

26 September 2024

Member severely reprimanded*

On 20 September 2024, the Consent Orders Chair of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) found proved the following allegations against Ms Julie Anne Ward of Corby, Northamptonshire, United Kingdom:

Allegation 1

From 1 April 2002 - Present, Mrs Julie Anne Ward, a Member of ACCA, held a shareholding of over 45% in Company A which in effect put her in a position of principal of Company A, a company referred to on Companies House as having a SIC code of 69201 'Accounting and auditing activities', without holding an ACCA practising certificate, contrary to Regulation 3(2)(b) of ACCA's Global Practising Regulations (as applicable from 2006 - 2023).

Allegation 2

From 1 May 2002 - Present, Mrs Julie Anne Ward, a Member of ACCA, carried on public practice by virtue of being responsible for producing and signing accounts at Company A without holding an ACCA practising certificate, contrary to Regulation 3(1)(a) of ACCA's Global Practising Regulations (as applicable from 2002 - 2023).

Allegation 3

On the dates outlined in Schedule 1, Mrs Julie Anne Ward, a Member of ACCA, caused to be submitted to ACCA annual CPD declarations in which she confirmed that she was not carrying on public practice as defined by Regulation 4 of ACCA's Global Practising Regulations, when this was not the case.

Allegation 4

Mrs Julie Anne Ward's conduct in respect of allegation 3 was reckless in that she failed to have sufficient regard to the declaration she gave when she wrongly confirmed that she had not been carrying on public practice activities without holding a practising certificate (as per Global Practising Regulations 3 and 4).

Schedule 1

26 November 2013

6 November 2014

2 December 2015

29 November 2016

8 January 2018

18 January 2019

17 December 2019

4 January 2021

31 December 2021

12 January 2023

The Consent Orders Chair ordered that Ms Ward be severely reprimanded and pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £1,351.50 and a fine in the sum of £8,320.00.

ACCA's regulations require ACCA to publish the Committee's finding and orders by way of a press release, as soon as practicable.

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