

30 January 2026

Member severely reprimanded*

On 29 January 2026, the Consent Orders Chair of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) found proved the following allegations against a member, Mrs Helen Wanless, of Macclesfield, Cheshire, United Kingdom:

Allegations

Mrs Helen Wanless, an ACCA Fellow:

1. Failed on behalf of Firm A to comply with or demonstrate compliance with the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 (“the MLRs 2017”), namely:
 - (a) Regulation 18 – Risk assessment by relevant persons: Firm-wide risk assessment between June 2017 to August 2024.
 - (b) Regulation 19 – Policies, controls and procedures: AML policy and procedures between June 2017 to October 2020.
 - (c) Regulation 24 – Training between June 2017 to August 2025.
 - (d) Regulation 28 – Customer Due Diligence between June 2017.
2. By reason of her conduct set out at allegation 1 above, Mrs Wanless failed to comply with Subsection 115 of ACCA’s Code of Ethics and Conduct (the Fundamental Principle of Professional Behaviour) and Section B2 of ACCA’s Code of Ethics and Conduct (Anti-money laundering).
3. By reason of her conduct, Mrs Wanless is guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i).

The Consent Orders Chair ordered that Mrs Helen Wanless be severely reprimanded and pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £1,457.00 and a fine of £5,000.00.

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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