

11 September 2025

Notice of hearing

A hearing of ACCA's Disciplinary Committee will take place at 08:30am on 09 October 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 Miss Upasna Panchal.

Allegations

Miss Upasna Panchal, a student of ACCA, in respect of her remotely invigilated Taxation (TX) exam taken on 11 March 2025 ('the Exam'):

1. Failed to adhere to ACCA's Exam Guidelines to 'move mobile phones... out of arm's reach' and/or possessed an item at her desk which was not on the list of permitted items in the Exam Guidelines, contrary to Exam Regulation 1.
2. Was in possession of and/or used an unauthorised item, namely a mobile phone with camera, during the Exam, contrary to Exam Regulation 5(a) and/or 5(b).
3. Used the above referenced unauthorised item to take photographs/recordings of the Exam content, contrary to Exam Regulation 13.
4. Miss Panchal's conduct in respect of any or all of the above was:
 - a) Dishonest, in that she intended to use or used an unauthorised item, a mobile phone with camera, during the Exam to gain an unfair advantage in the exam; or in the alternative:

b) Such conduct demonstrates a failure to act with integrity.

5. By reason of the above, Miss Panchal is:

a) Guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i) in respect of any or all of the conduct above;
or in the alternative:

b) Liable to disciplinary action pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(iii) in respect of any or all of the conduct
in allegations 1 to 3 above.

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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