

14 November 2024

Member severely reprimanded*

On 04 November 2024, the Consent Orders Chair of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) found proved the following allegations against Mr Richard Adrian Edwards of Leominster, Herefordshire, United Kingdom:

Allegation 1

Mr Richard Adrian Edwards, an ACCA Fellow admitted the following:

1. Between 26 June 2017 and October 2022, failed on behalf of Firm A to comply with (or demonstrate compliance with) the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 (MLRs 2017), namely:
 - (a) Regulation 18 (Risk assessment by relevant persons); and/or
 - (b) Regulation 19 (Policies, controls and procedures); and/or
 - (c) Regulation 21 (Internal Controls); and/or
 - (d) Regulation 24 (Training).
2. By reason of his conduct set out in allegation 1 above, Mr Edwards failed to comply with the Fundamental Principle of Professional Behaviour and Section B2 (Anti-money laundering) of ACCA's Code of Ethics and Conduct (as applicable from 2017 and 2022).
3. By reason of his conduct, Mr Edwards is guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i)

The Consent Orders Chair ordered that Mr Edwards be severely reprimanded and pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £1,769 and a fine of £5000.

ACCA's regulations require ACCA to publish the Committee's finding and orders by way of a press release, as soon as practicable.

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