

PEAI CODE OF ETHICS



The Polygraph Examiners Association International (PEAI) Code of Ethics will apply to all members of PEA. Members have a professional responsibility to their clients, their examinees, and all other members of PEA. All PEA members are expected to follow these principles and show their commitment to professionalism, service excellence and the continued growth of PEA and the polygraph industry.

- Members shall always conduct themselves with integrity.
- Members shall not engage in any illegal or unethical conduct.
- Members shall always maintain objectivity whilst performing their professional duties.
- Members shall not knowingly make false statements when testifying in any dispute resolution forum (disciplinary hearings, CCMA) or court of law.
- Clients or any other interested parties will be made aware of any potential conflicts of interest related to the examination(s) to be conducted.
- Members shall clarify the mandates (scope and limitations) received from clients and refrain from giving advice in specific topics they are not competent in.
- Members shall always adhere to the PEA polygraph standards:

Polygraph Setting. The below should be adhered to:

Adequate lighting in the room.

Adequate ventilation in the room.

Adequate space in the room.

A quiet and undisturbed room for the duration of the test.

Pre-test Interview:

The examiner must do a full pre-test process.

The examiner must verify the examinee's suitability for polygraph testing.

The examiner must verify the examinee's medical and mental suitability.

The examiner must verify the examinee's understanding of the language in which the test will be conducted.

The examiner must explain the reason of the polygraph to the examinee.

The examiner must explain the process of the polygraph test, the instruments to be utilised in the test and review the questions to be asked in the test.

Question formulation:

The questions must be formulated in accordance with polygraph standards and principles.

The questions must not be ambiguous in nature and language that is clear and concise must be used.

The control questions must be in line with the topic of the relevant questions.

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Collection of data and collection of charts included:

Examiner must conduct an Acquaintance test.

Examiner must utilize a validated test format.

A review of Test Data Analysis:

Physiological data must be of adequate quality for interpretation.

Scores may not be assigned to unstable or artefact data.

The correct scoring technique must be used.

- Members shall not reveal any confidential information obtained during an examination not related to the investigation to any parties without proper authorisation.
- Members shall not express any opinion regarding the guilt or innocence of any examinee.
- Members shall hand over all information gained during an examination (including charts and audio/video recordings) to a client when requested. This also applies to a request from any Board member during dispute resolution procedures.
- Members shall not solicit or accept any fees, gratuities or gifts intended to influence the examiner's decision, result, or report.
- Members shall not knowingly and actively solicit business from any client who is currently conducting business with another PEAi member to provide the same services.