



## NDTSS CODE OF ETHICS

Individuals certified or in the process of being certified must recognize that personal integrity and professional competence are the fundamental principles on which their testing activities are founded. Accordingly, it is a condition of certification that certificate holders shall undertake to:

- comply with this code of ethics;
- comply with the relevant provisions of the applicable certification scheme
- undertake only those non-destructive testing assignments for which they are competent by virtue of their training, experience, qualification and certification;
- only sign documents which they have personal professional knowledge and/or direct supervisory control;
- engage, or advise the engagement of, such specialists as are required to enable testing activities to be properly completed;
- conduct themselves in a responsible manner and utilize fair and equitable business practices in dealing with colleagues, clients and associates;
- at all times, be aware of and comply with the provisions/ requirements of codes, regulations and standards under which they are working;
- immediately report to the Certifying Body any perceived violation(s) of codes, regulations or standards.
- perform their professional duties with proper regard for the physical environment and the safety, health and well-being of the public;
- protect to the fullest extent possible, consistent with the well being of the public and the provisions of this code of ethics, any information given to them in confidence by an employer, colleague or member of the public;
- avoid conflicts of interest with the employer or client, but when unavoidable, forthwith disclose the circumstances to the employer or client;
- maintain their proficiency by updating their technical knowledge as required to properly practice NDT in the certified methods and levels.
- indicate to the employer or client any adverse consequences which may result from an overruling of their technical judgment by a non-technical authority;
- not falsify, make claims, nor permit misrepresentation of their own or their associate's academic or professional qualifications, training, experience or work responsibilities;
- refrain from unethical acts which would discredit the Certification Scheme or bring the Certifying Body into disrepute, and refrain from making statements that the Certifying Body could consider misleading or unauthorized;
- immediately report to the Certifying Body any perceived violation(s) of this code of ethics;
- immediately report to the Certifying Body any attempt to pressure or force an individual certified to violate this code of ethics;
- inform their employer in the event that their certification is suspended, cancelled or withdrawn.

Failure to comply with the above code of ethics will be dealt with under arrangements for handling complaints and appeals. And may necessitate corrective measures such as the termination of the certification process, the suspension or withdrawal of certification, publication of the violation, notification of the employer(s), union(s) and appropriate regulatory authorities and, if appropriate, additional legal action.



Additional items included in the Code(s) of Conduct/Ethics:

- Act at all times to uphold the integrity and dignity of the industry
- Verify the information on their certificates and/or wallet card. If the information is incorrect, it is their responsibility to inform the Certifying Body as soon as possible so that a new, corrected certificate and/or wallet card can be issued
- Not attempt to cheat on certification examinations, attempt to bribe or threaten Certifying Body invigilators or examiners, falsify documents, falsely claim, misrepresent or permit misrepresentation or misuse of their own or their associate's academic or professional qualifications, knowledge, training, experience, work responsibilities or certifications
- Discontinue all claims to certification upon expiry, suspension or withdrawal of certification, and upon request return to the Certifying Body any certificates and/or wallet cards issue by the Certifying Body
- Provide professional advice, express opinions, or make statements in an objective and truthful manner to the best of their ability, and on the basis of adequate knowledge
- Certificate holders shall undergo an annual test of visual acuity and submit the results of tests to the employer

Name:

Signature:

Date: