

Code of Conduct for European Railway Engineers

The code of conduct is an additional guideline and does not replace the engineer's commitment to the code of honour to which an engineer is committed in his native country.

All persons enrolled in the certification register are bound to an awareness of the significance of science and technology to mankind and their own responsibility to society within the framework of their professional activity.

They carry out their occupations in harmony with generally accepted rules of morality and civilisation within European social structures. They recognise, in particular, the personal dignity of all those with whom they work. With this in mind, they undertake to adhere to and uphold the following code of conduct.

Personal Conduct

The railway engineer shall maintain his professional knowledge at the highest possible level to achieve outstanding performance in accordance with current regulations and consideration for the law of the country in question.

His professional integrity and his intellectual honour ensure unbiased analysis and judgements of a situation as well as his respective decision.

He is conscious of his moral obligation to confidentiality in every business agreement to which he has voluntarily become party. He accepts no payments in connection with business agreements which are not agreed to by the employer.

He gives evidence of his standing as an engineer by participating in the activities of his professional associations, particularly those which further the professions and contribute to the on-going education of their members. The railway engineer only uses his title when he is legally entitled to do so.

Professional conduct

The railway engineer accepts only those tasks for which he is fully qualified. He consults with appropriate experts if an assignment exceeds his competence. He accepts responsibility for the organisation and performance of his assignments.

He ensures that a technically high-quality result is produced. When carrying out a job he resorts to all measures necessary:

- * to ensure the safety of human life and property,
- * to secure and promote a healthy and desirable environment for mankind.

The railway engineer advocates the development and operation of environmentally friendly traffic systems in a meaningful context of the national economy.

He encourages fair competition between transport carriers and the creation of corresponding framework conditions and for the consistent deployment of new techniques, processes and technologies. He engages in an intensive international exchange of information thus promoting the assimilation of European railways at a high level.

Social conduct

The railway engineer shall:

- * respect the personal and occupational rights of his superiors, his colleagues and his subordinates by treating their needs and suggestions with fairness to the extent that these fall within the scope of the laws and the ethics of his profession,
- * show respect for nature, environment, health and safety and work toward the well-being of mankind,
- * supply the public – to the extent that this lies within the scope of his responsibility – with clear information to transmit adequate understanding of the technical problems,
- * show the greatest respect for traditional and cultural values of the countries in which he carries out his profession.