

31 March 2023

Disciplinary Committee ordered severe reprimand*

On 21 and 22 March 2023, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Mueed Shahzad from Piyada, Saudi Arabia.

Allegations

Mr Mueed Shahzad ('Mr Shahzad'), a student member of the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants ('ACCA'), on 17 October 2020 and in relation to a Financial Accounting (FFA) computer-based examination (the 'Exam'):

1. Failed to comply with instructions issued by ACCA personnel, as per the "Information Sheet for On-Demand CBE Students sitting exams at home" in that he caused or permitted a third party to be present in the Exam room and thereby failed to ensure he was in a room with no-one else around him, contrary to Examination Regulation 2.
2. Caused or permitted the third party referred to in Allegation 1 to be in possession of and/or use a mobile phone in the Exam room during the Exam.
3. By reason of his conduct Mr Shahzad is:
 - (a) Guilty of misconduct pursuant to byelaw 8(a)(i) in respect of any or all of the matters set out at 1 and/or 2 above

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The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Mueed Shahzad be severely reprimanded and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £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.

** 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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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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