



# Pakistan Engineering Council

*(Constituted under Pakistan Engineering Council Act, 1976 enacted by the Parliament)*

Ataturk Avenue (East), G-5/2, Islamabad

## **Code of Ethics for PEC EAB/ EA&QEC Members**

The prominent Engineers who were nominated/selected as member of Engineering Accreditation & Qualification Equivalence Committee (EA&QEC) renamed as Engineering Accreditation Board (EAB) of Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) must conduct themselves in accordance with the following Code of Ethics.

### **1. Confidentiality of Information**

Members of the EAB/ EA&QEC must neither transmit nor reveal the contents of documents and information obtained during the accreditation process (in case acting as member of visitation team) and the respective decisions of EAB/ EA&QEC meetings to any third party other than the EAB/ EA&QEC or its Convener/Chair and/or to the PEC Governing Body, including Secretary EAB and authorized secretariat member(s) involved in the process of accreditation/policy making, if deemed necessary. When it is uncertain whether a material is regarded as confidential or not, it must be confirmed with Secretary PEC /EAB/ EA&QEC or the Convener / Chair PEC / EAB/ EA&QEC.

### **2. Avoiding Conflict of Interest**

Individuals /members shall intimate any possibility of conflict of interest and disclose any real or potential possibility that may cause any conflict of interest during the entire proceedings of EAB/ EA&QEC meetings and accreditation process. The followings show general guidelines about avoidance / prevention of conflict of interest:

- a) Individuals who are working (or have worked in the last five (5) years) as faculty members, honorary professors, part-time lecturers/employees, or in any other capacity etc. must not participate in accreditation process / decision making for the concerned program(s) of the Higher Education Institution (HEI);
- b) Individuals, who applied for any job appointment at the concerned institute or are currently under consideration for any job at the concerned institute must not participate in accreditation process / decision making for the concerned program(s) of the Higher Education Institution (HEI);
- c) Individuals, who have served or are serving as a member on the Board of Governors, Senate, Syndicate, Academic Council, Board of Studies, Board of Advanced Studies and Research, Finance and Planning Committee or any other statutory body or a body constituted under relevant clauses of the Act/Statutes of the Institute must not participate in accreditation process / decision making for the concerned program(s) of the Higher Education Institution (HEI);
- d) Individuals, whose immediate family members are either studying in that particular program or employed in the same institution should not participate in the accreditation process/ decision making of that particular program/institution;

### **3. Withdrawal of EAB/ EA&QEC Members from Specific Discussion / Decision Making**

During proceedings of EAB/ EA&QEC meeting including the accreditation process, Member(s) of PEC EAB/ EA&QEC should withdraw him/herself from the discussion / decision making process for the Institution that may constitute any conflict of interest as mentioned in Para 2.

### **4. Impartiality in Decision Making.**

The main objective of Accreditation is to conduct fair and impartial assessment/evaluation of the program for its compliance against the standards/criteria as laid down in the PEC Accreditation Manual and to make fair decisions based on the accreditation criteria, policies and regulations with an aim to uphold quality educational standards in line with the best global practices.

## **DECLARATION STATEMENT**

I have received and read the "Code of Ethics for PEC EAB/ EA&QEC Members" before discharging my duties as member. I understand the contents and follow these codes to the best of my understanding and abilities.

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Name

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Affiliation

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Role: (Convener / Member / Secretary)

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Signature

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Date

(Duly signed by each individual member of the PEC EAB/EA&QEC, including its Secretary on behalf of the PEC Secretariat)