

23 October 2024

Disciplinary Committee ordered student removed*

On 16 & 17 October 2024, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Ms Pragati Jain of Kishanganj, India:

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
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

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Ms Jain be removed from the student register and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £500.

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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