

19 September 2024

## **Disciplinary Committee ordered student removed\***

On 11 September 2024, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Hassaan Waseem of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia:

### **Allegation 1**

Between 01 and 06 March 2022, Mr Hassaan Waseem (Mr Waseem), an ACCA student, caused or permitted photographs of ACCA exam questions to be shared with another ACCA registered student,

Such conduct,

- a) Was contrary to Exam Regulations 10 and or 14,
- b) Was dishonest,
  - i. In that Mr Waseem intended to gain an unfair exam advantage by using exam questions to prepare for taking his ACCA exam;
  - ii. In that Mr Waseem failed to have any or sufficient regard to the clear and obvious risk that the sharing of photographs of exam questions with any other ACCA student (whether directly or indirectly) could provide them with an unfair advantage if they were intending to sit the same exam.

### **Allegation 2**

In light of the facts at allegation 1 above Mr Waseem is,

- a) Guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i).

b) Liable to disciplinary action pursuant to bye-law 8 (a) (iii) in respect of allegation 1 (a)

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Hassaan Waseem be removed from the student register and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £5,800.00.

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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