

Ethics

Factors influencing decision making

Ethics: what is 'right' and 'wrong' and how people should behave

Professional ethics: application of ethical principles by professionals who have an obligation to act in the interests of others

Ethical theories:

Teleological (normative theory)

Right from wrong is determined by the consequences of the actions

Deontological (normative theory)

Right from wrong is determined by the intention behind the act

Virtue Ethics

Focuses on the ethics of the

Individual factors

- Cognitive ability
- Ethical courage

Organisational factors

- Corporate culture
- Management



Sample

APESB Code of Ethics (APES 110)

Principles based approach to ethics – provides a systematic and consistent approach that can be applied by the

Applying the code

Establish fundamental principle at issue

Identify potential threats to compliance with principle

Is threat significant?

Fundamental principles:

- Integrity
- Objectivity
- Professional competence and due care
- Confidentiality
- Professional behaviour