

North-East restaurateur banned for tax abuse

Church View Restaurant Ltd was incorporated in July 2014 and traded as Ministers Restaurant on Church View, Sedgfield, in Stockton on Tees.

Abdul Amin (51) was the sole director of the company and was required to register Church View Restaurant for tax purposes.

The restaurant boss, however, failed to register the company and in 2016 was subject of enquiries by the authorities for unpaid taxes.

Despite the scrutiny placed on Church View Restaurant, the company didn't pay its tax liabilities, totalling more than £133,000, and this resulted in the tax authorities petitioning for Church View Restaurant's liquidation.

Church View Restaurant was liquidated in August 2019 before being referred to the Insolvency Service, who pursued disqualification proceedings against Abdul Amin for director misconduct.

On 13 October 2020, the Secretary of State accepted a disqualification undertaking from Abdul Amin after he did not dispute that he failed to ensure Church View Restaurant Ltd complied with its statutory tax obligations.

Effective from 3 November 2020, Abdul Amin is banned for 7 years from directly or indirectly becoming involved, without the permission of the court, in the promotion, formation or management of a company.

Rob Clarke, Chief Investigator for the Insolvency Service, said:

Directors have statutory requirements to ensure their companies pay taxes. But our investigations uncovered that Abdul Amin's behaviour was deliberate, putting Church View Restaurant at an unfair advantage over their competitors by not paying taxes.

Seven years is a substantial amount of time to be removed from the corporate arena and Abdul Amin's ban should serve as a warning to other rogue directors that if you neglect your obligations you could lose the privilege of limited liability trading.

Abdul Amin is from Sunderland and his date of birth is June 1969.

CHURCH VIEW RESTAURANT LTD (Company number 09142185)

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