

31 March 2026

Notice of hearing

A hearing of ACCA's Disciplinary Committee will take place at 08:00am 17 April 2026. 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 Run Feng Zhao.

Allegations

Run Feng Zhao ('Mr Zhao'), at all material times an ACCA trainee,

1. Applied for membership to ACCA on or about 12 February 2022 and in doing so purported to confirm in relation to his ACCA Practical Experience training record:
 - a) His Practical Experience Supervisor in respect of his practical experience training in the period from 5 September 2018 to 12 February 2022 was Person 'A' when Person 'A' did not supervise that practical experience training in accordance with ACCA's requirements as published from time to time by ACCA or at all
 - b) He had achieved the following Performance Objectives:
 - Performance Objective 1: Ethics and professionalism
 - Performance Objective 4: Governance, risk and control
 - Performance Objective 5: Leadership and management
 - Performance Objective 8: Analyse and interpret financial reports

- Performance Objective 9: Evaluate investment and financing decisions
- Performance Objective 10: Manage and control working capital
- Performance Objective 11: Identify and manage financial risk

2. Mr Zhao's conduct in respect of the matters described in Allegation 1 above was:

- a) In respect of Allegation 1a), dishonest in that Mr Zhao sought to confirm his Practical Experience Supervisor did supervise his practical experience training in accordance with ACCA's requirements or otherwise which he knew to be untrue.
- b) In respect of Allegation 1b), dishonest in that Mr Zhao knew he had not achieved all or any of the performance objectives referred to in Allegation 1b) above as described in the corresponding performance objective statements.
- c) In the alternative, any or all of the conduct referred to in Allegation 1 above demonstrates a failure to act with Integrity.

3. In the further alternative to Allegations 2a), 2b) and or 2c) above, such conduct was reckless in that Mr Zhao paid no or insufficient regard to ACCA's requirements to ensure:

- a) His practical experience was supervised;
- b) His Practical Experience Supervisor was able to personally verify the achievement of the performance objectives he claimed and/or verify they had been achieved in the manner claimed;
- c) That the performance objective statements referred to in paragraph 1b) accurately set out how the corresponding objective had been met.

4. Failed to co-operate with ACCA's Investigating Officer in breach of Complaints and Disciplinary Regulation 3(1) in that he failed to respond fully or at all to any or all of ACCA's correspondence dated,

a) 10 October 2023

b) 25 October 2023

c) 9 November 2023

5. By reason of his conduct, Mr Zhao is:

a) Guilty of misconduct pursuant to ACCA bye-law 8(a)(i) in respect of any or all the matters set out at 1 to 4 above; in the alternative in respect of Allegation 4 only;

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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