

Chapter 4

The Institution of Professional Engineers Code of Ethics

Rule 18.2 of the Rules of the Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand states:

"Each member shall so conduct himself as to uphold the dignity, standing and reputation of the Institution and of the profession".

In furtherance thereof:

1. Members shall exercise their professional and technical skill and judgement to the best of their ability and shall discharge their professional and technical responsibilities with integrity.
2. Members shall refrain from and discourage criticism in public of the work of other members. This does not preclude engineers in their professional capacity from providing responsible comment on the work of other engineers when called upon to do so in the course of their employment.
3. No member shall review the work of another member without taking reasonable steps to ensure that such member is informed.
4. No member shall attempt, directly or indirectly, to supplant another member, nor take over work of another member until clear notification has been received from the employing party that the connection of the other member with the work has been discontinued.
5. No member shall improperly solicit work either directly or through an agent nor shall that member reward any person, by commission or otherwise, for the introduction of work.
6. Members may not misrepresent their competence nor, without disclosing its limits, undertake work beyond it.
7. When called upon to give an opinion in their professional capacities members shall give an opinion that is objective and reliable to the best of their ability.
8. However engaged, members shall at all times recognise their responsibilities to their employer or client, others associated with their work, the public interest and their profession.
9. When a member's professional advice is not accepted the member shall take reasonable steps to ensure that the person overruling or neglecting that advice is made aware of the possible consequences.
10. In respect of a professional relationship, whether with employer or client, a member shall disclose any financial or other interest they may have which might impair their professional judgement.
11. A member shall not disclose any confidential information or matter related to his or her work or the business of his or her client or employer, without the express authority of that client or employer.
12. A member shall not accept from nor give to any third party anything of substantial value.
13. Members shall encourage the further education and training of their subordinates particularly those who are candidates for corporate membership of the Institution.
14. Members shall maintain and strive to improve their professional competence by attention to new developments relevant to their professional activity and shall encourage those working under them to do likewise.
15. Members shall strive to relate their work to the preservation or enhancement of the environment and to make effective use of available resources of manpower, machines, materials and money.
16. Members shall conduct their affairs in accordance with this Code and shall positively endeavour to ensure that the organisations of which they are employees, shareholders, partners or sole owners act in a manner consistent with this Code.
17. In connection with work in another country where established professional practices differ from this Code members may adopt local practices but shall be guided by the principles contained in this Code. Members shall observe Rule 18.2 at all times.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL
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