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Disciplinary Committee ordered student removed*

On 20 and 21 March 2023, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Sajjad Zakria of Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan:

Allegations

Mr Sajjad Zakria (ACCA student), on 02 March 2021 during an FFA Financial Accounting examination, a remotely invigilated exam:

1. Engaged in improper conduct designed to assist him in his exam attempt in that he caused or permitted a third party to be present and to communicate with him during all or part of the exam.
2. Mr Zakria's conduct referred to in paragraph 1 above was
 - (a) in breach of examination Regulation 10; and/or
 - (b) in breach of examination Regulation 16.
3. Further, Mr Zakria's conduct as referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above:
 - (a) Was dishonest, in that Mr Zakria sought to obtain an unfair advantage in the examination by obtaining assistance from a third party.

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4. Contrary to Regulation 3(1) of the Complaints and Disciplinary Regulations 2014 (as amended and in force at the time), Mr Zakria failed to co-operate with the investigation of a complaint, in that he did not respond to any or all of ACCA's correspondence sent on:
 - (a) 12 August 2021;
 - (b) 23 August 2021;
 - (c) 26 August 2021.

5. By reason of his conduct, Mr Zakria is:
 - (a) Guilty of misconduct pursuant to byelaw 8(a)(i), in respect of any or all of the matters set out at allegations 1 - 4 above.

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Zakria be removed from student membership and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £100.00.

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*

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