

Professional Conduct

The Saskatchewan Real Estate Commission is responsible for ensuring the appropriate conduct of registrants. To this end, Part 7 of the Commission Bylaws, Conduct & Trade Practices, sets out the conduct that is expected of registrants as professionals. A registrant who fails to meet the expected standard may find himself or herself the subject of disciplinary proceedings conducted in accordance with the process set out in *The Real Estate Act*. A finding that a registrant has committed professional misconduct can lead to sanctions ranging from letters of reprimand to fines to cancellation of the registrant's certificate of registration.

Professional standards are generally accepted rules which guide professionals in practice. The Commission Bylaws reinforce these standards while protecting the public and industry members from those who would take advantage of others. Registrants help people make very important decisions about very important assets. As real estate is often the most expensive asset a person will ever own, transactions involving real estate can be both financially and emotionally stressful. Registrants occupy a position of trust with their clients and must take that responsibility seriously.

The preamble to Part 7 of the Commission Bylaws states quite clearly that it is the responsibility of all registrants to stay informed about the *Act*, its Regulations and the Bylaws, and registrants are expected to conduct business in accordance with the professional standards set out therein. Neither ignorance of the legislation nor a lack of experience on the part of the registrant excuses the failure to meet any of these standards.

It is only through strict adherence to the high standards of professional conduct that individuals continue to enhance the profession and bolster public confidence in the skills and integrity of registrants.