

**CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS**  
**Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland & Labrador**

1. A professional engineer or geoscientist shall recognize that professional ethics are founded upon integrity, competence and devotion to service and to the advancement of human welfare. This concept shall guide the conduct of the professional engineer or geoscientist at all times.

**DUTIES OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER OR GEOSCIENTIST TO THE PUBLIC**

A professional engineer or geoscientist shall:

2. have proper regard in all his or her work for the safety, health and welfare of the public;
3. endeavour to extend public understanding of engineering and geoscience and their role in society;
4. where his or her professional knowledge may benefit the public, seek opportunities to serve in public affairs;
5. not be associated with enterprises contrary to the public interest;
6. undertake only such work as he or she is competent to perform by virtue of his or her education, training and experience;
7. sign and seal only such plans, documents or work as he or she has personally prepared or which have been prepared or carried out under his or her direct professional supervision;
8. express opinions on engineering or geoscientific matters only on the basis of adequate knowledge and honest conviction;
9. have proper regard in all his or her work for the well being and integrity of the Environment.

**DUTIES OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER OR GEOSCIENTIST TO CLIENT OR EMPLOYER**

A professional engineer or geoscientist shall:

10. act for his or her client or employer as a faithful agent or trustee;
11. not accept remuneration for services rendered other than from his or her client or employer;
12. not disclose confidential information without the consent of his or her client or employer;
13. not undertake any assignment which may create a conflict of interest with his or her client or employer without a full knowledge of the client or employer;
14. present clearly to his or her clients or employers the consequences to be expected if his or her professional judgement is overruled by other authorities in matters pertaining to work for which he or she is professionally responsible.

**DUTIES OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER OR GEOSCIENTIST TO THE PROFESSION**

A professional engineer or geoscientist shall:

15. endeavour at all times to improve the competence, dignity and reputation of his or her profession;
16. conduct himself or herself towards other professional engineers and geoscientists with fairness

- and good faith;
17. not advertise his or her professional services in self-laudatory language or in any other manner derogatory to the dignity of the profession;
  18. not attempt to supplant another engineer, or geoscientist in an engagement after definite steps have been taken toward the other's employment.
  19. when in salaried position, engage in a private practice and offer or provide professional services to the public only with the consent of his or her employer and in compliance with all requirements of such practice;
  20. not exert undue influence or offer, solicit or accept compensation for the purpose of affecting negotiations for an engagement;
  21. not invite or submit proposals under conditions that constitute only price competition for professional services;
  22. advise the Council of any practice by another member of the profession which he or she believes to be contrary to the Code of Ethics.