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News release

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Disciplinary Committee ordered affiliate removed*

On 15 and 16 February 2024, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Zhaopeng Ma of Hennan, China:

Allegations

Mr Zhaopeng Ma ('Mr Ma'), at all material times an ACCA trainee,

1. Applied for membership to ACCA on or about 21 January 2021 and in doing so purported to confirm in relation to his ACCA Practical Experience training record:
 - a) His Practical Experience Supervisor in respect of his practical experience training in the period from 03 January 2008 to 19 January 2021 was Person 'A' when Person 'A' did not supervise that practical experience training in accordance with ACCA's requirements as published from time to time by ACCA or at all
 - b) He had achieved the following Performance Objectives:
 - Performance Objective 2: Stakeholder relationship management
 - Performance Objective 4: Governance, risk and control
 - Performance Objective 18: Prepare for and plan the audit and assurance process
 - Performance Objective 19: Collect and evaluate evidence for an audit or assurance engagement

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2. Mr Ma's conduct in respect of the matters described in Allegation 1 above was: -
- a) In respect of Allegation 1a), dishonest, in that Mr Ma sought to confirm his Practical Experience Supervisor did supervise his practical experience training in accordance with ACCA's requirements or otherwise which he knew to be untrue.
 - b) In respect of allegation 1b) dishonest, in that Mr Ma knew he had not achieved all or any of the performance objectives referred to in paragraph 1b) above as described in the corresponding performance objective statements or at all.
4. By reason of his conduct, Mr Ma 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 2 above.

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Zhaopeng Ma be removed from the Affiliate Register with immediate effect and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £7,781.25.

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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