

05 June 2026

Disciplinary Committee ordered member excluded*

On 20 May 2026, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Gavin James Brown of Taunton, United Kingdom:

Allegations

Mr Gavin Brown, a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants ('ACCA').

1. On or about 30 April 2021, provided information and documentation to ACCA asserting that he had in place, and was applying due diligence procedures so as to comply with The Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 (MLRs 2017).
2. In respect of Allegation 1 above Mr Brown was dishonest in that he sought to represent that:
 - a) He had established and applied due diligence procedures as required by regulations 27-32 MLRs 2017 when he knew this not to be true.
3. On or about 11 May 2021, provided information and documentation to ACCA asserting that he had undertaken and documented a Firm-Wide Risk Assessment dated February 2020, so as to comply with The MLRs 2017.
4. In respect of Allegation 3 above Mr Brown was dishonest in that he sought to represent that:
 - a) He had undertaken and documented a Firm-Wide Risk Assessment in February 2020 as required by Regulation 18 MLRs 2017 when he knew this not to be true.
6. Between 26 June 2017 and July 2021 failed on behalf of his firm to comply with, or demonstrate compliance with, the requirements of the MLRs 2017, namely:

- a) Regulation 18 (risk assessment by relevant persons)
- b) Regulation 27-32 (customer due diligence: general)

7. By reason of his conduct, Mr Brown is:

- a) Guilty of misconduct pursuant to Bye-law 8(a)(i) in respect of any or all of the matters set out above.

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Brown be excluded from Membership and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £5,818.00.

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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