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News release

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Disciplinary Committee ordered student removed*

On 18 October 2023, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Connor Richardson of South Shields, United Kingdom:

Allegations

ACCA student, Mr Connor Richardson:

- 1) On 22 May 2021, Mr Richardson cheated in a final mock exam organised on behalf of his then employers (Firm A).
- 2) At an investigation meeting on 07 June 2021 in connection with the matters referred to in allegation 1 above Mr Richardson sought to mislead firm A by claiming he was not aware the mock exam on 22 May 2021 was the final mock exam.
- 3) Mr Richardson's conduct:
 - a) Alleged in allegation 1, was dishonest in that he obtained answers from another person to gain an unfair advantage in the mock exam.
 - b) Alleged in allegation 2, was dishonest in that he sought to mislead firm A's investigation into his conduct.

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The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Connor Richardson be removed from the register and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £1000.00.

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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We believe that accountancy is a cornerstone profession of society that supports both public and private sectors. That's why we're committed to the development of a strong global accountancy profession and the many benefits that this brings to society and individuals.

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.

Through our world leading ACCA Qualification, we offer everyone everywhere the opportunity to experience a rewarding career in accountancy, finance and management. And using our respected research, we lead the profession by answering today's questions and preparing us for tomorrow.

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