In light of the growing focus on ethical practice and professionalism, this knowledge schedule aims to be a framework for the exploration of ethical thinking, reasoning and decision making within architecture and architectural practice, and collects the issues that RIBA Chartered Architects will be expected to understand under the RIBA mandatory competence in Ethical Practice.

Ethics in practice
- History & definitions
- Recognising an ethical issue
- Virtue Ethics / Social Contract Ethics / Duty Ethics / Utilitarian Ethics
- Defining behaviours - Codes, Regulations, Sanctions and Best Practice
- The Public Interest - How it is defined and who is responsible
- The 6 duties

Duty to Oneself
- The Codes of Conduct and Practice
- Principles and values
- Competence
- Continuing Professional Development
- Pro Bono work
- Corruption
- Dilemma - A conflict of interest

Duty to the Profession
- The Codes of Conduct and Practice
- Reputation & Value
- Respecting previous appointments
- Copyright & Credit
- Whistleblowing
- Research, POE & Building Performance
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (including the RIBA Inclusion Charter)
- Dilemma - A competition

Duty to those in the workplace
- Employment Law
- The Codes of Conduct and Practice
- Company culture
- Respecting colleagues
- Managing practice
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (including the RIBA EDI Policy Guide)
- Dilemma - Workplace

Duty to those Commissioning Services
- The Codes of Conduct and Practice
- Lay clients
- Experienced private clients
- Public Sector clients
- Confidentiality
- Dilemma - Client’s best interest

Duty to Society and the End User
- Building Regs, Housing Standards and Planning Policy

Duty to the Wider World
- The Codes of Conduct and Practice
- The Climate and Biodiversity emergency
- Sustainable and Regenerative design
- Supply Chains
- Rights of Nature
- Dilemma – Challenging the brief

Resolving Ethical Issues
- Core values
- Decision making
- Life long learning
- Independence
- Advocacy
- Resources and toolkits

As part of the Education and Professional Development Framework, the RIBA has determined that the core competence of RIBA Chartered Architects must encompass a fundamental level of awareness and understanding of priority subjects, set out in Knowledge Schedules, in order for them to be competent to practice and to provide public assurance. For more information see The Way Ahead: An introduction to the new RIBA Education and Professional Development Framework.