

INSTITUTE OF IOWA CERTIFIED ASSESSORS CODE OF ETHICS

It shall be considered unprofessional, unethical and inconsistent with the honorable and dignified bearing of any holder of the IICA designation:

1. To act in professional matters in any manner contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of law pertaining thereto.
2. To act for his/her jurisdiction otherwise than as a faithful agent, or trustee, or to accept remuneration other than his/her salary for his/her services and expenses as Assessor.
3. To accept any assignment for assessing or appraisal services if his/her employment is contingent upon his reporting any specific predetermined amount of value or is contingent upon his/her reporting specific findings other than those known to be facts at the time of his/her acceptance of such assignment.
4. To attempt to injure falsely or maliciously, directly or indirectly, the professional reputation of another Assessor or to attempt to discredit in any manner the ability or professional standing of any member of the Institute.
5. To act in any manner or engage in any practice which will tend to bring discredit upon the honor and dignity of the assessing profession.
6. To fail to respect and fulfill his/her obligation as an officer of his/her jurisdiction and as a citizen of his/her nation, state and community.
7. To voluntarily appear in any case involving the assessment of property in another jurisdiction unless it be in defense of the assessment made by another Assessor.
8. To give impromptu opinions as to the value of any property unless it shall be based upon the available facts.
9. To divulge information concerning persons or their property obtained by the IICA designee in his/her official capacity and which information was given to the Assessor in confidence, except to another Assessor.
10. To accept any gift where it is clear that such gift is made solely because the recipient is an assessing official.
11. To use the material of another in any writing or speech unless full credit is given the person who was the original author.

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

In addition to observance of the Code of Ethics, every member of this Institute is admonished to adhere to the following:

CREDO FOR IOWA CERTIFIED ASSESSOR

It shall be the obligation of each member of the Institute to consider this Credo as being founded in the Golden Rule:

To show his/her faith in the worthiness of his/her, the Assessing Profession, by industrious application thereto, to the end that he/she may merit a reputation for quality of service;

To the best of his/her ability to assess each and every parcel of property on an equal basis and to establish the highest possible basis of equalization;

To conduct himself/herself, in building his/her success, that he/she does not tear down that of others by questionable acts of his/her own;

To be fair to his/her government and to the public, honest with his/her colleagues and true to himself/herself;

To resolve within himself/herself any doubt which may arise as to the right or ethics of his/her position in all of his/her work and activities;

To hold the friendship of others as an end, rather than a means, yet accepting same in the spirit with which it was given;

To aid his /her colleagues by giving sympathy to those in distress, no rumor against any of them as truth until such shall have been proved beyond a reasonable doubt;

To be careful with his/her criticism and liberal with his/her praise, assisting no rumor against any of them as truth until such shall have been proved beyond a reasonable doubt;

To be careful with his/her criticism and liberal with his/her praise, assisting and not hindering those engaged in his/her, the Assessing Profession;

To respect and fulfill his/her obligation as an officer and a citizen to his/her nation, state and community, giving to them his/her unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed;

To hold as confidential, any information received as an officer of the government which could be used for personal gain, unless such information is or should be public pursuant to law of the requirements of official business;

To seek success and to demand all fair remuneration therefore as his/her just due, accepting nothing at the price of his/her own self-respect;

To make each assessment in strict accordance with the assessment laws of the State of Iowa, and to comply with each assessment and tax law of the state that governs the operation of his/her office.