

06 June 2025

Disciplinary Committee ordered member excluded*

On 14 & 15 May 2025, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Brian Edward Blackburn of Poulton-Le-Flyde, United Kingdom:

Allegations

Allegation 1

- (a) That Brian Edward Blackburn FCCA prepared and/or filed at Companies House, or caused to be prepared and/or filed at Companies House, accounts for Company E as set out in Schedule A (“the Accounts”):
 - (i) With false financial information;
 - (ii) Bearing a signature for Mr F that he knew to be false;
 - (iii) Bearing an assertion that the Accounts had been approved by a board of directors that he knew to be false.
- (b) Any and all of Brian Edward Blackburn FCCA’s conduct at Allegation 1(a) was:
 - (i) Dishonest in that Mr Blackburn knew the information/signature/assertion contained in the Accounts was false and/or sought to misrepresent the Accounts as accurate and/or genuine.

Allegation 2

- (a) That Brian Edward Blackburn FCCA did not inform Mr F and/or Company E of:

- (i) A strike off notice pursuant to the Companies Act 2006 (Section 1000(3)) in respect of Company E dated 05 December 2017;
 - (ii) A strike off notice pursuant to the Companies Act 2006 (Section 1000(3)) in respect of Company E dated 11 December 2018;
 - (iii) The visit of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs to the registered office address of Company E in or around March 2018.
- (b) Any and all of Brian Edward Blackburn FCCA's conduct at Allegation 2(a) was:
- (i) Contrary to the Fundamental Principle of Integrity (as applicable from 2017 to 2018).

Allegation 3

- (a) That Brian Edward Blackburn FCCA did not take any, or adequate steps to ensure that Company E complied with its obligation to provide Company Tax Returns for the years ending:
- (i) 31 December 2015;
 - (ii) 31 December 2016;
 - (iii) 31 December 2017.
- (b) Any and all of Brian Edward Blackburn FCCA's conduct in respect of Allegation 3(a) was:
- (i) Contrary to the Fundamental Principle of Professional competence and due care (as applicable from 2016 to 2018).

Allegation 4

- (a) That Brian Edward Blackburn FCCA did not respond to the correspondence relating to Dr B as set out in Schedule B.
- (b) Any and all of Brian Edward Blackburn FCCA's conduct at Allegation 4(a) was:
 - (i) Contrary to the Fundamental Principle of Professional behaviour (as applicable from 2019 to 2020).

Allegation 5

Contrary to Regulation 3(1)(a) of the Complaints and Disciplinary Regulations 2014 (as applicable from 2019 to 2020), Brian Edward Blackburn FCCA failed to cooperate fully with the investigation of a complaint in that he failed to respond fully or at all to ACCA's correspondence on:

- (a) 14 October 2019
- (b) 05 November 2019
- (c) 11 December 2019
- (d) 10 January 2020
- (e) 27 January 2020
- (f) 03 February 2020
- (g) 18 February 2020
- (h) 04 March 2020

Allegation 6

By reason of his conduct, Brian Edward Blackburn FCCA is:

- (a) Guilty of misconduct in respect of any or all the matters set out at allegations 1 to 5, pursuant to by-law 8(a)(i); or.

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Brian Edward Blackburn be excluded from ACCA membership with immediate effect and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £10500.00.

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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