

22 November 2022

## **Appeal Committee ordered that the costs and student being removed from the register be rescinded**

On 16 March 2022, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against a student, Mr Syed Waqas Haider of, Lahore, Pakistan:

### **Allegations found proved by the Disciplinary Committee**

Mr Syed Waqas Haider (Mr Haider), an Association of Chartered Certified Accountants('ACCA') student:

1. Contrary to Regulation 3(1) of the Complaints and Disciplinary Regulations 2014 (as amended), failed to co-operate with the investigation of a complaint, in that he did not respond to any or all of ACCA's correspondence dated:
  - a. 06 April 2021;
  - b. 28 April 2021;
  - c. 07 June 2021.
  
2. By reason of his conduct in respect of any or all of the matters set out at Allegation 1, Mr Haider is:
  - a. Guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i).

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Syed Waqas Haider be removed from student register) and pay costs of £2,000.

Mr Haider was notified of this decision on 17 March 2022 and on 21 April 2022, Mr Haider gave notice of appeal against the decision of the Disciplinary Committee.

On 15 June 2022, Mr Haider was informed that another Chair of the Appeal Committee had granted him permission to appeal, and that the matter has been listed for 15 November 2022.

The Appeal Committee on 15 November 2022.

### **OUTCOME**

- The Appeal Committee rescinded the Disciplinary Committee's Order:
- The Committee rescinded the Disciplinary Committee's order to remove Mr Haider from the Student Register and substituted that order with a reprimand;
- Rescind the Order of the Disciplinary Committee in respect of costs of £2,000 and substitute it with an Order that there should not be an award of costs against Mr Haider.

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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