

16 August 2024

Disciplinary Committee ordered student removed*

On 08 August 2024, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Swapnil Govekar of Mumbai, India:

Allegations

On 25 March 2021 Mr. Swapnil Govekar ('Mr. Govekar'), a student of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants ('ACCA') during a Financial Accounting (FA) computer-based exam (CBE):

- 1. Mr. Govekar used and/or was in possession of an unauthorised item, namely a mobile phone which he used in the exam room contrary to Exam Regulation 5(a).*
- 2. Mr. Govekar took a photograph of an exam question using the mobile phone referred to in paragraph 1 and shared the photograph with another person 'Person B', contrary to Exam Regulation 12 and / or 14.*
- 3. Mr. Govekar's conduct in respect of any or all of the matters set out at paragraphs 1 and 2 above was reckless in that by sharing a photograph of his exam with another person, this could and/or is likely to cause the photograph to be published or otherwise shared with entrants for the same exam who would thereby obtain an unfair advantage.*
- 4. By reason of his conduct Mr. Govekar is:*
 - a) Guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i), in respect of paragraphs 1 and/or 2 and/or 3 above.*

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Swapnil Govekar be removed from the student register and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £6,500.00.

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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