

05 June 2024

Notice of hearing

A hearing of ACCA's Disciplinary Committee will take place at 08.00am on 03 July 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 Xinyu Zhou.

Allegations

Xinyu Zhou ('Ms Zhou'), at all material times an ACCA trainee,

1. Applied for membership to ACCA on or about 06 March 2021 and in doing so claimed in her ACCA Practical Experience training record that she had achieved the following seven Performance Objectives:
 - Performance Objective 2: Stakeholder relationship management
 - Performance Objective 3: Strategy and innovation
 - Performance Objective 5: Leadership and management
 - Performance Objective 8: Analyse and interpret financial reports
 - Performance Objective 10: Manage and control working capital
 - Performance Objective 11: Identify and manage financial risk
 - Performance Objective 14: Monitor performance
2. Ms Zhou's conduct in respect of the matters described in Allegation 1 above was: -

- a) Dishonest, in that Ms Zhou knew she had not achieved all or any of the performance objectives referred to in Allegation 1 above in the manner claimed in the corresponding performance objective statements or at all.
 - b) In the alternative, the conduct referred to in Allegation 1 above demonstrates a failure to act with Integrity.
3. In the further alternative to Allegations 2a) and 2b) above, such conduct was reckless in that Ms Zhou paid no or insufficient regard to ACCA's requirements to ensure the corresponding statements to the performance objectives referred to in Allegation 1 accurately set out how each objective had been met.
4. Failed to co-operate with ACCA's Investigating Officer in breach of Complaints and Disciplinary Regulation 3(1) in that she failed to respond fully or at all to any or all of ACCA's correspondence dated:
 - (a) 13 September 2023;
 - (b) 02 October 2023;
 - (c) 17 October 2023
5. By reason of her conduct, Ms Zhou is
 - a) Guilty of misconduct pursuant to ACCA bye-law 8(a)(i) in respect of any or all the matters set out at 1 to 4 above; in the alternative in respect of Allegation 4 only
 - b) Liable to disciplinary action pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(iii)

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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Founded in 1904 to widen access to the accountancy profession, we've long championed inclusion and today proudly support a diverse community of over 252,500 members and 526,000 future members in 180 countries.

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