



Geological Society of Australia Inc

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Application for, or continuation of, membership of the Society shall signify acceptance of the Society's Code of Ethics.

Article I - General Principles

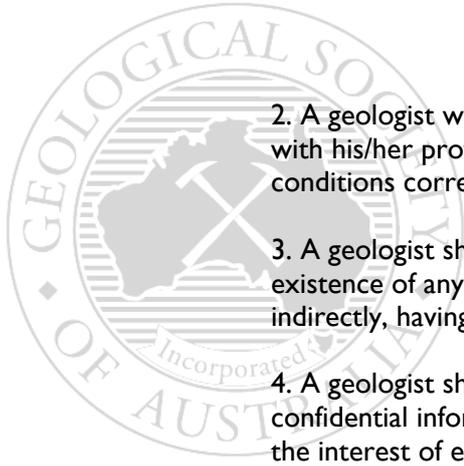
1. The practice of geology is a profession, and the privilege of professional practice requires professional morality, responsibility, and knowledge, on the part of the practitioner.
2. Every geologist shall be guided by the highest standards of business ethics, personal honour, and professional conduct.
3. Honesty, integrity, loyalty, fairness, impartiality, candour, fidelity to trust, inviolability of confidence, and honourable conduct are incumbent upon every geologist, not for submissive observance but as a set of dynamic principles to guide a way of life.

Article II - Relation of Geologist to the Public

1. A geologist's responsibility to the public shall be paramount, and he/she shall avoid and discourage sensational, exaggerated and unwarranted statements that might induce participation in unsound enterprises.
2. A geologist shall not knowingly permit the publication of his/her reports, maps, or other documents, for any unsound or illegitimate undertaking.
3. A geologist having or expecting to have beneficial interest in a property on which he/she reports must state in his/her report the fact of the existence of such interest or expected interest.
4. A geologist shall not give a professional opinion, make a report, or give legal testimony, without being as thoroughly informed as might reasonably be expected, considering the purpose for which the opinion, report or testimony is desired; and the degree of completeness of information upon which it is based should be made clear.
5. A geologist may publish dignified business, professional, or announcement cards, but shall not advertise his/her work or accomplishments in a self-laudatory, exaggerated, or unduly conspicuous manner.
6. A geologist shall not issue a false statement or false information even though directed to do so by employer or client.

Article III - Relation of Geologist to Employer or Client

1. A geologist shall protect, to the fullest extent possible, the interest of his/her employer or client so far as is consistent with the public welfare and his/her professional obligations and ethics.



2. A geologist who finds that his/her obligations to his/her employer or client conflict with his/her professional obligations or ethics should have such objectionable conditions corrected or resign.
3. A geologist shall offer to disclose to his/her prospective employer or client the existence of any mineral or other interest that he/she holds, either directly or indirectly, having a pertinent bearing on such employment.
4. A geologist shall not use, directly or indirectly, any employer's or client's confidential information in any way that is competitive, adverse, or detrimental to the interest of employer or client.
5. A geologist retained by one client shall not accept, without that client's written consent, an engagement by another if the interests of the two are in any manner conflicting.
6. A geologist who has made an investigation for any employer or client shall not seek to profit economically from the information gained, unless written permission to do so is granted, or until it is clear that there can no longer be conflict of interest with the original employer or client.
7. A geologist shall not divulge information given him/her in confidence.
8. A geologist shall engage, or advise his/her employer or client to engage, and co-operate with, other experts and specialists whenever the employer's or client's interests would be best served by such service.
9. A geologist shall not accept a concealed fee for referring a client or employer to a specialist or for recommending geological services other than his/her own.

Article IV - Relation of Geologists to Each Other

1. A geologist shall not falsely or maliciously attempt to injure the reputation or business of another.
2. A geologist shall freely give credit for work done by others to whom the credit is due and shall refrain from plagiarism in oral and written communications, and not knowingly accept credit rightfully due to another geologist.
3. A geologist shall not use the advantages of salaried employment to compete unfairly with another member of his/her profession.
4. A geologist shall endeavour to co-operate with others in the profession and encourage the ethical dissemination of geological knowledge.
5. A geologist having knowledge of unethical practices of another geologist, shall avoid association with that geologist in professional work.