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Disciplinary Committee ordered Member excluded*

On 18 January and 31 March 2022, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Muhammad Zeeshan Shafi of Okara, Punjab, Pakistan.

Allegations

Mr Muhammad Zeeshan Shafi, at all material times an ACCA affiliate:

1. Submitted or caused to be submitted to ACCA on or about 10 May 2017 an ACCA Practical Experience training record which purported to confirm:
 - a. His Practical Experience Supervisor in respect of his practical experience training in the period 19 February 2013 to 16 January 2017 was Mr A, when Mr A did not and/or could not supervise his practical experience training in accordance with ACCA's requirements as set out and published in ACCA's PER Guidance (the Guidance).
 - b. He had achieved:
 - Performance Objective 1: Ethics and professionalism;
 - Performance Objective 2: Stakeholder relationship management;
 - Performance Objective 3: Strategy and innovation;
 - Performance Objective 4: Governance, risk and control;
 - Performance Objective 5: Leadership and management;

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Performance Objective 6: Record and process transactions and events;
Performance Objective 7: Prepare external financial reports;
Performance Objective 8: Analyse and interpret financial reports;
Performance Objective 15: Tax computations and assessments;
Performance Objective 16: Tax compliance and verification;
Performance Objective 17: Tax planning and advice; and
Performance Objective 18: Prepare for and plan the audit and assurance process.

2. Mr Shafi's conduct in respect of the matters described in allegation 1 above:
 - a. was dishonest, in respect of allegation 1a, in that Mr Shafi sought to confirm his supervisor did and could supervise his practical experience training in accordance with ACCA's requirements which he knew to be untrue;
 - b. was dishonest in respect of allegation 1b, in that Mr Shafi knew he had not achieved the performance as described in the corresponding performance objective statements or at all;

4. By reason of his conduct, Mr Shafi is guilty of misconduct pursuant to ACCA bye-law 8(a)(i) in respect of any or all the matters set out at 1 to 3 above.

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Shafi be excluded and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £2,207.75.

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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