

## News release

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## Disciplinary Committee ordered that member be excluded from the register\*

On the 13 October and 08 November 2022, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Mohteshim Mahmood Abdul Awal, of Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan:

## Allegations

Mr Mohteshim Mahmood Abdul Awal, at all material times an ACCA trainee

- 1. Submitted or caused to be submitted to ACCA on or about 21 March 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 03 June 2013 to 17 March 2017 was Person A when Person 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 3 ("Strategy and Innovation")
    - Performance Objective 5 ("Leadership and management")

- 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")
- 2. Mr Awal's conduct in respect of the matters described in allegation 1 above was:
  - a. In respect of allegation 1a, dishonest, in that Mr Awal 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. In respect of allegation 1b dishonest, in that Mr Awal knew he had not achieved the performance objectives referred to in paragraph 1b above as described in the corresponding performance objective statements or at all.
  - c. In the alternative, any or all of the conduct referred to in paragraph 1 above demonstrates a failure to act with integrity.
- 4. By reason of his conduct, Mr Awal 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 Mohteshim Mahmood Abdul Awal be excluded from membership and pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £6,000.00.

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 -ends-

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