



**Malaysian Association of  
Speech-Language &  
Hearing**

## **Code of Ethics**

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### Introduction

The preservation of the highest standards of integrity and ethical principles is vital to the responsible discharge of obligations in the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology. This Code of Ethics sets forth the fundamental principles and rules considered essential to this purpose.

Every individual who is:-

- (a) a member of the Malaysian Association of Speech-Language and Hearing,
- (b) a non-member holding the relevant professional qualifications, or
- (c) an applicant for membership or certification

shall abide by this Code of Ethics.

Any action that violates the spirit and purpose of this code shall be considered unethical. Failure to specify any particular responsibility or practice in this Code of Ethics shall not be construed as denial of the existence of such responsibility to persons served, to the public, and to the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology.

Principles of Ethics form the underlying moral basis for the code of ethics. Individuals shall observe these principles as affirmative obligations under all conditions of professional activity.

Rules of Ethics are specific statements of minimal professional conduct or of prohibitions and are applicable to all individuals.

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### **Principles of Ethics I**

Individuals shall honour their responsibility to hold paramount the welfare of persons they serve professionally.

### **Principles of Ethics II**

Individuals shall honour their responsibility to achieve and maintain the highest level of professional competence.

### **Principles of Ethics III**

Individuals shall honour their responsibility to the public by promoting public understanding of the professions, by supporting the development of services designed to fulfill the unmet needs of the public, and by providing accurate information in all communications involving any aspect of the professions.

### **Principles of Ethics IV**

Individuals shall honour their responsibilities to the professions and their relationships with colleagues, students, and members of allied professions. Individuals shall uphold the dignity and autonomy of the professions, maintain harmonious interprofessional and intraprofessional relationships, and accept the profession's self-imposed standards.