

28 July 2026

Disciplinary Committee ordered student removal*

On 13 July 2026, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Neel Shah of Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India:

Allegations

Mr Neel Shah, a student of ACCA, in respect of his on-demand remotely invigilated Financial Management (FM) exam taken on 13 June 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 on or about his desk or person 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) and thereby sought to gain an unfair advantage in the Exam and/or a future exam within the meaning of Exam Regulation 6(b).
3. Used the above referenced unauthorised item to take photographs and/or recordings of the Exam content, contrary to Exam Regulation 13.
4. Gave the exam Proctor false or misleading information about the said unauthorised item, contrary to Exam Regulation 3.
5. Mr Shah's conduct in respect of any or all of the above was dishonest, in that:
 - a) he was in possession of and/or used an unauthorised item, namely a mobile phone, during the Exam and/or

- b) he intended to use or used an unauthorised item, namely a mobile phone, to gain an unfair advantage for himself and/or others in the Exam and/or for a future exam, and/or
- c) he intended to use or used an unauthorised item, namely a mobile phone with camera, to take photographs and/or recordings of the Exam content and/or
- d) he attempted to give/gave the exam Proctor false or misleading information about the presence or use of an unauthorised item, namely a mobile phone.

7. By reason of the above, Mr Shah is:

- a) guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i) in respect of any or all of the conduct above.

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Neel Shah be removed from student register and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £360.

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*

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