



## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to:

1. Identify the minimum requirements to practice as a Building Biologist
2. Identify the fundamental professional standards of ASBB members
3. Act as a guide for ethical and proper practice
4. Clarify what constitutes unprofessional conduct
5. Indicate to the community the values which are expected of ASBB members

### **ETHICAL PRINCIPLES**

- 1.1 Consultants will conduct themselves ethically and professionally at all times.
- 1.2 Consultants have a commitment to continuing professional education to maintain and improve their professional knowledge and skills.
- 1.3 Consultants shall recognise their limitations and the competence of other professionals and, when indicated, recommend that additional opinions and services be sought.

### **DUTY OF CARE**

- 2.1 In the interest of the client, the consultant shall not misrepresent or misuse their skills, ability or qualification.
- 2.2 ASBB members may not be official spokespersons for the ASBB nor can they act on behalf of the Association without prior consent.

### **PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

- 3.1 The consultant must adhere to all the requirements of this Code of Conduct.
- 3.2 The consultant shall maintain the highest standard of Building Biology.
- 3.3 The consultant shall act with honesty, integrity and responsibility at all times.
- 3.4 The consultant shall use the knowledge and skills for which they were trained and certified.
- 3.5 The consultant shall not make unfounded claims or provide advice beyond their own training, ability or experience.
- 3.6 The consultant shall not advertise under the ASBB logo any discipline for which they are not accredited with the ASBB.
- 3.7 The consultant shall not denigrate other members of the profession.
- 3.8 The consultant shall ensure client confidentiality and privacy at all times.
- 3.9 The consultant shall not engage in activity, whether written or verbal, that will reflect improperly on the profession or the ASBB.
- 3.10 The consultant shall not work under the influence of any substance capable of impairing their professional judgement.
- 3.11 The consultant must seek permission from the ASBB regarding the use of its logo.
- 3.12 The consultant shall be responsible for the actions of all persons under their employ.



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3.13 Students shall notify clients as to their status as a student and not engage in paid work in disciplines for which they are not qualified.

3.14 Students and members of the public are not permitted to use the ASBB logo.

### **ADVERTISING**

Advertisements, whether printed or electronic, must not:

- Be false, misleading or deceptive
- Abuse the trust or exploit the lack of knowledge of consumers
- Make claims of cure that cannot be substantiated
- List qualifications for which the consultant does not have ASBB accreditation

### **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

A breach of the Code of Conduct may render a ASBB member liable for removal from the Register of Members. In the event of a complaint being made to the ASBB regarding one of its members, the Association reserves the right to investigate the complaint thoroughly and impartially. If the ASBB finds inappropriate professional conduct against the consultant, it reserves the right to expel the consultant from the Association.