Annual Ethics Requirement – Program Overview

Effective January 1, 2019
Why is there an ethics requirement?

The consideration of ethical issues is an important element of engineering and geoscience practice.

The majority of complaints received by professional associations relate to professional misconduct, rather than professional incompetence.
Applicability

• All APEGs members (except Life Members) are required to satisfy the ethics requirement each year.

• This includes:
  – Members-in-Training
  – Professional Members
  – Licensees
  – Temporary Licensees
Acceptable Activity Examples

On an annual basis, members are required to complete **verifiable** ethics training. Acceptable activities to satisfy the ethics requirement include:

- APEGSA Law & Ethics seminar;
- PD Day ethics course(s);
- employer provided program (e.g. reviews of corporate policies on privacy, use of corporate computers, client relations, ethics, etc.);
- teaching an ethics class;
- review of ethics at meetings (i.e. ethical moment similar to safety moment – attendance, topic and duration of discussion to be documented in the minutes);
- online ethics module(s);
- attendance at other ethics conferences / workshops; or
- continuing education offerings related to ethics.
Requirement Details

• It is expected that annual ethics training be at least one hour in total duration.

• Once the ethical training has been completed, members are required to log into APEGs Central and check the box to indicate they have completed the requirement for the current calendar year. Members can then document the hours spent on ethics training in the Formal Activity category.