

08 May 2026

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

On 30 April 2026, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mrs Kirsty Allen of Stroud, United Kingdom:

### Allegations

1. On dates between 16 June 2022 and 05 January 2023 Mrs Kirsty Allen, a Foundations in Accountancy student, offered services to Person A that fell within ACCA's definition of public practice, contrary to Regulation 8(2)(ii) of the Membership Regulations.
2. On dates since 25 February 2019, Mrs Allen, who is ineligible for an ACCA practising certificate, has breached the Membership Regulations with regards to any or all of the following, in that she:
  - a) Has been or has held herself out to be in public practice, contrary to Regulation 8(2)(ii) of the Membership Regulations;
  - b) Has been a Director of Company A, a company in and holding itself out to be in public practice, contrary to 8(2)(iii) of the Membership Regulations;
  - c) Has held shares in Company A, a company in and holding itself out to be in public practice, that in effect put her in the position of Principal, contrary to 8(2)(iv) of the Membership Regulations.
3. The conduct alleged at Allegation 1 and/or 2 was:
  - c) Reckless, in that she failed to have any or sufficient regard for the need to comply with ACCA's rules or update ACCA about her actions.

4. On dates since 25 February 2019 Mrs Allen omitted to register with a supervisory authority for Anti-Money Laundering (AML) purposes, although she would have needed to do so in order to comply with the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (information on the payer) Regulations 2017.
5. Contrary to Complaints and Disciplinary Regulations 3(1), Mrs Allen has failed to co-operate fully with an investigation into a complaint, in that she has failed to provide a complete response to any or all of ACCA's correspondence dated:
  - a. 20 September 2023
  - b. 13 October 2023
  - c. 14 November 2023
  - d. 21 December 2023
6. By reason of the conduct as set out above, Mrs Allen is:
  - a. Guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i).

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mrs Kirsty Allen be removed from the student register with immediate effect and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £8,500.00.

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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