



Council of Registered Professional Engineers of Mauritius

Code of Ethics
for
Registered Professional Engineers

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- 1 Engineers shall hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public, and promote safety and health within their work-place in the discharge of their professional practice.
- 2 Engineers shall at all times give due care and consideration to the protection of the environment, and shall consequently avoid any risk thereto; they shall, further, adhere to the principles of sustainable development in the performance of their professional duties.
- 3.1 Engineers shall continue their professional development throughout their career with a view to maintain their professional competence. They shall, towards that objective, establish for themselves a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme to keep abreast of existing and new legislation, codes of practice and standards relevant to their profession, as well as emerging technologies and tools in their field of professional practice, including IT applications.
- 3.2 Engineers shall perform services only in the areas of their competence;
- 3.3 Engineers shall disclose any limitation of competence on their part in the performance of their services, and they shall, while endeavouring to overcome such limitations, counsel their employers or clients, as the case may be, of appropriate sources of procurement of such competence.
- 4.1 Engineers shall assume responsibility for training and development of subordinates,
- 4.2 Engineers shall act fairly and in good faith towards clients and colleagues, giving due credit where due, and give and accept fair and honest criticism.
- 4.3 Engineers shall uphold and enhance honour and dignity of profession and merit trust of community, exercising duty of care in the performance of their duties, and when requiring to delegate, to do so only to competent engineers.
- 5.1 Engineers shall avoid conflicts of interest, real or perceived, in the discharge of their professional obligations towards their employers or clients.
- 5.2 They shall, for that purpose, when giving professional advice:
 - a) express opinions, and make statements, and/or give evidence, in an objective and truthful manner, on the basis of adequate knowledge,
 - b) disclose their qualifications for making such statements, the capacity in which they are making the same, and if, to their knowledge, their statements favour any party or cause, and,
 - c) disclose to the affected parties any conflict of interest that may arise.



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- 6 Engineers shall, unless otherwise authorised, maintain the confidentiality of any information of any nature and form, which they have received from their employer or client, or to which they had access, during the discharge of their professional obligations, and utilise such information only for the purpose for which such information was made available to them.
- 7.1 Engineers shall not, in their private or public conduct, indulge in any act which is deemed to be an offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act or any other legislation with similar intent.
- 7.2 They shall not, in the course of the discharge of their obligations, either accept any offer by any party, or seek to obtain, for own account or that of any other person, any form of unethical or illegal inducement or promise thereof, in cash or kind, for performing any act or service in violation of this Code of Ethics, or which they would otherwise have considered as improper to do under any circumstances.
- 8.1 Engineers shall take all reasonable steps to carry out an assessment of the relevant risks, especially to health, safety and the environment, on projects under their responsibility, and of potential and contingent liabilities associated with such risks for themselves, their clients and employers, and if applicable, to the community, and shall apprise the parties concerned of their conclusions. They shall counsel the parties concerned of the available mitigation measures and safeguards, including the need for desirable insurance covers against the liabilities.
- 8.2 Engineers shall, unless covered by their employers' insurance, safeguard themselves against potential and ensuing liabilities through an appropriate professional indemnity insurance of a level adequate for meeting reasonable claims that their employers, clients, or third parties prefer against them, in the event fault on their part is acknowledged by them or upheld against them in a Court of Law.
- 9 Engineers shall notify the Council if convicted of a criminal offence or upon becoming bankrupt or, in the case of an engineer holding functions as a Company Director, upon being disqualified to perform duties of that office.
- 10 Engineers shall notify the Council of significant violation of the Council's Code of Ethics by any Registered Professional Engineer, including any illegal practice of professional engineering that comes to their notice.