

Taxpayers Australia Ltd

t/a Institute of Financial Professionals Australia
ABN 96 075 950 284
(the 'Company' or 'TAL')

By-Law 7 – Code of Professional Conduct

In this By-Law, the interpretation provisions of the Company's Constitution apply unless the context otherwise requires.

Members will observe the applicable provisions of the Code of Professional Conduct. Members also agree to act in the public interest and not to engage in behaviour that may bring Members, the Company and their chosen professions into disrepute.

1. GENERAL BEHAVIOUR

- a) Members shall ensure that their behaviour is of a standard that reflects well on them as individuals, the firms in which they work and the professions of which they are a part.
- b) Members shall ensure that they maintain high ethical standards and professional conduct.
- c) Members shall ensure that they comply with Taxation Laws in the conduct of their personal affairs.
- d) Members shall uphold legislation relevant to their areas of practice when engaging with clients, prospective clients and the broader community.
- e) Members shall uphold legislation relevant to their chosen professional and the broader community.
- f) Members will ensure that they undertake CPE relevant to the full scope of their chosen profession so that their skills and knowledge remain current.

2. MEMBERS AND CLIENTS

2.1. Engagement

- a) Members shall set down the terms of engagement with clients in engagement letters so that all tasks to be undertaken and fees to be charged are understood by both parties.
- b) Members shall seek the relevant information relating to their clients before providing any advice.

- c) Members shall disclose to existing and prospective clients any arrangements with service providers that may entitle them to receive commissions or gifts for recommending financial or other arrangements to clients.
- d) Members shall regularly review their practices to ensure that they have minimised all possible independence threats.
- e) Members shall decline engagements where those engagements are outside their areas of expertise.

3. CONFIDENTIALITY

Members shall at all times respect the confidentiality of information provided to them by clients in the course of their work unless required by legislation to disclose it.

4. TRUST ACCOUNTS

Members shall ensure that their trust accounts are audited each year by suitably qualified accountants.

5. REGISTERED TAX PRACTITIONER SYMBOL

Members who meet the Tax Practitioners Board's ("TPB") eligibility criteria may use the applicable registered tax practitioner symbol provided they agree to and abide by the TPB's terms and conditions of use, including the requirement to follow the Certified trademark rules relating to the symbol.

6. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE

- a) Members shall observe the accounting standards, interpretations and any other relevant guidance issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board when compiling statutory financial statements and information for clients.
- b) Members shall use accounting standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board as their primary source of guidance when compiling financial statements and information for purposes other than regulatory lodgement.

7. AUDITING STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE

- a) Members shall observe the auditing and assurance standards issued by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board when undertaking any audit or assurance engagements work on behalf of clients.
- b) Members undertaking audit work in accordance with the Act shall follow the Australian Quality Control Standard issued by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

8. DISCIPLINE

- a) Members shall respond to requests from the Board related to public complaints in a timely manner as part of the disciplinary process.
- b) Members shall fully comply with disciplinary procedures and processes if the Company Secretary refers complaints relating to Members to the Board.
- c) Disciplinary action may be taken against Members if they fail to observe this By-Law.

9. CODE REVIEW

- a) This Code of Professional Conduct is a dynamic statement which reflects the changing laws and expectations of the community at large and will be subject to regular review by the Board to maintain its relevance and merit.