



Ethics for Engineers - Part 1
Based on the NSPE “Code of Ethics for
Engineers”
PDH905

1. Does Simon deHolland's behavior in Case #1 adhere to the principles of ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers?
 - a. Yes, all aspects of this case adhere to ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers.
 - b. No, Simon deHolland is not permitted to accept outside employment without disclosure to his employer nor is he permitted to accept compensation.
 - c. No, it is a conflict of interest for an engineer to inspect the work of a former employer.

2. Does Margaret Crosthwaite's behavior in Case #2 adhere to the principles of ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers?
 - a. Yes, all aspects of Margaret Crosthwaite's behavior in this case adhere to ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers.
 - b. No, Margaret should not have revealed facts, data, or information about her former employer without their consent.

3. In Case #3, does the Glazebrook firm comply with the principles of ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers?
 - a. Yes, all aspects of this case adhere to ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers.
 - b. No, neither Geoffrey Glazebrook nor his daughter is permitted to sign and seal plans as coordinator for the entire project.
 - c. No, following the death of Geoffrey Glazebrook there is no one qualified to sign and seal the mechanical and electrical design work.
 - d. No, experience alone does not qualify Geoffrey Glazebrook to sign electrical plans.

4. Does Mildred Claymond's revised certification in Case #4 adhere to the principles of ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers?
 - a. Yes, all aspects of this case adhere to ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers.
 - b. No, it is unethical to omit a material fact from a statement.
 - c. No, Engineers may not revise a certification once signed, dated and sealed.

5. Does Walter Hogsed's behavior in Case #5 adhere to the principles of ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers?
 - a. Yes, all aspects of this case adhere to ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers.
 - b. No, Walter Hogsed is required to give credit to Alice for her contribution.
 - c. No, as a non-engineer, Alice's is not permitted to challenge the honesty of statements of a licensed engineer.

6. Does Anne Byrche's disobedience in Case #6 comport with the principles of ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers?

- a. Yes, all aspects of Anne Byrche's behavior in this case adhere to ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers.
- b. No, Anne Byrche is required to obey the instructions from her supervisor. Disobedience is a violation of the code of ethics.
- c. No, errors are always a violation of the code of ethics

7. Does Hugh Buron's bid in Case #7 adhere to the principles of ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers?

- a. Yes, all aspects of this case adhere to ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers.
- b. No, Hugh is not permitted to accept a contract with the water management district because an officer of his company serves as a board member of the district.

8. Does Joan Del Crosse's commission payment strategy in Case #8 adhere to the principles of ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers?

- a. Yes, all aspects of this case adhere to ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers.
- b. No, it is unethical for Joan Del Crosse to pay a commission to the architectural firms to secure work.

9. Does Buford Clark's fee arrangement in Case #9 adhere to the principles of ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers?

- a. Yes, all aspects of this case adhere to ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers.
- b. No, Contingent fees are not permitted in situations where the engineer's judgement may be compromised.

10. Does Easter Nicholson's sales approach in Case #10 adhere to the principles of ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers? (HINT, read III. Professional Obligations)

- a. Yes, all aspects of Easter Nicholson's behavior in this case adhere to ethical conduct as defined in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers.
- b. No, It is unethical for an engineer to make engineering comparisons of represented products with products of other suppliers.