

# Code of Conduct



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**The Royal Statistical Society's Code of Conduct was put in place in 1993 and was revised in 2014. It reflects the main duties and responsibilities which all Fellows should aim to fulfil in their professional careers.**

The 2014 revision of the Code updates the content of the code to make it more relevant to current developments in the professional work of statisticians, and to make it more accessible to Fellows of the Society and to those who use their work.

The Code is mandated for professionally qualified Fellows (Chartered and Graduate Statisticians) and is commended to all Fellows of the Society. The registers of professionally qualified Fellows can be found at:

**[www.rss.org.uk/professional-registers](http://www.rss.org.uk/professional-registers)**

The full version of the Code of Conduct is available at:

**[www.rss.org.uk/codeofconduct](http://www.rss.org.uk/codeofconduct)**

This leaflet has the abbreviated version of the Code, reflecting the essential parts of the complete code.

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**Fellows have an obligation to the public, to their employers and clients, and to the profession and the Society. In particular they must:**

### **Act in the public interest**

- have an overriding responsibility to the public good; including public health, safety and environment
- have regard to basic human rights and avoid any actions that adversely affect such rights

### **Fulfil their obligations to employers and clients**

- carry out work with due care and diligence in accordance with the requirements of the employer or client
- respect any agreements of confidentiality entered into with an employer or client
- not allow their name to be attributed to work that they have either not contributed to or which presents their contribution in a misleading way

**Fellows may seek the support of the Society if they encounter situations which challenge their ability to act professionally.** For the full version of the Code of Conduct and contact details, please go to [www.rss.org.uk/codeofconduct](http://www.rss.org.uk/codeofconduct)

### **Fulfil their obligations to the profession and the Society**

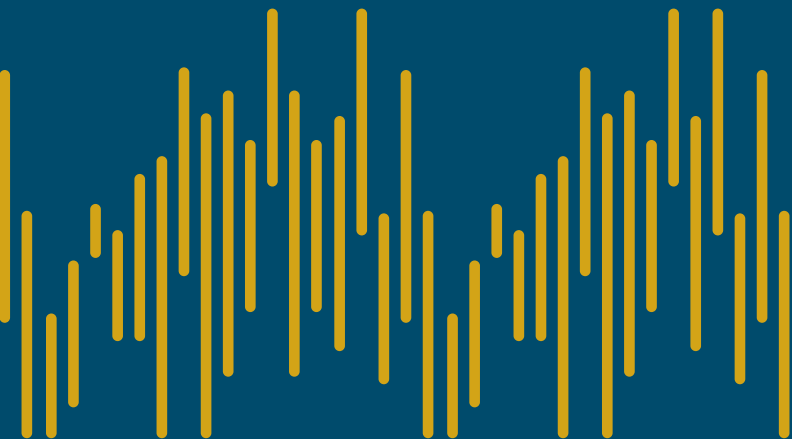
- uphold the reputation of the profession and the Society
- seek to advance knowledge and understanding of statistical science and advocate its use
- act with integrity towards fellow statisticians and to members of other professions with whom they collaborate
- take personal responsibility for work bearing their name

### **At all times show Professional Competence and Integrity**

- strive to act with honesty and integrity in all aspects of their professional life
- undertake continuing professional development (CPD) in accordance with the CPD Policy of the Society
- seek to conform to recognised good practice
- report to the Society any criminal convictions against them in respect of violence, dishonesty or professional misconduct; or upon becoming bankrupt or disqualified as Company Director



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