



ISFCE Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility Policy 6.0

- 1.0 All CCEs and CCE Candidates must agree to abide by the ISFCE Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility in order to obtain and maintain the CCE certification.
- 2.0 If an individual does not abide by this code, their conduct will be subject to examination by the ISFCE Ethics Committee and their Certification could be suspended or revoked.
- 3.0 If this code is changed, all CCEs will be required to re-submit the amended code in order to maintain their certification.
- 4.0 By submitting this form, the applicant agrees to abide by the current and future terms and conditions of the ISFCE Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility.
- 5.0 The ISFCE feels very strongly about the importance of a sound, *enforced* Code of Ethics. Maintaining the integrity of the CCE is in the best interest of all CCE certificants.
- 6.0** The ISFCE will thoroughly and impartially investigate all suspected or apparent violations of the Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility by applicants and CCE certificants.

7.0 Intent of the Code of Ethics:

- 7.1 A Code of Ethics is necessary for the protection of the certification process, the individual certificant and finally the client consumer.
- 7.2 Possible violations of the ISFCE Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility are taken very seriously and will be vigorously pursued.
- 7.3 The ISFCE and all CCE certificants have the responsibility to maintain the CCE certification to the highest ethical standards and demonstrating integrity, impartiality, diligence and professionalism in performance.
- 7.4 All CCE certificants are required to help maintain the integrity of the CCE and the CCE process.
- 7.5** Applicants or CCE certificants who become aware of any violation of the Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility must, as soon as reasonably possible, report such violation to the ISFCE.

8.0 Applicants for the Certified Computer Examiner Certification (CCE)

- 8.1 There are high ethical standards for all CCE applicants and certificants to abide by. All work to complete the CCE process must be done solely by the individual applicant.
- 8.2 CCE applicants may not corroborate, work jointly, cheat or plagiarize others work to complete the CCE process.
- 8.3 Merely setting up or belonging to groups, workgroups, chat rooms, list servers, etc. that discuss the CCE problems, grades, scores, the grading system or any issues in the CCE process that may assist in the completion of the CCE process, will be considered a violation of this code.
- 8.4 Applicants may not use or infer that they are CCE certified, until such time as they are actually awarded the CCE certification.
- 8.5** The CCE certification is only awarded to applicants after all parts of the examination process have been successfully completed and the certifying board approves the credentialing of the individual applicant. Thus it would be a violation of this code for an applicant to publicly indicate that he or she has "Passed" a particular part of the CCE.

9.0 A Certified Computer Examiner will at all times:

- 9.1 Demonstrate commitment and diligence in performance of assigned duties.
- 9.2 Demonstrate integrity in completing professional assignments.
- 9.3 Maintain the utmost objectivity in all forensic examinations and accurately present findings.
- 9.4 Conduct examinations based on established, validated principles.
- 9.5 Abide by the highest moral and ethical standards and obey the by-laws of the ISFCE.
- 9.6 Conduct examinations; obtain evidence or other documentation that will establish a reasonable basis for any opinion rendered.
- 9.7 Testify truthfully in all matters before any board, court or proceeding.
- 9.8 Avoid any action that would appear to be a conflict of interest.
- 9.9 Comply with all legal orders of the courts.
- 9.10 Strive to maintain professionalism in assigned duties.

9.11 Thoroughly examine all evidence in a case unless the scope of the examination is limited by court order or other mandate.

10.0 A Certified Computer Examiner will never:

10.1 Withhold any evidence that would tend to distort the truth.

10.2 Reveal any confidential matters or knowledge learned in an examination without an order from a court of competent jurisdiction or with the express permission of the client.

10.3 Express an opinion on the guilt or innocence of any party.

10.4 Engage in any unethical or illegal conduct.

10.5 Knowingly undertake an assignment beyond his/her skills.

10.6 Misrepresent training, credentials or association membership.

10.7 Show bias or prejudice in findings or examinations.

10.8 Exceed authorization in conducting examinations.