



# Pakistan Engineering Council

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Ataturk Avenue (East), G-5/2, Islamabad

## Code of Ethics for PEC EA&QEC / EAB Members

The prominent Engineers who were nominated/selected as member of Engineering Accreditation & Qualification Equivalence Committee (EA&QEC) renamed as Engineering Accreditation Board (EAB) of Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) must conduct themselves in accordance with the following Code of Ethics.

### 1. Confidentiality of Information

Members of the EA&QEC / EAB must neither transmit nor reveal the contents of documents and information obtained during the accreditation process (in case acting as member of visitation team) and the respective decisions of EA&QEC / EAB meetings to any third party other than the EA&QEC / EAB or its Convener/Chair and/or to the PEC Governing Body, including Secretary EAB and authorized secretariat member(s) involved in the process of accreditation/policy making, if deemed necessary. When it is uncertain whether a material is regarded as confidential or not, it must be confirmed with Secretary PEC / EA&QEC / EAB or the Convener / Chair PEC EA&QEC / EAB.

### 2. Avoiding Conflict of Interest

Individuals /members shall intimate any possibility of conflict of interest and disclose any real or potential possibility that may cause any conflict of interest during the entire proceedings of EA&QEC / EAB meetings and accreditation process. The followings show general guidelines about avoidance / prevention of conflict of interest:

- a) Individuals who are working (or have worked in the last five (5) years) as faculty members, honorary professors, part-time lecturers/employees, or in any other capacity etc. must not participate in accreditation process for the concerned program(s);
- b) Individuals, who applied for any job appointment at the concerned institute or are currently under consideration for any job at the concerned institute;
- c) Individuals, who have served or are serving as a member on the Board of Governors, Senate, Syndicate, Academic Council, Board of Studies, Board of Advanced Studies and Research, Finance and Planning Committee or any other statutory body or a body constituted under relevant clauses of the Act/Statutes of the Institute;
- d) Individuals, whose immediate family members are either studying in that particular program or employed in the same institution should not participate in the accreditation process/ decision making of that particular program/institution;

### **3. Withdrawal of EA&QEC / EAB Members from Specific Discussion / Decision Making**

During proceedings of EA&QEC / EAB meeting including the accreditation process, Member(s) of PEC EA&QEC / EAB should withdraw him/herself from the discussion / decision making process for the Institution that may constitute any conflict of interest as mentioned in Para 2.

### **4. Impartiality in Decision Making.**

The main objective of Accreditation is to conduct fair and impartial assessment/evaluation of the program for its compliance against the standards/criteria as laid down in the PEC Accreditation Manual and to make fair decisions based on the accreditation criteria, policies and regulations with an aim to uphold quality educational standards in line with the best global practices.

## **DECLARATION STATEMENT**

I have received and read the "Code of Ethics for PEC EA&QEC / EAB Members" before discharging my duties as member. I understand the contents and follow these codes to the best of my understanding and abilities.

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Name

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Affiliation

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Role: (Convener / Member / Secretary)

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Signature

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Date

(Duly signed by each individual member of the PEC EA&QEC/EAB, including its Secretary on behalf of the PEC Secretariat)