



Saskatchewan Applied Science Technologists and Technicians CODE OF ETHICS

1. Relationship to Public:

An Association member shall:

- a) have proper regard for the physical environment and the safety, health and well-being of the public in the execution of his/her duties as a member;
- b) engage in encouragement, guidance and technical education of students and to generally enhance public understanding and regard for his/her profession by public service, public education and example;
- c) avoid any association with or acceptance of advertising which is misleading or in any manner injurious to the public or to the dignity of his/her profession. A member may employ the advertising media to announce his/her practice and availability which shall be limited to statements of fact. Advertising employed by members shall not in any way discredit or attempt to discredit another member, specifically or by implication;
- d) the member's duty to the public shall always be the member's paramount obligation.

2. Relationship with Employer and Client:

An Association member:

- a) shall protect to the fullest extent possible, the interests of the employer and client which are consistent with the welfare of the public and the member's personal integrity;
- b) shall serve his/her employer or client in a conscientious, diligent, efficient and competent manner;
- c) shall advise an employer or client of any adverse consequences which may result if the member's technical decisions are not followed;
- d) will offer or disclose to an employer or client, or prospective employer or client, the existence of any interest which the member holds in an enterprise which may result in or be interpreted as being in conflict with the interest of the employer or client;
- e) will not use directly or indirectly any employer's or client's confidential information in any way which is competitive, adverse or detrimental to the interest of the employer or client;
- f) retained by the client or employer will not accept without the consent of the client or employer an assignment or project by another if the two in any way conflict or could be perceived as conflicting;
- g) act in all matters for each employer or client faithfully and diligently and shall regard as confidential any information obtained by him/her as to the business affairs, expertise, technical methods or processes of an employer or client and will not divulge any information given in confidence;
- h) will not misrepresent his or her qualifications, experience or abilities;
- i) will have no interest, direct or indirect, in any materials, supplies or equipment used by his/her employer or client, nor in any firms receiving contracts from his/her employer or client unless his/her interest has been fully disclosed.

3. Relationship of Members to Each Other:

An Association member:

- a) will not knowingly attempt to injure the reputation or business of another member;
- b) will conduct him/herself toward other members with courtesy and good faith;
- c) will endeavor to co-operate with fellow members, give appropriate credit for technological work, uphold the principle of adequate compensation for technological work, provide opportunity for the professional development and advancement of his/her associates and subordinates and broaden the effectiveness of the profession through the interchange of technological information and experience;
- d) will not accept or pay a commission in order to secure work in his/her profession;
- e) maintain the honor and integrity of the profession and without fear or favor, expose before the proper tribunal, unethical, unprofessional, incompetent or dishonest conduct by any other member of the profession;
- f) not express publicly or while serving as a witness before a Court, commission or other tribunal, opinions on technical matters that are not founded on adequate knowledge and preparation;
- g) sign and approve only those plans, specifications and reports actually made by him/her or under his/her personal supervision and direction.

4. Duty to Oneself:

An Association member shall:

- a) always act in a responsible manner and utilize fair and equitable business practices in dealing with colleagues, clients and associates;
- b) undertake assignments only when competent by virtue of training and experience and where warranted, engage or advise the engagement of specialists required to competently and diligently complete assignments;
- c) strive to maintain his or her proficiency by updating technical knowledge and skills required to practice applied science/engineering technology in a competent fashion.

5. Duty of Members of the Association:

An Association member shall:

- a) uphold these standards of ethics in precept and by example and shall encourage all other members to conduct themselves in the practice of their profession through adherence to and respect of these standards;
- b) refrain from making unjustified statements and from performing unethical acts including those which would discredit the Association or any of its members;
- c) the observance of this Code of Ethics shall be a condition of membership in the Association.