

CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT



#### **General Principles**

- 1. Members will observe and act with a high standard of ethics, probity and professional conduct.
- 2. Ethical behaviour is not simply compliance with legal requirements; it extends to honesty, equity, integrity and social responsibility in all dealings.
- 3. All members are required to sign and abide by this "Code of Professional Conduct" and to practice and support the TMAA mission statement.
- 4. Members will abide by all policies and procedures of the TMAA.
- 5. Members shall contribute to a harmonious, safe and productive environment, making decisions fairly, impartially and promptly, considering all available information, legislation and policies at the time.
- 6. Members shall not misuse information for personal or commercial gain for themselves or others.

## Principle 1 - Confidentiality and Privacy

- 1. Members will take reasonable steps to maintain the confidentiality and privacy of candidate, client and member information.
- 2. Members will not disclose information or documents acquired through the Association, other than as required by law or where proper authorisation is given.

### **Principle 2 – Honest Dealings**

- 1. Members will act honestly and fairly in all dealings with candidates, clients and members and have proper regard for their interests, rights, safety and welfare.
- 2. In the course of representing a candidate or client, a member shall not knowingly:
  - (a) make false statements of materal fact;
  - (b) fail to disclose a materal fact;
  - (c) make a representation as to future matters without reasonable grounds for doing so.
- 3. Members must adhere to principles of truth in advertising.
- 4. All fees, charges and services provided must be explicitly and fully disclosed to clients prior to the acceptance of a contract, or prior to any work being undertaken for a client.
- 5. Members will not take on contracts that may result in their inability to pay temporary workers.

### Principle 3 – Respect for Work Relationships

- 1. Members will not undertake actions that may unfairly or unlawfully jeopardise a staff member's employment.
- 2. Members will not undertake actions that may unfairly or unlawfully interfere in work relationships established by others.
- 3. Members shall not attempt unfairly or unlawfully to prevent a temporary/contract workerfrom seeking work from other sources.
- 4. Members will respect the rights of clients who have elected to change their staff service suppliers. Members must act lawfully, fairly and ethically in transition arrangements.



### Principle 4 – Respect for Laws

- 1. Members must comply with all legal, statutory and government requirements.
- 2. Members will not engage in any form of collusive practices.
- 3. Members shall take reasonable steps to ensure, so far as practicable, that all new employees honour their legal obligations to previous employers.

### Principle 5 – Respect for Safety

- 1. Members will act diligently in assessing risks to employees, clients and members.
- 2. Members will not knowingly put at risk employees, clients or members.
- 3. Members shall inform their temporary/contract workers whenever they have reason to believe that any particular contract causes an occupational health and safety risk.
- 4. Members shall not harass, bully or discriminate any employees, clients and members.

# Principle 6 – Respect for Certainty of Engagement

- 1. Members will ensure that employees are given details of their work conditions, the nature of the work to be undertaken, rates of pay and pay arrangements.
- 2. Any variation to the engagement can only occur with prior notification to the employee.

### Principle 7 - Professional Knowledge

- 1. Members will work diligently to develop and maintain a current level of relevant professional knowledge.
- 2. Members will ensure their employees are adequately trained and skilled to undertake their responsibilities.

# **Principle 8 – Conflict of Interest**

- 1. Members shall ensure personal or financial interests do not conflict with ability to perform and participate in TMAA in an impartial manner.
- 2. Members shall manage and declare any conflict of interest.
- 3. Where conflicts of interest arise, ensure they are managed according to TMAA policy.

### **Principle 9 – Good Order**

- 1. Member misconduct will be referred to the TMAA Disciplinary Committee. Subject to anyappeal rights, its findings will be binding on members.
- 2. Disputes between members, and other parties who agree, will be referred to the TMAA Disciplinary Committee for resolution. Its findings will be binding on members and other parties.
- 3. Members must bring to the attention of the TMAA any violations of this code by any member at the earliest possible time.
- 4. Members are encouraged to use process of negotiation, mediation and arbitration in order to resolve disputes and should do so wherever practicable.



### **Breaches**

- 1. TMAA take breaches of the code of professional conduct seriously.
- 2. Any breach of the code of professional conduct the rules of the Association under the Suspension or Expulsion of member/s of the Association Rules shall apply.

Member's Signature	President's Signature
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Date:	Date: 19 March 2024



# TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA