



Code of Ethics for FPA Australia Certified Practitioners

Preamble

Fire Protection Association Australia (FPA Australia) seeks to provide a means of safeguarding the integrity of the fire protection community. The following Code of Ethics for FPA Australia Certified Practitioners is designed to provide a benchmark against which to measure the work of Certified Practitioners. The Code encourages members to appreciate that their work is of importance in maintaining public safety, health and welfare. Further, it acknowledges that the fire protection industry employs technology, which is constantly improving with the consequential need for a commitment to the training of individuals. FPA Australia Certified Practitioners must maintain and constantly improve their competence and perform under a standard of professional behaviour which requires adherence to the highest principles of ethical conduct with balanced regard for the interests of the public, clients, employers, educational institutions are act in accordance with this Code and all applicable laws.

Fundamental Principles

- ✍* Certified Practitioners shall take all reasonable steps to maintain the level of knowledge and skill in their field of practice;
- ✍* Certified Practitioners shall perform professional services only in the area of their competence;
- ✍* Certified Practitioners shall never claim unjustly qualifications they do not possess;
- ✍* Certified Practitioners shall be honest and truthful in presenting data and estimates, professional opinions and conclusions and in their public statements dealing with industry matters shall not engage in improper solicitation of employment or contracts; and
- ✍* Certified Practitioners who become knowledgeable of hazardous conditions that threaten the present of future safety health or welfare of the public, then shall so advise their employers or clients.
- ✍* Certified Practitioners shall meet the conditions of Certification as outlines in requirements of Part 4-General, FPA Australia Certified Practitioner and Business Program Workplace Emergency Response.

Disciplinary Code

Having acknowledged the Code of Ethics for Certified Practitioners, should a Certified Practitioner be considered by the Associations Board of Directors to have;

- (a) Breached the Code of Ethics; or
- (b) Brought the fire protection industry into disrepute

The Certified Practitioner may be called upon to show cause to the Associations Board of Directors why Certification should not be suspended or cancelled.

A Certified Practitioner called upon to show cause to the Associations Board of Directors shall be given 30 days notice in which to respond to the Board of Directors.

If no response is received, the Board of Directors may suspend or cancel the Practitioners Certification.

Upon receipt of notice that a Certified Practitioners Certification has been suspended or cancelled the Certified Practitioner may apply to have the Certification reinstated. Such an application may only be made once in a calendar year and must be accompanied by whatever documentation and evidence the Board of Directors may require.