



SSSI CODE OF ETHICS

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Code of Ethics

The members of the Institute are bound by a common commitment to promote Surveying and Spatial Sciences and facilitate its practice for the common good of the community based upon shared values of:

- Competence
- Truth
- Innovative practice
- Excellence
- Equality of opportunity
- Social justice
- Ethical behaviour

The community places its trust in the judgement and integrity of members to pursue the stated values and has a right to a high degree of confidence.

Surveying and Spatial Science professionals recognise that their ethical responsibilities extend to the community, to their clients and employers, to their peers and to their employees. Accordingly they acknowledge the need for integrity, independence, care and competence, and a sense of duty. They uphold and advance these values by:

- supporting and participating in the continuing development of the Surveying and Spatial Science profession;
- serving with honesty and forthrightness and within areas of their competence; and
- using their expertise for the enhancement of society and the stewardship of resources.

Surveying & Spatial Sciences Institute members are required to abide by the Code of Ethics as a condition of their membership. The Code of Ethics provides a statement of principles which has been adopted by the Consultative Council of the Institute as the basis upon which members shall conduct their activities in order to meet community trust. The code is the framework from which rules of Conduct may be developed by the Consultative Council.

The Tenets of the Code of Ethics

1. Members' responsibility for the welfare and rights of the community shall come before their responsibility to their profession, sectional or private interests or to other members;
2. Members shall act with integrity, dignity and honour to merit the trust of the community and the profession;
3. Members shall act with honesty, good faith and equity; and without discrimination; towards all in the community;
4. Members shall provide services and advice carefully and diligently only within their areas of competence;
5. Members shall develop their knowledge, skills and expertise continuously through their careers, and actively encourage their associates to do likewise;
6. Members shall apply their skills and knowledge in the interests of their clients or employers for whom they will act without compromising any other of these tenets;
7. Members shall take reasonable steps to inform themselves, their clients or employers of the economic, social, environmental or legal consequences which may arise from their actions; and
8. Members shall inform their clients or employers of any interest which may be, or may be perceived as being, in conflict with their interests, or which may affect the quality of service or impartial judgement.

Qualifications and Competence

Qualifications denote the foundation of knowledge that a member has achieved through formal education, experience, post graduate learning or a combination from all of these sources. Designation as a Certified Professional (discipline specific) or Certified Practitioner of the Institute denotes peer recognition of adequate qualifications and competencies for those titles. Competence is demonstrated by application of knowledge and skills to provide service, advice or opinion to clients or employers.

By carefully limiting the professional work undertaken within the limits of qualifications and competence, members protect the interests of the community, clients, employers and themselves.