



Hong Kong Institute of Acoustics

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CODE AND RULES OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

In the Institute's Memorandum of Association there is a general objective for the Institute to maintain the integrity and status of the profession and to represent it both to the public and to the government. The professional standing of the Institute is enhanced if its members are not only well qualified, but also have a professional commitment to a standard of excellence in their work and in their dealings with other people.

A Code of Conduct is drawn up with Rules set out as follows to indicate the manner in which members are required to conduct themselves in most situations. For situations not specifically encompassed by the Rules, the principle to be followed is that, in any conflict between a member's personal interests and those of the community, the latter should take precedence.

Code of Conduct

In these rules 'member' means a member of any class in the Institute and 'employer' includes 'client'. All references in the masculine gender shall apply equally to women.

1. When discharging his professional duties a member :
 - (a) Shall satisfy himself in obtaining any pre-requisite information and shall not accept professional obligations which he believes he does not have sufficient competence or authority to perform.
 - (b) Shall accept responsibility for all work carried out by him, or under his supervision or direction.
 - (c) Shall give professional advice that is objective and reliable to the best of his ability.
 - (d) Shall, if his professional advice is not accepted, take all reasonable steps to ensure that the person who over-rules or disregards his advice is aware of the possible consequences.
2. Except when legally authorised in the national or public interest, a member shall not do or permit to do anything, of which the consequences would, in his professional judgment, endanger human life or safety, expose valuable property to the risk of serious damage, or needlessly pollute the environment.
3. In respect of his professional relationships with employers, colleagues or clients, a member:
 - (a) Shall not maliciously or recklessly injure or attempt to injure, directly or indirectly, the professional reputation of another.
 - (b) Shall disclose to his employer any benefits or interests that he may have in any matter in which he is engaged on their behalf.