

# RIBA Ethical Practice Knowledge Schedule

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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
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## 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
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## 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
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## 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
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## 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
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## Duty to Society and the End User

- Building Regs, Housing Standards and Planning Policy

- The Codes of Conduct and Practice
  - Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (including bias and discrimination)
  - Health and safety
  - Modern Slavery
  - Community Engagement & Regeneration
  - Social Value and Social Responsibility
  - Rights of Future Generations
  - Dilemma - Affordable housing provision
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## 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
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## Resolving Ethical Issues

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