

02 October 2024

Disciplinary Committee ordered severe reprimand*

On 02 October 2024, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Brendan Neil Fitzpatrick of Holmfirth, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom:

Allegations

Mr Brendan Neil Fitzpatrick, a Fellow of ACCA:

1. Failed to co-operate with an investigation into a complaint, contrary to Regulation 3(1) of the Complaints and Disciplinary Regulations 2014 (as amended), in that he failed to respond to any or all of ACCA's correspondence dated:
 - a. 09 October 2023;
 - b. 17 October 2023; and/or
 - c. 23 October 2023.

2. In accordance with paragraph 5 of Section B9 of the ACCA's Code of Ethics and Conduct then in force:
 - a) Failed to record in writing and send to Client A, a signed of letter of engagement letter setting out the terms under which he had agreed to be engaged by that client before any work was undertaken or at all.

3. By reason of his conduct, is:
 - a) Guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i).

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Brendan Neil Fitzpatrick be severely reprimanded and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £6000.

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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Founded in 1904 to widen access to the accountancy profession, we've long championed inclusion and today proudly support a diverse community of over 252,500 members and 526,000 future members in 180 countries.

Our forward-looking qualifications, continuous learning and insights are respected and valued by employers in every sector. They equip individuals with the business and finance expertise and ethical judgment to create, protect, and report the sustainable value delivered by organisations and economies.

Guided by our purpose and values, our vision is to develop the accountancy profession the world needs. Partnering with policymakers, standard setters, the donor community, educators and other accountancy bodies, we're strengthening and building a profession that drives a sustainable future for all.

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