

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS OF ONTARIO
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS OF ONTARIO ACT, 2017

ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF: K [REDACTED] F [REDACTED], an Applicant applying to be registered as a student with CPA Ontario, under Regulation 9-1: Student, Registration Obligations, and Standing, Section 13: Good Character on Registration, as amended.

TO: K [REDACTED] F [REDACTED]

AND TO: The Admission and Registration Committee

NOTICE OF REFERRAL FOR A HEARING

Pursuant to section 13 of Regulation 9-1, adopted by Council under the *Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario Act, 2017* and the By-Law governing the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (“CPA Ontario”), I hereby request the Admission and Registration Committee to convene an oral hearing in respect of this application.

THE GROUNDS FOR THE REQUEST ARE:

1. The Applicant applied for registration as a student with CPA Ontario on May 1, 2024. Having reviewed the application for student registration, I am not satisfied that the Applicant has provided evidence of good character as required under Regulation 9-1: Student Registration, Obligations and Standing, Section 13: Good Character on Registration.
2. In the early morning of February 7, 2018, the Applicant was involved in a dispute with a fellow patron at the E [REDACTED] C [REDACTED] in Toronto, Ontario. In particular:
 - a. The Applicant struck the victim in the back of the head with a glass bottle or another hard object.
 - b. The Applicant struck the victim from behind and left them injured and bloodied.
3. On February 7, 2018, the Applicant was charged with one count of assault with a weapon and one count of assault causing bodily harm, contrary to ss. 267(a) and 267(b) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*.
4. On May 13, 2019, following a contested trial, the Applicant was convicted of assault with a weapon and assault causing bodily harm, contrary to s. 267(a) and 267(b) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*.
5. On July 15, 2019, the Applicant was sentenced to a suspended sentence with 12 months of probation, and a five-year weapons prohibition.

6. The Applicant appealed their conviction on or around November 18, 2019. Their appeal was unsuccessful.
7. In 2021, the Applicant declared bankruptcy, in particular:
 - a. On April 7, 2021, the Applicant declared bankruptcy under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*; and
 - b. On January 8, 2022, the Applicant was automatically discharged from bankruptcy pursuant to section 168.1(1)(a)(i) of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*.
8. In their application for student registration dated May 1, 2024:
 - a. The Applicant answered “yes” to the question “Have you ever been found guilty of a criminal offence or other similar offence for which a pardon has not been granted or are there any charges pending against you?”
 - b. The Applicant answered “yes” to the question, “Have you ever made an assignment in bankruptcy, been declared bankrupt or taken the benefit of any statutory provision for insolvency?”
9. I have determined that the Applicant otherwise meets all the criteria to be registered as a student with CPA Ontario.

September 8, 2025

Date



Heidi Franken, CPA, CA
Senior Vice-President, Registrar