



# PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

## For Members

OF THE

# Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand Incorporated

## 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. Each member shall exercise his professional and technical skill and judgement to the best of his ability and shall discharge his professional and technical responsibilities with integrity.
2. He shall refrain from and discourage criticism in public of the work of another member. This does not preclude an engineer in his professional capacity from providing responsible comment on the work of another engineer when called upon to do so in the course of his employment.
3. He shall not review the work of another member without taking reasonable steps to ensure that such member is informed.
4. He shall not attempt to supplant another member already engaged except where a duly constituted appeal system operates.
5. He shall not improperly solicit work either directly or through an agent nor shall he reward any person, by commission or otherwise, for the introduction of work.
6. He shall not misrepresent his competence nor, without disclosing its limits, undertake work beyond it.
7. When called upon to give an opinion in his professional capacity he shall give an opinion that is objective and reliable to the best of his ability.
8. However engaged, he shall at all times recognise his responsibilities to his employer or client, others associated with his work, the public interest and his profession.
9. When his professional advice is not accepted he shall take reasonable steps to ensure that the person overruling or neglecting his advice is made aware of the possible consequences.
10. In respect of his professional relationship, whether with employer or client, a member shall disclose any financial or other interest he may have which might impair his professional judgement.
11. He shall not disclose any confidential information or matter related to his work or the business of his client or employer, without the express authority of that client or employer.
12. He shall not accept from nor give to any third party anything of substantial value.
13. He shall encourage the further education and training of his subordinates particularly those who are candidates for corporate membership of the Institution.
14. He shall maintain and strive to improve his professional competence by attention to new developments relevant to his professional activity and shall encourage those working under him to do likewise.
15. He shall strive to relate his work to the preservation or enhancement of the environment and to make effective use of available resources of manpower, machines, materials and money.
16. When practising as a consulting engineer he shall conduct his affairs in accordance with this Code and shall also observe the requirements of the Institution's current Code of Practice for Consulting Engineers.
17. In connection with work in another country where established professional practices differ from this Code he may adopt local practices but shall be guided by the principles contained in this Code. He shall observe Rule 18.2 at all times.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL  
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