

Principles of professional ethics

General Information

Certificate holders shall comply with these principles of professional ethics and the relevant provisions of the applicable certification scheme. They shall at all times, be aware of and comply to the best of their ability with the provisions or requirements of the standards under which they are working. Certificate holders shall perform their professional duties with due regard for applicable environmental and safety requirements for the health and welfare of the general public in accordance with national law. They shall endeavor to maintain their competence by keeping their professional knowledge up to date to the extent necessary for the proper performance of their duties in the certified methods and level.

Responsibility to the certification body

Certificate holders shall verify the information on the certificates. If any information on the certificate is incorrect, such as because the certificate holder's personal information has changed or because the certificate holder no longer meets the requirements for certification, it is the certificate holder's responsibility to notify the certification body as soon as possible, so that, if the certificate holder continues to meet the requirements for certification, the certification body can issue a new, corrected certificate or otherwise suspend or revoke the certificate. Certificate holders shall immediately report to the certification body any perceived violation(s) of these principles and shall report any attempt to pressure or coerce a certificate holder to violate these principles. Certificate holders shall refrain from any unethical act that would discredit the certification scheme or unfairly bring the certification body into disrepute.

Responsibility to the general public

Certified persons shall only sign documents within the scope of their own certification and when they personally have the expertise and/or direct supervisory control. They shall only perform tasks for which they are competent based on their experience, qualifications and certification. They shall engage, or advise the engagement of such specialists as necessary, for the proper performance of their inspection duties.

Responsibility towards employers, clients and associates

Certificate holders shall only perform activities within the scope of their employment for which they are authorized by their employer. They must notify their employer immediately if their certification is suspended or withdrawn. Certificate holders shall behave responsibly and utilize fair and equitable business practices when dealing with colleagues, clients and associates.

Conflicts of Interest

Certificate holders shall avoid conflicts of interest with employers or clients and, in the event that such conflicts nevertheless arise in the course of their duties, shall promptly notify the affected persons of the situation.

Protection and disclosure of Information

Certificate holders shall keep confidential all information provided to them by employers, clients, colleagues or others. All relevant legal regulations regarding professional confidentiality and the protection of personal data shall be observed. Information must not be disclosed to third parties for self-interest or personal gain.

Infringements

Infringements of these principles of professional ethics entitle SECTOR Cert to withdraw all issued certificates. Withdrawn certificates shall be returned to SECTOR Cert immediately.

Declaration of the certificate holder

I have read and understood the content of the principles of professional ethics. With my signature I confirm that I will comply with the principles. I am aware that the infringement of the above mentioned duties may lead to the withdrawal of my certification.

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Date

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Surname, forname

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Signature