

Code of Ethics

These ethical principles will guide all dental technologists or technicians in providing competent care that benefits clients¹ and upholds the honour and integrity of the profession.

Accountability – Take responsibility for your professional decisions, actions, judgements and their impacts.

Competence – Practice within your individual scope of practice, taking into consideration your education, training, and skills. Stay current in your knowledge and seek opportunities to further develop your abilities. Be aware of your personal limitations.

Compliance with all legislation and regulatory processes – Ensure that you have read and understood all pertinent regulatory documents (including but not necessarily limited to the Regulated Health Professions Act, General Regulations, Profession-Specific Regulations, and Bylaws), applicable Standards of Practice, and regulatory body policies. Cooperate with any processes of your and other regulatory bodies, as required.

Confidentiality – Keep client records and information in strict confidence, pursuant to all relevant regulations and policies.

Fairness – Treat clients with respect and dignity at all times, setting aside any personal biases. Act in a manner free from real or perceived discrimination.

Honesty – Communicate truthfully and behave in a trustworthy manner that puts client outcomes first, using empathy and moral concern.

Informed consent – Ascertain that the client is fully aware of and in agreement with all activities to be performed prior to engaging in them, especially as it relates to any physical touch or photography.

Professionalism – Maintain appropriate relationship boundaries with all clients and colleagues. Behave in a way that is conscientious and respectable.

¹ “client” (which can be taken to mean the same as “patient”) means the individual, group, community or population who is the recipient or intended recipient of services from a registrant, and, where the context requires, includes a substitute decision-maker for the recipient or intended recipient of services, as defined in the *Regulated Health Professions Act of Nova Scotia, 2023, c. 15, s. 1*.