrangement to enable ACCA Qualification trainees referred to in Schedule A to ostensibly complete ACCA's practical experience requirement.
- 4. By reason of his conduct, Ahmad Abdullah Khan is:
  - 4.1 Guilty of misconduct pursuant to byelaw 8(a)(i) in respect of any or all of the matters set out at 1 to 3 above.

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Khan be excluded from membership and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £10,000.

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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