

03 March 2026

Notice of hearing

A hearing of ACCA's Disciplinary Committee will take place at 08:30am on 10 March 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 Neel Shah.

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

6. In the alternative, on the same facts, in respect to the conduct referred to in Allegations 1 to 4, Mr Shah failed to demonstrate integrity.

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; 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 4.

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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