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Notice of hearing

A hearing of ACCA's Disciplinary Committee will take place at 09:30am on 22 September 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 Robert James Blair.

Allegations

Mr Robert James Blair (Mr Blair), a member of ACCA

1. In respect of the tax years 2019/20 and 2020/21 submitted self-assessment tax returns and amendments to them in which he omitted taxable income sources and or claimed unsubstantiated trading losses in order to reduce his income tax liability.

2. Failed to comply with an Information Notice dated 14 October 2021 issued to him by HMRC pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Schedule 36 to the Finance Act 2008.

3. In respect of allegation 1 above was dishonest in that he knew that he had omitted taxable income sources and or claimed unsubstantiated trading losses in order to reduce his income tax liability.

4. In the alternative in respect of allegation 1 above by reason of the conduct referred to failed to demonstrate integrity.

5. In the further alternative was reckless in that in submitting the tax returns and amendments to them as referred to in allegation 1 above he failed to have any or sufficient regard to whether the tax returns he submitted as amended or otherwise were accurate and complete.

6. By reason of his conduct Mr Blair is guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i).

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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