

# CODE OF ETHICS

of the  
**Association of Surveyors of Papua and New Guinea**

*I hold every man a debtor to his profession; from which as men of course do seek to receive countenance and profit so ought they of duty to endeavour themselves by way of amends to be a help and ornament thereunto.*

Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626)

ARTICLE 1 "He (the surveyor) shall always endeavour to maintain and present to his client or employer a high standard of professional conduct and bearing worthy of his profession."

ARTICLE 2 "He shall ensure that his employees or junior associates shall likewise conform to a proper and dignified standard of behaviour, dress and bearing, whilst employed in a manner associated with the profession. "

ARTICLE 3 "He shall not solicit or canvass for work by advertising, public announcement, direct approach, or in any way which in the opinion of the Council would bring the Association or its members into disrepute. He shall not advertise through any medium whatsoever the fact that he is a surveyor or carries out surveying save that the following shall be permissible, viz.:-

- (a) to exhibit plates and signs at the member's place or places of business which exhibit his name and profession, provided that the characters are within reasonable limits as to size;
- (b) to advertise for a period not exceeding three months the commencement of practice in any new place or dissolving of partnership; and
- (c) to insert in a newspaper a professional card or notice containing his name or the name of his firm, together with initials or words indicating diplomas, degrees or membership of any institution, particulars of business and time of attendance thereat, and words indicating simply his profession, which card to be of reasonable proportions."

ARTICLE 4 "He shall observe the Scale of Fees, Charges, etc., adopted or approved by the Association and shall not indulge in undercutting or giving discounts, commissions or allowances in connection with professional work, where such is contrary to the wording or spirit of such Scales."

ARTICLE 5 "He shall not knowingly accept professional work on which another member is engaged, except in collaboration with or with the consent of such other member. This clause shall not apply where a client has given notice of the termination of the previous engagement."

ARTICLE 6 "He shall regard as confidential any information imparted to him as such concerning the business affairs, methods or processes of a client or employer."

ARTICLE 7 "He shall inform his client or employer of any interests, circumstances or business connection which may be deemed adversely to influence his judgment or the quality of his services to such client or employer."

ARTICLE 8 "He shall accept compensation, financial or otherwise for a particular service from one source only, except with the knowledge and consent of all interested parties."

ARTICLE 9 "He shall accept full responsibility for professional advice given to his client and shall not practice through the medium of or in association with a limited liability company or similar organisation without the specific approval of the Council."

ARTICLE 10 "He shall co-operate in raising the standard of his profession by the interchange of technical knowledge and experience, and by the active participation in the affairs and proceedings of the Association."

ARTICLE 11 "He shall corporately accept a responsibility to the Government of the day and to the general public for advice and assistance in matters of national welfare and appropriate to the professional interests of his Association."

ARTICLE 12 "He shall conform to any decision by the Association on a question of ethical conduct, in accordance with the ruling given by a learned judge to the effect that 'Disreputable professional conduct is such, when professional brethren of good repute and standing would consider such conduct disreputable or unprofessional'."