

05 March 2026

Notice of hearing

A hearing of ACCA's Disciplinary Committee will take place at 09:30am on 24 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 Stephen Anthony Griffiths.

Allegations

Mr Stephen Anthony Griffiths, an ACCA Fellow:

1. From about 1 January 2024 to date in not holding an ACCA Practising Certificate breached ACCA Global Practising Regulations (as applicable 2024-2025) by virtue of one or more of the following:
 - a) Carried public practice contrary to Global Practising Regulation 3(1)(a);
 - b) Was a director of Firm A, a firm which carried on and/or held out as being available to undertake, public practice, contrary to Global Practising Regulation 3(2)(b);
 - c) Was a director of Firm B, a firm which carried on and/or held out as being available to undertake, public practice contrary to Global Practising Regulations 3(2)(b);
 - d) Held shares in Firm A which put him in the position of principal of a firm which carried on and/or held out as being available to undertake, public practice, contrary to Global Practising Regulations 3(2)(b);
 - e) Held shares in Firm B which put him in the position of principal of a firm which carried on and/or held out as being available to undertake, public practice, contrary to Global Practising Regulations 3(2)(b).

2. From about 1 January 2024 to date breached Regulation 3 and Annex 1, Appendix 1, Regulation 2 of ACCA's Global Practising Regulations 2003 (as applicable 2024-2025) by virtue of not holding an auditing certificate by virtue of one or more of the following:
 - a) Was director and/or principal of Firm B, a firm which carried on and/or held out as being available to accept appointment as an auditor, within the meaning of Global Practising Regulations 4(1)(a) and/or 4(1)(d).
3. Contrary to Paragraph 3(1) of the Complaints and Disciplinary Regulations 2014 (as amended), failed to co-operate fully with the investigation of a complaint in that he failed to respond sufficiently to any or all of ACCA's correspondence.
4. By reason of his conduct Mr Griffiths is:
 - (a) Guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i); or in the alternative:
 - (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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Founded in 1904 to widen access to the accountancy profession, we've long championed inclusion and today proudly support a diverse community of over 252,500 members and 526,000 future members in 180 countries.

Our forward-looking qualifications, continuous learning and insights are respected and valued by employers in every sector. They equip individuals with the business and finance expertise and ethical judgment to create, protect, and report the sustainable value delivered by organisations and economies.

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