

# **Admissions and Licensing Committee:**

Application for readmission to the ACCA Qualification/ Foundations in Accountancy, where eligibility is questioned

This form must be completed if you wish to apply to the Admissions and Licensing Committee to be readmitted as a student of ACCA where your eligibility has been brought into question due to false documents being associated with your account. In this regard, you should be aware of ACCA bye-law 8 (see section B3 of this form) which lists those matters which may affect your eligibility and therefore must be disclosed by you. You should be aware that the UK Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 does not apply to the accountancy profession and that you are only required to disclose any convictions and/or cautions, that are not 'protected' as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2013). The amendments to the Exceptions Order 1975 (2013) provide that certain spent convictions and cautions are 'protected' and are not subject to disclosure.

Before completing this form you should read carefully the relevant sections of the Guidance for Regulatory Orders and Guide to ACCA's Hearings Team and the Disciplinary and Regulatory Committees, both of which are available on our website at https://www.accaglobal.com/uk/en/about-us/regulation/disciplinary-and-regulatory-hearings.html

Your application cannot proceed until all the information requested in this form has been provided. Once your form has been received it will be acknowledged and ACCA will then complete section B1. Please be aware that this may take up to 28 days. A copy of your application with section B1 completed will be returned to you together with any appendices and if you wish to make any further submissions these will be included in the additional papers for the Admissions and Licensing Committee meeting.

Please note the Committee has the power to grant your application, refuse your application or grant your application subject to further condition(s) as it considers appropriate. In accordance with Membership Regulations 14 and 9(1)(b) it is up to you to satisfy the Admissions and Licensing Committee that you are eligible to be a registered student. It is therefore vital that you provide all the documents and information requested in this form.

We advise you to wait for confirmation that your re-registration is complete before starting your studies with a tuition provider.

Please fill in your details in BLOCK CAPITALS only. Please return your completed form to: Customer Operations, ACCA, 110 Queen Street, Glasgow G1 3BX, United Kingdom.

ACCA Connect is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. +44 (0)141 582 2000 students@accaglobal.com

1 QUALIFICATION DETAILS			
Registration number			
Please select which qualification	you intend to study:	ACCA Qualification	
		Foundations in Accountancy suite of qualifications	5
If you register as a Foundations when you have passed the requ		t, you will automatically be transferred to the ACCA Qua	lification free of charge
If you do not wish to be auto	omatically transferred, r	please indicate by placing a cross in this box.	
		t a later date, you may be charged a transfer fee.	
2 PERSONAL DETAILS			
Please complete all fields marke	d with an asterisk*		
* Title	* Firs	t name	
* Last name/family name			
* Date of birth	* Em:	ail address	
Home telephone number incluc	ling country code		
Mobile telephone number inclu	ding country code		
I would like to receive general u	pdates from ACCA by S	SMS text message	Yes No
I would like to receive notification of my results by SMS text message			

ACCA will not charge for the SMS service.

# **3 PAYMENT**

If you had no fees outstanding when you came off the register, you will be required to pay the re-registration fee only. Details of the current fees can be found on the ACCA website. If you had fees outstanding, you will be required to pay the current reregistration fee plus your outstanding balance. Please contact your local office/ACCA Connect for confirmation of fees due upon re-registration as applications cannot be accepted without the correct fee.

Fees will not be refunded after re-registration or if your application contains false or misleading information. The annual subscription fee is due if you are eligible to sit three or more exam sessions in the calendar year.

## If you would prefer to pay by credit card/debit card, please call ACCA Connect to re-register.

I enclose a cheque, draft or Postal Order\* for GBP

\* Crossed GBP cheque or Sterling bank draft valid in the UK or a Crossed British Postal Order. All cheques, drafts or Postal Orders should be made payable to 'ACCA'. Please ensure that you write your ID number on the front of cheques/drafts and Postal Orders.

## **4 QUALIFICATIONS GAINED SINCE LEAVING THE REGISTER**

If you have gained additional qualifications and wish to make an application for exemption(s) from any ACCA/Foundations in Accountancy exams, please ensure you attach copies of official completion certificates and transcripts confirming all subjects passed. Please submit photocopies, **not** originals of any supporting documentation.

## **5 ACCA EXCHANGE/APPROVED PARTNER**

If your employer is an ACCA Exchange Employer or Approved partner, please confirm their Exchange code or Approved Partner code below.

## **6 ACCA JOINT EXAMINATION SCHEMES/AGREEMENTS**

If you are a student in Cambodia, Malawi, Singapore, Swaziland or United Arab Emirates, please read the following declaration and tick the box to confirm your consent.

I consent to ACCA sharing my personal details with my Joint Examination Scheme/ Agreement partner if applicable. I understand that this includes my exam results.

Please tick here to confirm your consent.

If you are a student in Barbados, Botswana, Belize, Cyprus, Greece, Guyana, Jamaica, Lesotho, Malta, Sierra Leone or Trinidad and Tobago and were previously registered with ACCA and a Joint Examination Scheme partner, please do not submit this form. Please contact your Joint Scheme or visit our website to obtain the correct form.

# 7 DATA PROTECTION, COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING

#### Third party marketing material

ACCA would like to keep you informed of products and services from third party organisations that may be of interest, relevance or benefit to you in your professional capacity. All third party organisations are strictly vetted and the mailing/email list is never given directly to the advertising party. All campaigns are carried out by ACCA or an ACCA approved agency.

\_\_\_\_ I wish to remain informed.

## **Data Protection**

We may use your personal data for the purposes of:

- membership, student membership and exam administration
- sending you ACCA publications and other communications
- responding to enquiries and investigating complaints
- complying with our regulatory obligations

You can update your information through your myACCA account at any time, after your application has been approved. We may share information with our suppliers and our auditors. If you are a dual or multi-qualified member, or applying for a joint scheme, we may share details with your other professional association(s). We may also share information with learning providers, where you have agreed this with them.

Please note that for individuals based outside the UK, your information will be held in ACCA's main information systems which are located in the EU and may be accessed by ACCA's local office in your country of residence. ACCA processes information within the EU, but may also transfer data outside of the EU as part of its operations and service delivery.

For more information on how your information and rights are respected, please access our privacy notice (http://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/footertoolbar/privacy/data-protection.html), or contact privacy@accaglobal.com

I hereby apply for readmission to the student register of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

I confirm that the information contained in this form is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I agree that while I am registered with ACCA I will promptly tell ACCA about any event which may engage ACCA's Bye-law 8 and make me liable to disciplinary action.

I agree to comply with ACCA's Charter, Bye-laws, Regulations and Code of Ethics and Conduct from time to time in force.

I understand that if my application for readmission and/or exemption(s) is found to have been based on false document(s), ACCA may treat my registration as null and void and I may be administratively removed from ACCA's register. I accept that if I am removed for this reason, I will not be entitled to a refund of any registration and/or exemption fee(s). Further, I understand that any new application for readmission will need to be considered by ACCA's Admissions and Licensing Committee.

I understand that my eligibility will be based solely on official documents about my qualifications that I have sent to ACCA. I have enclosed all relevant details.

I understand that I will be charged for any applicable fees at the current rate.

I understand that once I have registered, I could be liable to disciplinary action under ACCA's Bye-law 11 for events set out in ACCA's Bye-law 8 which occurred before or after I registered (see notes below and Section B3).

I have disclosed details of any past events referred to in ACCA's Bye-law 8 and understand that they will be taken into account in dealing with my application, but that they will not automatically stop me becoming an ACCA student.

I understand that if I fail to declare an event which may engage Bye-law 8 I may face disciplinary action.

I have not been subject to any criminal conviction and/or caution that has not already been brought to ACCA's attention in this form.

I understand that the UK Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 does not apply to the accountancy profession and that I am required to disclose any convictions and/or cautions that are not 'protected' as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2013). The amendments to the Exceptions Order 1975 (2013) provide that certain spent convictions and cautions are 'protected' and are not subject to disclosure.

I further understand that as a student of ACCA I am not permitted to use the designation 'Chartered Certified Accountant', 'Accountant' (or any similar description) and the designatory letters 'ACCA'. I understand that I am not permitted to engage in any public practice activities (as defined by The Chartered Certified Accountants Global Practising Regulations 3 and 4. I confirm that I have read and understood the factsheet Am I in public practice?: https://www.accaglobal.com/content/dam/ ACCA\_Global/Members/Forms/Am%20I%20in%20Public%20 Practice.pdf

I understand that ACCA's definition of public practice extends beyond audit to incorporate all types of work generally associated with an accountancy practice, such as producing accounts, tax returns, but excluding book-keeping services.

I confirm I am not currently in public practice and will not engage in such activities until I have obtained a practicing certificate from ACCA authorising me to do so.

I understand that if I provide external accountancy services other than public practice (such as those set out in Membership Regulation 8(2)(b), eg book-keeping or payroll services), I must be registered for anti-money laundering supervision with HM Revenue and Customs or another Professional Body Supervisor recognised for such purposes prior to provision of such services.

I wish to apply for readmission to attempt the ACCA Qualification.

If I do not meet the necessary criteria for entry to the ACCA Qualification, I will be automatically registered for an alternative entry route, should I meet the criteria.

I declare that I have read and fully understood this declaration. I declare that the information I have given on this form is correct and that I have not been subject to any matters which may engage Bye-law 8 that have not already been brought to the attention of ACCA's Assessment/Investigations Department in writing.

I confirm I have read Section B3 and the Notes section below and I understand that this information, together with any subsequent correspondence and documentation will be retained by ACCA in a database, and/or disclosed for administrative and regulatory purposes.

I understand that any such disclosure may be to a European Economic Area that does not have laws to protect this information.

## ACCA Exchange/Approved Partner students only

I agree that my ACCA Exchange/Approved Partner can administer my ACCA/Foundations in Accountancy account (this does not include having access to *myACCA* login and/or password details) and I understand that on leaving the employer I am ultimately responsible for me fees.

#### NOTES

ACCA Bye-law 8 sets out the details of the events which could lead to disciplinary action. These events include (but are not limited to) the following: Incompetence in carrying out work; breach of ACCA Bye-laws or regulations; disciplinary action against you by another professional or regulatory body; voluntary arrangement or insolvency; failure to satisfy a judgment debt without reasonable excuse within two months; a conviction or caution for an offence discreditable to ACCA or the accountancy profession; a finding by a court in civil proceedings that you have acted fraudulently or dishonestly; misconduct – this includes (but is not limited to) any act, or failure to act, which brings, or is likely to bring, discredit to you, a relevant firm, ACCA or the accountancy profession.

# A1 APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO ISSUE AFFECTING ELIGIBILITY (false documents being associated with your account)

1 Explain why false documents were submitted in support of your application for admission/exemptions.

2 Why did you think you were entitled to ACCA exemptions?

3 Provide us with any documents, such as a diploma/degree certificate, that you believe entitle you to ACCA exemptions. You must also include copies of correspondence or documents confirming your enrolment with the relevant institution.

#### **B2 THE COMMITTEE'S POWERS**

Whether the application is for membership or the student register, the Committee's attention is drawn to the provisions of Membership Regulation 9(1)(b) which provides that it shall be for an applicant to satisfy the Admissions and Licensing Committee that he is eligible.

Besides other matters, an applicant is eligible if he satisfies the Admissions and Licensing Committee as to his general character and suitability, (Membership Regulation 3, in relation to members, Membership Regulation 5 in relation to affiliates, and Membership Regulation 7 in relation to students).

Authorisation Regulation 3(6)(a) provides that the Committee may grant an application, refuse an application, grant an application, subject to such condition(s) as it considers appropriate, or adjourn consideration of an application.

Should this application relate to an application for membership and a practising certificate, the Committee's attention is, in addition, drawn to Authorisation Regulation 3(1) which states that an applicant must satisfy the Committee that he is eligible for the certificate applied for in accordance with the Global Practising Regulations.

Note that if the application is for admission to membership and a practising certificate, and the applicant intends to be in public practice, it would be inappropriate for the Committee to grant the application for membership but not the practising certificate, given that the member would, upon admission, immediately be in breach of Global Practising Regulation 3 for carrying on public practice without a practising certificate.

Authorisation 3(6)(b) provides that the Committee may accept undertakings from any person as a condition of issuing a certificate.

Global Practice Regulation 6 states that a member shall be eligible for a practising certificate where:

- a he is sufficiently qualified in accordance with regulation 7 to carry out any activity constituting public practice in the country to which the certificate applied for relates;
- b he is fit and proper within the meaning of regulation 8;
- c he holds the necessary professional indemnity insurance in accordance with regulation 9; and
- d he has made arrangements for the continuity of his practice in accordance with regulation 11.

Taking into account the contents of this application form, the relevant regulations and the Guidance for Regulatory Orders, the Committee is invited to consider making an appropriate order in this case.

#### Liability to disciplinary action

- a A member, relevant firm or registered student shall, subject to bye-law 11, be liable to disciplinary action if:
  - i he or it, whether in the course of carrying out his or its professional duties or otherwise, has been guilty of misconduct;
  - ii in connection with his or its professional duties, he or it has performed his or its work, or conducted himself or itself, or conducted his or its practice, erroneously, inadequately, inefficiently or incompetently;
  - iii he or it has committed any breach of these bye-laws or of any regulations made under them in respect of which he or it is bound;
  - iv in the case of a relevant firm, any person has in the course of the business of that firm committed any breach of these bye-laws or of any regulations made under them in respect of which that person is bound;
  - v he is a specified person in relation to a relevant firm against which a disciplinary order has been made and which has become effective or which has been disciplined by another professional or regulatory body;
  - vi he or it has been disciplined by another professional or regulatory body;
  - vii he or it has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or has made an arrangement for the payment of a composition to creditors, or has had an interim order made by the court in respect of him, or is a specified person in relation to a relevant firm which has made such an assignment or composition or been wound up as an unregistered company, or entered into a voluntary arrangement, administration or liquidation, in each case where applicable under the Insolvency Act 1986, or other similar or analogous event has occurred in relation to him or it under applicable legislation;
  - viii he or it has failed to satisfy a judgment debt without reasonable excuse for a period of two months (the burden resting on him or it to prove such a reasonable excuse on the balance of probabilities) whether or not the debt remains outstanding at the time of the bringing of the disciplinary proceedings hereunder;
  - ix before a court of competent jurisdiction in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, he or it has pleaded guilty to, been found guilty of, or has accepted a caution in relation to, any offence discreditable to the Association or to the accountancy profession; or
  - x before a court of competent jurisdiction in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, in any civil proceedings in which he or it has been a party or witness, he or it has been found to have acted fraudulently or dishonestly.
- b Each of the paragraphs in bye-law 8(a) shall be without prejudice to the generality of any of the other paragraphs therein. 17 1.2 Bye-laws
- c For the purposes of bye-law 8(a), misconduct includes (but is not confined to) any act or omission which brings, or is likely to bring, discredit to the individual or relevant firm or to the Association or to the accountancy profession.
- d For the purposes of bye-law 8(a), in considering the conduct alleged (which may consist of one or more acts or omissions), regard may be had to the following:
  - i whether an act or omission, which of itself may not amount to misconduct, has taken place on more than one occasion, such that together the acts or omissions may amount to misconduct;
  - ii whether the acts or omissions have amounted to or involved dishonesty on the part of the individual or relevant firm in question;
  - iii the nature, extent or degree of a breach of any code of practice, ethical or technical, adopted by the Council, and to any regulation affecting members, relevant firms or registered students laid down or approved by Council.
- e For the purposes of bye-law 8(a)(ix), a copy of the certificate or memorandum of conviction or caution, and of any final judgment, ruling or determination given in the criminal proceedings, shall be conclusive proof of the conviction or caution, and of any facts and matters found, as the case may be.
- f For the purposes of bye-law 8(a)(x):
  - i where the person in question was a party to the proceedings, a copy of a certified judgment of the civil proceedings shall be conclusive proof of the facts and matters found;
  - ii where the person in question was a witness in the proceedings, a copy of a certified judgment of the civil proceedings shall be prima facie evidence of the facts and matters found.
- g Subject to bye-law 8(f) above, any other finding of fact in any civil proceedings before a court of competent jurisdiction in the United Kingdom or elsewhere shall be admissible as prima facie evidence in any disciplinary proceedings.