

The Minerals Engineering Society

Code for Professional Conduct (The Code)

Introduction

The 'Code for Professional Conduct' approved by The MES Council indicates for the benefit of both Society members and the general public those ethical standards to which the Society's members should conform in the execution of their professional activities.

Implicit in the Code is the requirement for members to conduct their professional activities with integrity and in an honourable manner whilst ensuring that the reputations of both the profession and the Society is protected and the public good is not compromised.

The Code shall apply to all members whatever their grade, professional activities and country of operation.

The Rules

1. Society members shall only carry out professional activities for which they are fully competent, shall do so with integrity and in an objective and impartial manner, and shall have due regard to their duty of care to their clients. Other persons with whom Society members have a professional involvement shall be treated fairly and with respect.
2. In relation to their professional activities, Society members shall pay full regard to the public interest, taking all reasonable steps to protect both members of the public and those involved in the activities, abiding by the appropriate Health & Safety legislation where it exists, and taking all reasonable steps where there is inadequate statutory provision.
3. Society members shall have due regard to the natural environment, to the sustainable management of natural resources, and shall take full account of appropriate legislation, codes of practice and other good practice guidance whilst carrying out their professional activities.
4. Society members shall keep up to-date with all relevant developments, changes in legislation, professional and technical standards, and shall seek to continuously enhance their professional skills on an on-going basis.
5. Members shall immediately notify the Society should they be convicted of a criminal offence or disqualified from acting as a Company Director.