

News release

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Disciplinary Committee ordered student removed from register with immediate effect*

On 14 March 2025, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Ms Linzi Li of Qingdao, China:

Allegations

Ms Linzi Li ('Ms Li'), at all material times an ACCA trainee:

- 1. Applied for membership to ACCA on or about 20 August 2021 and in doing so purported to confirm in relation to her ACCA Practical Experience training record:
 - a) Her Practical Experience Supervisor in respect of her practical experience training in the period from 21 January 2016 to 20 August 2021 was Person 'A' when Person 'A' did not supervise that practical experience training in accordance with ACCA's requirements as published from time to time by ACCA or at all;
 - b) She had achieved the following Performance Objectives which was not true:
 - Performance Objective 1: Ethics and professionalism
 - Performance Objective 2: Stakeholder relationship management
 - Performance Objective 3: Strategy and innovation
 - Performance Objective 4: Governance, risk and control
 - Performance Objective 5: Leadership and management
 - Performance Objective 6: Record and process transactions and events
 - Performance Objective 7: Prepare external financial reports
 - Performance Objective 9: Evaluate investment and financing decisions
 - Performance Objective 13: Plan and control performance
- 2. Ms Li's conduct in respect of the matters described in Allegation 1 above was:

- a) In respect of Allegation 1a), dishonest, in that Ms Li sought to confirm her Practical Experience Supervisor did supervise her practical experience training in accordance with ACCA's requirements or otherwise which she knew to be untrue;
- b) In respect of allegation 1b) dishonest, in that Ms Li knew she had not achieved all or any of the performance objectives referred to in paragraph 1b) above as described in the corresponding performance objective statements or at all.
- 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 October 2023
 - b) 30 October 2023
 - c) 14 November 2023
- 5. By reason of her conduct, Ms Li 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.

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Ms Linzi Li be removed from the student register with immediate effect and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £5,530.00.

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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