

Draft for Consultation

Your input is requested on the following Framework Element. Engineers Canada is seeking expert feedback and validation regarding a code of conduct. Key questions for consideration:

- Should there be a code of conduct for the profession?
- What issues should be captured in the code of conduct?

If you have any questions, or would like to submit your feedback please contact:

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We welcome your feedback!

Code of conduct

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Purpose and policy direction

To establish and articulate standards of professional conduct to complement and supplement the code of ethics. A code of conduct provides practical guidance to registrants in complying with their professional obligations and facilitates the protection of the public by forming the basis for uniform disciplinary action.

Key Considerations

1. The code of conduct is a more detailed and practical extension of the code of ethics, which provides practical guidance for specific aspects of engineering practice. A code of conduct may sometimes be titled differently such as: professional conduct or procedural guidelines.
2. The code of conduct applies to all registrants, including limited licence / permit holders and engineers-in-training.
3. Violations of the code of conduct may constitute professional misconduct.
4. The code of conduct addresses a wide range of issues, including, but not limited to:
 - a. the registrant's obligation to key stakeholders:
 - i. public

- ii. employers / clients
 - iii. employees / subordinates
 - iv. other engineers
 - v. profession / regulator
- b. key ethical issues including:
 - i. conflict of interest situations
 - ii. independence and impartiality
 - iii. confidentiality and protection of privacy
 - iv. values and fairness
- c. and, unless covered elsewhere, professional practice issues including:
 - i. use of seal and signature (if not included in legislation)
 - ii. availability and diligence
 - iii. fees
 - iv. advertising and promotion
 - v. continuing professional development
- d. activities not specified elsewhere that call into question the integrity of the registrant

Related:

Element: Code of ethics

Engineers Canada Qualifications Board Guideline on the Code of Ethics

Engineers Canada Qualifications Board Model Guide: Concepts of Professionalism