

29 May 2025

Member reprimanded

On 08 May 2025, the Consent Orders Chair of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) found proved the following allegations against a member, Mr Ross Lydon, of Galway, Ireland:

Allegations

1. Between 20 February 2023 and 3 July 2024, Mr Ross Lydon was carrying on public practice activities and was a director of Beam Consulting Limited, a firm in public practice, while he did not hold an ACCA practising certificate, contrary to Regulations 3(1)(a) and 3(2)(a) of the Global Practising Regulations (as applicable in 2023 and 2024).
2. Between 20 February 2023 and 3 July 2024, Mr Ross Lydon provided accountancy services within the terms of Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) Acts 2010 to 2021 without having a practising certificate with ACCA and without registering to be supervised for anti-money laundering, contrary to Regulation 3(3) of Annex 2 to the Global Practising Regulations (as applicable in 2023 and 2024).
3. On 24 November 2023, Mr Ross Lydon submitted to ACCA an annual CPD declaration in which he confirmed that he was not carrying on or holding out to be in public practice without an ACCA practising certificate which was not correct.
4. Mr Ross Lydon's conduct in respect of Allegation 3 above was reckless in that he failed to have any or sufficient regard to the accuracy of the confirmation and declaration he gave.
5. By reason of the conduct referred to in the allegations above, Mr Lydon is guilty of misconduct and liable to disciplinary action pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i).

The Consent Orders Chair ordered that Mr Lydon be reprimanded and pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £1470.00 and a fine of £752.00.

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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