

Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand Incorporated

Code of Ethical Conduct (extract from Regulations for Competence Registers)

Part 3 Code of ethical conduct

General obligations to society

44 Take reasonable steps to safeguard health and safety

A registered person must, in the course of his or her engineering activities, take reasonable steps to safeguard the health and safety of people.

45 Have regard to effects on environment

- (1) A registered person must, in the course of his or her engineering activities,—
 - (a) have regard to reasonably foreseeable effects on the environment from those activities; and
 - (b) have regard to the need for sustainable management of the environment.
- (2) In this clause, **sustainable management** means management that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations (including at least the future generations within the anticipated lifetime of the end products and by-products of activities) to meet their own reasonably foreseeable needs.

46 Act with honesty, objectivity, and integrity

A registered person must act honestly and with objectivity and integrity in the course of his or her engineering activities.

General professional obligations

47 Not misrepresent competence

A registered person must—

- (a) not misrepresent his or her competence; and
- (b) undertake engineering activities only within his or her competence; and
- (c) not knowingly permit engineers whose work he or she is responsible for to breach paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

48 Not misrepresent registered person status

A registered person must not (in connection with a business, trade, employment, calling, or profession) make a false or misleading representation, or knowingly permit another to make a false or misleading representation, that services are supplied by a registered person.

49 Inform others of consequences of not following advice

- (1) A registered person who considers that there is a risk of significant consequences in not accepting his or her professional advice must take reasonable steps to inform persons who do not accept that advice of those significant consequences.
- (2) In this clause, **significant consequences** means consequences that involve—
 - (a) significant adverse effects on the health or safety of people; or
 - (b) significant damage to property; or
 - (c) significant damage to the environment.

50 Not promise, give, or accept inducements

A registered person must not—

- (a) promise or give to any person anything of substantial value intended to improperly influence that person's decisions that relate to the registered person's activities; or
- (b) accept from any person anything of substantial value intended to improperly influence his or her engineering decisions.

Obligations to employers and clients

51 Not disclose confidential information

- (1) A registered person must not disclose confidential information of an employer or client without the agreement of the employer or client.
- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply if—
 - (a) the failure to disclose information would place the health or safety of people at significant and immediate risk; or
 - (b) the engineer is required by law to disclose that information.

52 Not misuse confidential information for personal benefit

A registered person who obtains another person's confidential information in connection with one purpose in the course of his or her engineering activities must not use that information for another purpose that is to his or her own personal benefit.

53 Disclose conflicts of interest

A registered person must disclose to an employer or client any financial or other interest that is likely to affect his or her judgement on any engineering activities he or she is to carry out for that employer or client.

Obligations owed to other engineers

54 Not review other engineers' work without taking reasonable steps to inform them and investigate

- (1) A registered person who reviews another engineer's work for the purpose of commenting on that work must take reasonable steps to—
 - (a) inform that engineer of the proposed review before starting it; and
 - (b) investigate the matters concerned before commenting.
- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply if taking those steps would result in there being a significant and immediate risk of harm to the health or safety of people, damage to property, or damage to the environment.