



CIDESCO CODE OF ETHICS

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The “CIDESCO, Comité International d’Esthétique et de Cosmétologie” (**CIDESCO**) is committed to at all times maintain the highest standards of ethical conduct.

The present Code of Ethics shall specify these standards. It shall apply to the following organisations, institutions, entities and individuals, which all are either part of CIDESCO or take advantage of the reputation of CIDESCO (they are hereafter collectively referred to as **Members**):

- a) **Ordinary CIDESCO Members** (see Art 8 of the CIDESCO Statutes)
- b) **Affiliate CIDESCO Members** (see Art 9 of the CIDESCO Statutes)
- c) **Honorary CIDESCO Members** (see Art 10 of the CIDESCO Statutes)
- d) **Accredited CIDESCO Schools** (see Art 4.2 of the CIDESCO Statutes and the CIDESCO School Rules)
- e) **Accredited CIDESCO Beauty Centres** (see Art 4.2 of the CIDESCO Statutes and the CIDESCO Beauty Centres Rules)
- f) **CIDESCO Diploma Holders** (see Art 4.3 of the CIDESCO Statutes and the CIDESCO School Rules)

The commitment to comply with the rules of this CIDESCO Code of Ethics shall be a condition of the membership of or affiliation with CIDESCO of each of the Members and a violation of these rules might be a reason for CIDESCO to question, or in serious cases even withdraw the membership or affiliation.

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1. Members must always act with due regard to the laws, customs and practices of the country in which they are active or practicing in particular also to specific legal and further rules which apply to their profession.
2. Members offering services directly to the public must do so in premises which reflect the professional character of the business.
3. Members shall offer services to the public in an ethical and fair manner and follow correct business practice.
4. Members shall uphold the dignity and honour of the Beauty Therapy profession, to enhance its standing and to extend its usefulness to the public.
5. Members shall to uphold the dignity of the profession, and shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner that is befitting their profession and is a credit to CIDESCO.
6. Members shall always act in a professional manner and with the highest degree of integrity, should never speak or act in a manner that undermines the standards of the CIDESCO as an organisation, nor its Members or other professional colleagues.

7. Members shall not engage in activities which are illegal or immoral. Members shall in particular not work in or be associated with establishments or organisations which offer services which are illegal or immoral.
8. Members shall not undertake treatments which are beyond the scope of their professional training and qualification. In particular Members who do not hold a relevant medical qualification must advise clients to consult a medical practitioner in cases requiring medical attention.
9. Members shall not treat any client for a condition which, to their knowledge, is at the time under the care of a medical practitioner without the knowledge and consent of that practitioner. When treating a client for the first time Members must ask if the client is under medical care or has any medical condition which may contraindicate treatment.
10. Members shall not give injections or prescribe drugs, ointments or lotions which should be prescribed by a medical practitioner; nor should they perform any treatment that should be undertaken by a medical practitioner.
11. Members shall always respect and act in accordance with the CIDESCO Trademark Rules. Their advertising shall in particular always comply with advertising regulations and with the regulations governing the use of the registered CIDESCO name and logo under the CIDESCO Trademark Rules.
12. Members when acting in any professional capacity shall endeavour to provide the general public with information concerning the services supplied under the CIDESCO name. Such information shall be accurate and in no way claim or imply superiority over the professional services offered by other Members nor must it be of such nature as to bring the profession into disrepute.
13. Members shall neither agree to practise under any conditions which compromise professional standards nor impose such conditions on their members or employees.
14. Member shall respect the confidentiality of information acquired in the course of professional practice relating to employers, colleagues and / or clients