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## PRINCIPLES OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

You must observe the following principles

### General information

The holder of a certificate must behave, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, in a fashion that prevents injury to persons and damage to property and the environment. He must keep his technical know-how up-to-date and be loyal and impartial with regard to the interests of employers, customers and public bodies.

### Relations with his or her employer

If the contract is freely negotiable, the holder of a certificate ought to shape his contract with his employer so as to have it include principles of professional ethics. The employee must ensure at least that the scope of the certificate issued to him or her is correctly interpreted and complied with.

### Responsibility vis-à-vis the general public

In performing his or her duties, the holder of a certificate must safeguard the public good by informing the competent authorities whenever necessary and by refusing to accept certain responsibilities or

to perform tasks for which he or she is not qualified. He or she must draft publications objectively and professionally and must not sign documents whose content he does not comprehend or endorse.

### Conflicts of interests

The holder of a certificate should avoid conflicts with his superiors and customers. However, in cases in which conflicts are unavoidable, he should inform those concerned of the reason for the conflict frankly and without delay. When dealing with the same identical task he must not accept payment from two sides; nor should he allow himself to be influenced in his professional judgment by payments of any kind.

### Infringements

If these principles of professional ethics have demonstrably been infringed, SECTOR Cert will have the right to revoke any certificates that have been issued.

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