



## American Academy of Water Resources Engineers Code of Ethics

### Fundamental Principles

Engineers uphold and advance the integrity, honor and dignity of the engineering profession by:

1. using their knowledge and skill for the enhancement of human welfare and the environment;
2. being honest and impartial and serving with fidelity the public, their employers and clients;
3. striving to increase the competence and prestige of the engineering profession; and
4. supporting the professional and technical societies of their disciplines.

### Fundamental Canons

1. Engineers shall hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public and shall strive to comply with the principles of sustainable development in the performance of their professional duties.
2. Engineers shall perform services only in areas of their competence.
3. Engineers shall issue public statements only in an objective and truthful manner.
4. Engineers shall act in professional matters for each employer or client as faithful agents or trustees, and shall avoid conflicts of interest.
5. Engineers shall build their professional reputation on the merit of their services and shall not compete unfairly with others.
6. Engineers shall act in such a manner as to uphold and enhance the honor, integrity, and dignity of the engineering profession.
7. Engineers shall continue their professional development throughout their careers, and shall provide opportunities for the professional development of those engineers under their supervision.

**I attest that I have read, understand and accept the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers Code of Ethics and agree to adhere to it. I further understand and agree that violation of the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers Code of Ethics is grounds for expulsion from the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers and revocation of the Diplomate, Water Resources Engineer credential.**

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Signature

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Date

## **DIPLOMATE, WATER RESOURCES ENGINEER APPLICANT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE**

By signing this statement, you represent and agree to these terms, conditions and releases related to the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers (AAWRE) Certification conducted under the auspices of the Civil Engineering Certification, Inc. (CEC).

1. I agree to satisfy and conduct myself in accordance with all AAWRE and CEC policies and requirements, including the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers Code of Ethics and the AAWRE Continuing Certification Requirements in their current or amended form, and maintain confidentiality of oral assessment questions and content. Furthermore, I agree not to discuss, debrief or disclose, in any manner, the specific content of the certification oral assessment's questions and answers to any individual.
2. I agree that any intentional or unintentional failure to provide true, timely and complete responses to questions in this application or renewal form may lead to further investigation and/or sanctions by the AAWRE.
3. I agree to notify the AAWRE in a timely manner of changes concerning the information I have provided, including my current professional engineer license, mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address.
4. I have reported to the AAWRE and will report to the AAWRE within 60 days, any legal or professional/occupational matters, proceedings, lawsuits, administrative agency actions, settlements and agreements, or organizational actions relating to me, including all complaints relating to my professional activities as a water resources engineer, and matters or proceeding involving, but not limited to, criminal charges, lesser offenses, credentialing, licensure, malpractice, disciplinary ethics or similar matters.
5. I agree that if my compliance with any of the terms of this agreement requires or includes an explanation and supporting documents, I will provide a complete and accurate explanation and true copies of the materials to the AAWRE with this application.
6. I agree that the AAWRE has the right to communicate with any person, government agency or organization to review or confirm the information in this application or any other information related to my application for the AAWRE certification. Further, I agree to and authorize the release of any information requested by the AAWRE for such review and confirmation.
7. I agree that certification as a Diplomat, Water Resources Engineer does not imply licensure, registration or government authorization to practice water resources engineering or to engage in related activities.
8. I agree that all materials that I submit to the AAWRE become the property of the AAWRE, and that the AAWRE is not required to return any of these materials to me.
9. I agree that upon certification, relevant professional biographical data concerning me will be considered public information and may be available to the public upon request.

10. I agree that information related to my participation in the AAWRE certification process may be used in an anonymous manner for research purposes only.
11. I agree that all disputes relating in any way to my application for the certification, or professional development will be resolved solely and exclusively by means of AAWRE policies, procedures and rules, including the Certification Appeals Process.
12. I release and indemnify AAWRE from all liability and claims that may arise out of, or be related to, my water resources engineering work and related activities.
13. I hereby release, discharge and indemnify AAWRE, its directors, officers, members, examiners, employees, attorneys, representatives, agents, and the CEC from any actions, suits, obligations, damages, claims or demands arising out of or in connection with this application, the scores given with respect to the oral assessment or any other action taken by AAWRE or CEC with regard to certification, testing and professional development including, but not limited to, all actions relating to ethics matters and cases.
14. I understand and agree that any decision concerning my qualifications for any certification, as well as any decisions regarding my continuing qualifications for any certification and my compliance with the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers Code of Ethics, rest within the sole and exclusive discretion of the AAWRE and that these decisions are final.

**ORAL ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

AAWRE encourages all qualified applicants to take the Diplomate, Water Resources Engineer (D.WRE) oral assessment and works to address all reasonable disability related accommodations disclosed with this application.

Please check one of the two options:

- 1. \_\_\_\_ I DO NOT have a disability (as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act or other applicable state or local law/regulation) that requires reasonable accommodation during the oral assessment.
  
- 2. \_\_\_\_ I HAVE a disability (as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act or other applicable state or local law/regulation) that requires reasonable accommodation during the oral assessment.

If you checked item 2 and indicated that you have (YES) a disability that requires reasonable accommodation during the oral assessment, please provide:

(1) documentation on your disability (please attach letter or other disability documentation from qualified expert such as treating physician)

(2) a brief explanation of how this disability impacts your ability to take the oral assessment,

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and

(3) your requested reasonable accommodation.

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The Academy retains the right to verify the claimed disability and provide reasonable accommodation of its choosing to enable equal access to the D.WRE oral assessment. The Academy attempts to provide oral assessments in reasonably convenient locations (usually within the state or region of a state where the applicant resides). However, this may not always be possible. By signing this page, the applicant agrees to travel (at his/her cost) to the closest available oral assessment site provided by the Academy, and attests that no reasonable accommodations are required beyond those outlined above.