

06 August 2024

Notice of hearing

A hearing of ACCA's Disciplinary Committee will take place at 08:30am on 13 August 2024. 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 Ms Pragati Jain.

Allegations

Ms Pragati Jain, an ACCA student in respect of two sittings of her remotely invigilated Strategic Business Leader (SBL) exams held on 06 & 13 December 2022 (the exams):

1. Failed to comply with instructions issued by the exam proctor before her exams begun that she should place her phone out of arms reach, contrary to Exam regulation 2.
2. Used an unauthorised item namely a mobile phone, contrary to Exam Regulation 5 (a).
3. Used the unauthorised item as referred to in allegation 2 above to gain an unfair advantage in one or both exams.
4. Ms Pragati Jain's conduct in respect of allegation 2 above was in addition:
 - I. Dishonest, in that by using her phone in one or both exams she intended to gain an advantage in either or both those exams, or in the alternative;
 - II. Demonstrates a failure to act with integrity.

5. Contrary to Regulation 3(1) of the Complaints and Disciplinary Regulations 2014 (as amended), Ms Pragati Jain failed to co-operate with the investigation of a complaint, in that she did not respond to any or all of ACCA's correspondence sent on:

(a) 06 April 2023;

(b) 24 April 2023;

(c) 26 May 2023; and

(d) 29 September 2023

6. By reason of the above, Ms Pragati Jain is:

I. Guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i) in respect of the conduct referred to above or, in the alternative,

II. Liable to disciplinary action pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(iii) (in respect of allegations 1, 2 and 5 only).

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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