

19 September 2023

## Disciplinary Committee ordered student removal\*

On 13 September 2023, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Muhammad Rizwan from Islamabad, Pakistan:

### Allegations

Mr Muhammad Rizwan ('Mr. Rizwan'), a student of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountant's ('ACCA') on 25 December 2020, during an FMA Management Accounting 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:
  - (i) to be present and/or;
  - (ii) to communicate with him during all or part of the exam.
- 2) In respect of Mr. Rizwan's conduct referred to in paragraph 1 he:
  - (a) 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; and/or
  - (b) Was in breach of examination regulation 10.
- 3) Further, Mr. Rizwan's conduct as referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above:

(a) was dishonest, in that Mr. Rizwan sought to obtain an unfair advantage in the examination by obtaining assistance from a third party.

4) By reason of his conduct, Mr. Rizwan is:

(a) guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i), in respect of any or all of the matters set out at allegations 1 - 3 above.

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Rizwan be removed from ACCA student Register and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £5,983.50.

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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