



CODE OF ETHICS:

ASSESSMENT-BASED CERTIFICATE HOLDERS

Statement of Principles and Affirmations

The *Assessment-Based Certificate Holders Code of Ethics* of the American Board of Audiology specifies professional standards that provide for the proper discharge of audiologists' responsibilities to those served and protects the integrity of the profession.

Those who hold an ABA assessment-based certificate agree to abide by the following principles:

PRINCIPLE 1: Certificate holders shall provide professional services with honesty and compassion, and shall respect the dignity, worth, and rights of those served.

PRINCIPLE 2: Certificate holders shall maintain high standards of professional competence in rendering services, providing only those professional services for which they are qualified by education and experience.

PRINCIPLE 3: Certificate holders shall provide appropriate supervision and assume full responsibility for services delegated to supportive personnel. Certificate holders shall not delegate any service requiring professional competence to unqualified persons.

PRINCIPLE 4: Certificate holders shall not accept compensation for supervision or sponsorship beyond reimbursement of expenses.

PRINCIPLE 5: Certificate holders shall not provide services except in a professional relationship, and shall not discriminate in the provision of services to individuals on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or general health.

PRINCIPLE 6: Certificate holders shall not permit personnel to engage in any practice that would violate the Code of Ethics.

PRINCIPLE 7: Certificate holders shall not reveal to unauthorized third parties any professional or personal information obtained from the person served professionally, unless required by law.

PRINCIPLE 8: Certificate holders shall not misrepresent their educational degrees, training, credentials, or competence. Only degrees earned from regionally accredited colleges and universities in which training was obtained in audiology may be used in public statements that make reference to such degrees.

PRINCIPLE 9: Certificate holders shall not engage in dishonesty or illegal conduct that adversely reflects on the profession.

PRINCIPLE 10: Certificate holders shall not violate this Code of Ethics, nor attempt to circumvent it in any manner.