

20 May 2025

## **Disciplinary Committee ordered student removed\***

On 09 May 2025, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Miss Yuan Zhang of Qingdao, China:

### Allegations

Miss Yuan Zhang ('Miss Zhang'), at all material times an ACCA trainee:

- 1) On or about 19 December 2021 in relation to her ACCA Practical Experience Training Record caused or permitted a third party
  - a) To register Person A as her practical experience supervisor and further,
  - b) To approve in Person A's name, 66 months of qualifying experience and further,
  - c) To approve in Person A's name, all her nine performance objectives.
- 2) Whether by herself or through a third party applied for membership to ACCA on or about 03 February 2023 and in doing so purported to confirm in relation to her ACCA Practical Experience Training Record she had achieved all or any of the following Performance Objectives:
  - Performance Objective 1: Ethics and professionalism
  - Performance Objective 2: Stakeholder relationship management
  - Performance Objective 3: Strategy and innovation
  - Performance Objective 4: Governance, risk and control
  - Performance Objective 5: Leadership and management
  - Performance Objective 7: Prepare external financial reports
  - Performance Objective 18: Prepare for and plan the audit and assurance process
  - Performance Objective 19: Collect and evaluate evidence for an audit or assurance engagement

- Performance Objective 20: Review and report on the findings of an audit or assurance engagement

3) Miss Zhang's conduct in respect of the matters described above was:

- a) In relation to Allegation 1 a), dishonest in that Miss Zhang knew her supervisor, Person A, had been falsely registered as her practical experience supervisor.
- b) In relation to Allegation 1 b), dishonest in that Miss Zhang knew her supervisor, Person A, had not approved her qualifying experience.
- c) In relation to Allegation 1 c), dishonest in that Miss Zhang knew Person A had not approved her nine performance objectives.
- d) In relation to Allegation 2, dishonest in that Miss Zhang knew she had not achieved all or any of the performance objectives as described in the corresponding performance objective statements or at all.

5) By reason of her conduct, Miss Zhang is guilty of misconduct pursuant to ACCA bye-law 8(a)(i) in respect of all the matters set out at 1 to 3 above.

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Miss Yuan Zhang be removed from the student register with immediate effect and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £5,500.00.

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. - ends -*

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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.

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