

16 June 2025

Disciplinary Committee ordered member severely reprimanded*

On 03, 04 and 05 June 2025, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Priyank Patel of Crawley, United Kingdom:

Allegations

Mr Priyank Patel, an ACCA Member:

1. Secured full-time employment with Firm A on or about 1 March 2015 on the basis that he would devote the whole of his time, attention and abilities during his hours of work to his duties within Firm A and also his agreement to other restrictions relating to employment elsewhere, but failed to disclose to Firm A until 19 December 2022 he had obtained full-time employment with Firm B commencing on 9 September 2022.
2. Secured and thereafter retained full-time employment with Firm B commencing on 9 September 2022 by falsely confirming if he was appointed that
 - (i) He would terminate his employment with Firm A and he would just be contracting with them on an ad hoc basis to work for them up to 10 hours per week which would be performed outside his contracted hours with Firm B and
 - (ii) Falsely confirming to Firm B on 9 December 2022 that his employment with Firm A had ended.
3. By reason of the matters referred to in Allegations 1 and 2 above, Mr Patel was dishonest in that:
 - (a) He failed to disclose to Firm A he had obtained full-time employment with Firm B despite the matters referred to in Allegation 1 above.

(b) Secured and/or remained in employment with Firm B on the basis of the confirmations he gave as referred to in Allegation 2 above.

4. By reason of his conduct, Mr Patel is guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i).

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Patel be severely reprimanded and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £13,500.

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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