

25 July 2024

Disciplinary Committee ordered member excluded/*

On 10 July 2024, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Miss Yue Zhao of Shenzhen, China:

Allegations

Miss Yue Zhao ('Miss Zhao'), at all material times an ACCA trainee,

1. Applied for membership to ACCA on or about 29 December 2020 and in doing so purported to confirm in relation to her ACCA Practical Experience training record:
 - a) Her Practical Experience Supervisor in respect of her practical experience training in the period from 01 September 2017 to 29 December 2020 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) She had achieved the following Performance Objectives:
 - Performance Objective 1: Ethics and professionalism
 - Performance Objective 2: Stakeholder relationship management
 - Performance Objective 3: Strategy and innovation
 - Performance Objective 4: Governance, risk and control
 - Performance Objective 5: Leadership and management
 - Performance Objective 9: Evaluate investment and financing decisions
 - Performance Objective 13: Plan and control performance
 - Performance Objective 14: Monitor performance
 - Performance Objective 19: Collect and evaluate evidence for an audit or assurance engagement

2. Miss Zhao's conduct in respect of the matters described in Allegation 1 above was: -
 - a) In respect of Allegation 1a), dishonest, in that Miss Zhao sought to confirm her Practical Experience Supervisor did supervise her practical experience training in accordance with ACCA's requirements or otherwise which she knew to be untrue.
 - b) In respect of allegation 1b) dishonest, in that Miss Zhao knew she 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. Failed to co-operate with ACCA's Investigating Officer in breach of Complaints and Disciplinary Regulation 3(1) in that she failed to respond fully or at all to any or all of ACCA's correspondence dated:
 - (a) 22 August 2022;
 - (b) 05 September 2022;
 - (c) 23 September 2022.

5. By reason of her conduct, Miss Zhao is
 - a) Guilty of misconduct pursuant to ACCA bye-law 8(a)(i) in respect of any or all the matters set out at 1 to 4 above

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Miss Yue Zhao be excluded from the register with immediate effect and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £5,289.75.

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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