



Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

Code of Ethics

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION

TO THE BOOK OF ORDER

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1. The PCANZ, as a part of the church of Jesus Christ, is committed to conducting itself in accordance with the Gospel so that all people are treated with honesty, transparency, dignity, and respect.
2. People representing or working for the PCANZ (*“the Church”*) are required to abide by this *Code of Ethics*. This includes *ministers, employees, and volunteers*.¹
3. This Code is to be read in the context of, and along with, the *Book of Order* and the Church’s *Conditions of Service Manual*. It reflects the standards of conduct expected because of the special relationships of pastoral care and ministry in which the Church is engaged. It is supported by subordinate documents that address particular areas of practice within the church.
4. People representing or working for the Church will:

4.1 Demonstrate high ethical standards of behaviour at all times.

This recognises obligations of truthfulness and confidentiality towards people the Church deals with, together with an acknowledgement that it is unacceptable to subject people to exploitation, harassment, or abuse, whether financial, sexual, physical, psychological, spiritual, cultural or otherwise in any discriminatory way, nor to take advantage of any vulnerability of others. All dealings with others will be characterised by compassion and natural justice.

4.2 Demonstrate appropriate levels of competence commensurate with the role and task undertaken.

This recognises obligations of using appropriate supervision; regular opportunities for spiritual growth; stewardship of time and talents; personal upskilling and recreation; awareness of strengths and

¹ These terms are defined in the PCANZ Conditions of Service Manual.

limitations; collegiality and respect for others within the Church; recognition and respect for boundaries; and the need to ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of those with whom the Church interacts is protected and enhanced.

4.3 Comply with the laws and usages of the Church and the laws of the communities in which the Church operate.