

## **Comparing Codes of Conduct / Ethics across Societies, and their Relevance to Professional Statisticians**

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Professions are often defined by the mastery of a set of technical skills. There are those in any profession who possess a great deal of practical experience and/or who may expand on the theoretical aspects of those skills and who may write about those advancements to the betterment of the entire profession. A number of professional associations have identified a status, sometimes described by the term 'accredited', given to a subset of the profession who, in addition to having demonstrated the best practices, also recognize the importance of and commit to following a set of ethical principles. This paper contrasts the ethical principles identified by several large professional statistical organizations. The authors identify a set of common principles found in all these statements as well as highlight some of the unique differences among these codes.

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