

16 July 2025

Notice of hearing

A hearing of ACCA's Disciplinary Committee will take place at 08:00am on 12 August 2025. It will be held remotely but based at the ACCA's Offices, The Adelphi, 1-11 John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6AU.

The hearing is open to any member of the public or the media who wish to attend. However, ACCA is only able to accommodate remote access to the hearing. Please contact adminadjudication@accaglobal.com to obtain information about attending this (or any other) hearing.

The case to be heard on this day concerns Mr Yunfei Yao..

Allegations

Mr Yunfei Yao, an ACCA student:

1. In relation to his RIE Strategic Business Leader (SBL) exam ("the Exam") on 03 September 2024:
 - (a) Enabled and/or used, and/or caused or permitted a third party (or parties) to enable and use, ToDesk remote access technology; and/or:
 - (b) Used a third-party proxy exam taker or takers to complete all or part of the Exam on his behalf via remote-access technology; and/or:
 - (c) Used, and copied live exam content into, ChatGPT, generative artificial intelligence software, to assist him and/or others in completing the Exam; and/or permitted a third party to do so; and/or:
 - (d) Shared or distributed, with a person or persons unknown, live exam content from the Exam on a chat messaging application; and/or permitted a third party to do so; and/or

- (e) By himself or by a third party, captured, alternatively caused or permitted to be captured, the exam check in process and/or live exam content; and/or
 - (f) Had multiple tabs open on his desktop, including the Google search engine, during the exam.
2. In respect to allegations 1(a) to 1(f) above, such conduct or any of it, was in breach of one or more of:
- (a) Exam Refutation 5(a);
 - (b) Exam Regulation 10;
 - (c) Exam Regulation 11;
 - (d) Exam Regulation 13;
 - (e) Exam Regulation 15.
3. Further, in relation to allegations 1(a) to (f) above, such conduct, or any of it:
- (a) Was dishonest in that he gained or intended to gain an unfair advantage for himself and/or others in the Exam and/or in a future exam; or in the alternative
 - (b) Such conduct demonstrated lack of integrity.
4. By reason of any or all of the above Mr Yunfei is:
- (a) Guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i); or in the alternative:
 - (b) Liable to disciplinary action pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(iii).

The allegations listed above are current at the date of publication.

The case will be heard by a panel of the ACCA's Disciplinary Committee. -

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