

## Complaints Investigation Committee Notice

In June 2020, the Complaints Investigation Committee (the “CIC”) of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Manitoba (“CPA Manitoba”) concluded its review of a matter that commenced in August 2019. A candidate registered with CPA Manitoba and enrolled with the Chartered Professional Accountants Western School of Business (the “Candidate”) was found to have committed plagiarism on an assignment of their module studies with the Chartered Professional Accountants Western School of Business (“CPAWSB”).

The Candidate, in their completion of an assignment, plagiarized their responses with the responses of another student, and submitted these responses as their own for their module studies with CPAWSB; the other student was not aware that their work had been taken and used by the Candidate, and was done without the other student’s knowledge. The Candidate did appear in person before the CIC to provide their perspective of the situation. The Candidate admitted to the CIC that they had in fact plagiarized this assignment and the Candidate was willing to accept whatever decision was made. The CIC under s.57(1)(g) decided to accept an undertaking from the Candidate whereby the Candidate is required to inform their current or future employer of their plagiarism within the 12 month period following its decision, to provide CPA Manitoba with evidence that such communication with their employer occurred, and to be suspended from registering for future courses with the CPAWSB for a 12 month period ending June 30, 2020. CPAWSB also issued a failing grade to this Candidate for this module.

The agreement also included publication of the decision and related background information, without reference to the name of the Candidate.

Inquiries regarding this matter or the compliant process can be obtained from:

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