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# Members' Code of Ethics

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## 1. Purpose

Governance Institute of Australia (Governance Institute) conducts its business according to the highest standards of honesty, integrity, respect and fairness.

This is achieved by the Members' Code of Ethics.

## 2. Scope

This Code applies to Members of:

- Governance Institute of Australia.
- Dual members of The Chartered Governance Institute.

## 3. Acronyms and Definitions

Acronym / Word	Description / Definition for the purposes of this Policy
Members	Affiliate, Associate or Fellow of Governance Institute of Australia including dual members of The Chartered Governance Institute

## 4. Principles

Governance Institute requires its Members to observe the highest standards of professional conduct and ethical behaviour in all of their activities. Governance Institute takes seriously its obligations to comply with all federal, state and local government laws and regulations, as well as common law obligations.

By maintaining such standards, Members enhance their own standing as Governance Professionals and increase public confidence in the governance and administration of corporations.

- Members shall uphold the objectives of Governance Institute and abide by the regulations;
- As the conduct of an individual member can reflect upon the wider profession of governance and upon Governance Institute's membership as a whole, this Code of Ethics sets out what are deemed to be appropriate standards of professional conduct;
- Members shall refrain from conduct or action which detracts from the reputation of Governance Institute;
- Members are required to exercise complete probity, honesty and diligence in carrying out their duties and responsibilities;
- Members shall at all times safeguard the interests of their employers, other key stakeholders and Governance Institute (where relevant) provided that Members shall not knowingly be party to any illegal or unethical activity;
- Members shall not enter into any agreement or undertake any activity which may be in conflict with the interests of their employers, other key stakeholders or Governance Institute (where relevant) which would prejudice the performance of their professional duties;
- Members shall not use confidential information gained in the performance of their duties for any personal gain nor in a manner which would be detrimental to their employer, other key stakeholders, or Governance Institute (where relevant);
- Members shall exercise due care and diligence in performing their duties and ensure the currency of their knowledge, skills and technical competencies; and
- Members acknowledge that this Code is to be adhered to both in spirit and to the letter, so that Members' conduct is governed by the highest standards of professionalism and ethical behaviour.

## 5. Schedules

Nil

## 6. Related Documents

- Membership Application – Section 3. Character and Standing.
- Board Constitution.
- Membership Committee Charter.
- Code of Conduct.
- Chartered Governance Institute Charter and Bylaws.

## 7. Relevant Legislation

N/A

## 8. Further Information

Further information regarding this policy can be obtained by contacting the National Manager Members.

## 9. Version History

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