

# Italian restaurant boss fails to pay correct taxes

Mamma Mia Cucina Limited was incorporated in April 2012 and traded as an Italian restaurant of the same name in Chingford, East London.

Alessio Polito (39), also from Chingford, was appointed one of two directors at the same time as Mamma Mia Cucina was incorporated and by December 2013, he was the sole remaining director.

Seven years later, in January 2019, Mamma Mia Cucina entered into Creditors Voluntary Liquidation and the company was brought to the attention of the Insolvency Service as there were discrepancies in Mamma Mia Cucina's tax returns.

Further enquiries by investigators found that for 5 years between April 2013 and April 2018, Alessio Polito under-declared Mamma Mia Cucina's sales and failed to submit accurate tax returns to the value of just over £50,000 VAT.

On 21 February 2020, the Secretary of State accepted a disqualification undertaking from Alessio Polito for 7 years. Effective from 13 March 2020, Alessio Polito is banned from acting as a director or directly or indirectly becoming involved, without the permission of the court, in the promotion, formation or management of a company.

Lawrence Zussman, Deputy Head of Insolvent Investigations for the Insolvency Service, said:

Alessio Polito clearly failed to take his responsibilities as a director seriously when he under-declared the restaurant's level of sales.

Directors have a duty to pay the correct level of taxes and thanks to his substantial ban, Alessio Polito has been removed from the business environment for a considerable amount of time.

Alessio Polito is from Chingford, East London, and his date of birth is May 1980.

MAMMA MIA CUCINA LIMITED (Company number 08015975)

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