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Disciplinary Committee ordered Member excluded from membership*

On 12 May 2021, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Stephen Nicholas Knowles, of Birmingham, United Kingdom:

Allegations

1. Mr Stephen Nicholas Knowles, a registered member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants ('ACCA'):

(a) Was convicted at Birmingham and Solihull Magistrates Court on 04 December 2019 of making indecent photographs / pseudo-photographs of children contrary to sections 1(1)(a) of the Protection of Children Act 1978, which is discreditable to the Association and/or to the accountancy profession.

(b) By reason of his conduct at 1(a) above, Mr Knowles is liable to disciplinary action pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(ix).

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Stephen Nicholas Knowles be excluded from membership and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £5,500.

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.

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** 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's why we're 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're 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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