


Code of Conduct Policy

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1.Objectives - Policy statement

1.1

The Code of Conduct clarifies the standards of behaviour that are expected of staff of the Department of Education and Training (DET) in the performance of their duties. It gives guidance in areas where staff need to make personal and ethical decisions.

2.Audience and applicability

2.1

All DET staff including TAFE NSW and Community and Migrant Education staff and operations.

2.2

The policy does not apply to staff employed by bodies that are only partially funded by DET.

2.3

The policy applies to members of the Senior Executive Service (SES). SES staff are also to comply with the current *Code of Conduct and Ethics for Public Sector Executives* issued by the Premier's Department.

3.Context

3.1

DET is committed to the highest standards of conduct in public education, training and administration. To meet this commitment, DET has issued this single Code of Conduct to cover all departmental sectors and to more closely align staff conduct with the organisational values and ethics that underpin DET's policies and procedures.

3.2

Legislative Provisions

- Anti-Discrimination Act 1977
- Child Protection Legislation Amendment Act 2003
- Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998
- Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998
- Education Legislation Amendment (Staff) Act 2006

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Implementation documents

[Code of Conduct Procedures](#)

[Provision of Personal References](#)

[Procedures \(pdf 96kb\)](#)

[Pecuniary and Private Interests](#)

[Register \(pdf 324.8kb\)](#)

- Government and Related Appeals Tribunal Act 1980
- Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000
- Ombudsman Act 1974
- Protected Disclosures Act 1994
- Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002

3.3

Document history and details

4.Responsibilities and delegations

4.1

The Director-General of Education and Training and Managing Director of TAFE NSW, senior executives, senior officers, principals, managers and supervisors are responsible for the effective management of the Code of Conduct.

4.2

All staff have a responsibility to comply with legislation, departmental policy, procedures and the DET Code of Conduct, perform their duties effectively, provide impartial and accurate advice and act in a manner that promotes a productive and harmonious working environment.

4.3

The guidelines for this policy detail the delegations for Reporting Suspected Wrongdoing at Section 64 of the Code of Conduct Procedures.

5.Monitoring, evaluation and reporting requirements

5.1

All senior executives, senior officers, principals, managers and supervisors are responsible for monitoring and evaluating the operation of this policy within their area of responsibility.

5.2

All senior executives, senior officers, principals, managers and supervisors will comply with all mandatory reporting requirements detailed in the guidelines to this policy.

6.Contact

Senior adviser, systems and practice

Employee performance and conduct directorate, phone (02)9266 8070

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