

09 April 2025

Notice of hearing

A hearing of ACCA's Disciplinary Committee will take place at 09.30am on 07 May 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 Paul William McKendry.

Allegations

1. Between 07 October 2011 and 20 September 2021 Mr Paul William McKendry ACCA breached the Global Practising Regulations (as applicable 2011-2021) in that:
 - 1.1 He was a director of PM & CO Accounting Ltd where public practice was carried on in the name of the firm contrary to paragraph 3(2)(a) of the Global Practising Regulations (as applicable in 2011-2021) without holding a valid practising certificate.
 - 1.2 He held rights in PM & CO Accounting Ltd (namely he owned 50% of the shares of that company) which therefore in effect put him in the position of a principal of the firm contrary to paragraph 3(2)(b) of the Global Practising Regulations (as applicable in 2011-2021), without holding a valid practising certificate.
 - 1.3 By virtual of the matters referred to in paragraph 1.1 and 1.2, he was also engaging in public practise without holding a valid practising certificate in breach of paragraph 3(1)(a) of the Global Practising Regulations (as applicable in 2011- 2021) without holding a valid practising certificate.

2. Mr McKendry completed and submitted his annual CPD (continuous professional development) returns in respect of the following periods:

CPD year	Date CPD declaration submitted
2014	10/11/14
2015	01/12/15
2016	29/11/16
2017	01/12/17
2018	10/06/19
2019	30/04/20
2020	25/01/21

where he declared that he had not engaged in public practice without holding an ACCA practising certificate.

- 2.1 As regards the matters referred to in paragraph 2 above Mr McKendry's conduct was dishonest in that in respect of any or all of the above referred to annual CPD returns the declarations were not as he knew true, or in the alternative his conduct was contrary to the Fundamental Principle of Integrity in that this conduct demonstrates a failure to be straightforward and honest.
- 2.2 In the further alternative as regards the matters referred to in paragraph 2 above Mr McKendry conduct was reckless in that he failed to have any or sufficient regard as to whether any or all of the above referred to annual CPD returns declarations were true.
3. Mr McKendry between 26 June 2017 to August 2020 provided accountancy services through PM & CO Accounting Ltd without arranging for that firm to be supervised for anti-money laundering monitoring to enable ACCA to meet its obligations under Regulation 46 of the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017.

4. By reason of his conduct referred to in allegations 1, 2 and 3 above, Mr Paul William McKendry is:

- i) Guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i); or
- ii) Liable to disciplinary action in respect of allegation 1 above, pursuant to byelaw 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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