

Government Notice No. 20 of 2026

THE TOWN PLANNERS' COUNCIL ACT 2022

**Regulations made by the Minister, after consultation with
the Town Planners' Council, under section 46(3)(a) of
the Town Planners' Council Act 2022**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Town Planners' Council (Code of Practice) Regulations 2026.
2. In these regulations –
“Act” means the Town Planners' Council Act 2022.
3. For the purpose of section 5(d) of the Act, the Code of Practice for a registered town planner shall be the Code set out in the Schedule.
4. These regulations shall come into operation on 14 February 2026.

Made by the Minister, after consultation with the Town Planners' Council, on 2 February 2026.

SCHEDULE
[Regulation 3]

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR REGISTERED
TOWN PLANNERS

1. General principles

In the conduct of his profession, every registered town planner shall –

- (a) demonstrate honesty and integrity;
- (b) demonstrate professional competence;
- (c) exercise independent professional judgment;
- (d) exercise his professional practice and discharge his duties in accordance with the highest standards that apply in the profession;
- (e) demonstrate professional behaviour and respect.

2. Honesty and integrity

(1) Every registered town planner shall uphold the highest standards of professional ethics and shall act with honesty and integrity throughout his career.

(2) Every registered town planner shall take reasonable steps to ensure that his private, personal, political and financial interests do not conflict with his professional duties.

(3) Every registered town planner shall disclose to his employer or clients, as appropriate, any potential conflict of interest and shall take reasonable precautions to ensure that no conflict arises between the interests of one employer, client or business associate and the interests of another.

(4) No registered town planner shall disclose or use to his advantage, any employer's or client's information acquired in confidence in the course of his work, unless disclosure is required by law, or is with the written and informed consent of the employer or client, as the case may be.

(5) No registered town planner shall offer or accept any bribe or inducement, financial or otherwise, to influence a decision or professional point of view with regard to planning matters.

(6) Every registered town planner shall disclose to his employer or clients any offer of inducement, discount, gift or commission received from any third party in connection with his work.

(7) No registered town planner shall –

- (a) give undue publicity to his qualifications, experience or services; and
- (b) represent or advertise himself or his professional services in a false, misleading or deceptive manner.

3. Professional competence

(1) Every registered town planner shall act competently, conscientiously and responsibly and shall apply reasonable standards of skill, knowledge and care in the performance of his work, with the understanding that he has a duty to his employer, clients, colleagues and others.

(2) (a) Every registered town planner shall take reasonable steps to update his skills, knowledge and expertise to maintain his professional competence throughout his career for the benefit of the public, his clients, the natural environment and the quality of the built environment.

(b) Every registered town planner shall comply with any requirements for Continuing Professional Development.

(3) Every registered town planner who, as employer or manager, has responsibility for other registered town planners or professionals shall take reasonable steps to encourage and support them in the maintenance of professional competence and the undertaking of Continuing Professional Development Programmes.

(4) (a) Every registered town planner shall act within the scope of his professional competence in undertaking the professional planning services he is employed or commissioned to do.

(b) Every registered town planner shall undertake to perform professional planning services only when he, together with those whom he may engage as employees or consultants, are sufficiently qualified by education, training or experience in the specific areas involved.

4. Independent professional judgment

(1) Every registered town planner shall exercise fearlessly and impartially his independent professional judgment to the best of his skill and understanding.

(2) No registered town planner shall make or subscribe to any statements or reports which is or are contrary to his own genuine professional opinion, nor knowingly enter into any contract or agreement which requires him to do so.

(3) Every registered town planner shall base his professional advice on evidence which is relevant, reliable and capable of being supported and shall present the results of data and analysis clearly and without manipulation.

(4) Every registered town planner shall disclose his professional designation, where appropriate, to his employer, clients, colleagues or others and, unless there is good reason not to, he shall use his post-nominal letters, where held and where possible, in any professional correspondence as a mark of professional standing.

5. Professional practice and duties

(1) Before commencing work on any planning services, every registered town planner shall –

- (a) ensure that his terms of engagement, which include a written fee agreement, clear indication of the likely fees and expenses and a description of the services proposed, have been given and confirmed in writing to his clients; and
- (b) ensure that the terms of engagement have been understood and accepted by the clients.

(2) Every registered town planner shall honour the terms of engagement agreed upon unless there is written agreement to a variation.

(3) Every registered town planner shall notify his clients in writing before undertaking planning work or incurring fees or expenses additional to those previously agreed and shall satisfy himself that the necessary instructions have been received.

(4) When accepting instructions, every registered town planner shall ensure that the services offered are appropriate and proportionate to the requirements of the client.

(5) Every registered town planner shall have a professional indemnity insurance policy.

(6) Every registered town planner who is responsible for holding client money shall take reasonable steps to account separately for those funds in order to protect his clients and shall return any money held as soon as practicable following a written request to do so.

(7) Every registered town planner who, as employer or manager, is responsible for the work of an organisation or body engaged in planning work shall take reasonable steps to ensure that planning matters in the organisation or body are conducted in accordance with this Code.

(8) When receiving instructions from a client, every registered town planner shall indicate that any relevant professional adviser shall be consulted.

(9) Subparagraphs (1) to (8) shall not be applicable to a registered town planner appointed by –

- (a) the Public Service Commission;
- (b) the Local Government Service Commission;
- (c) the Town and Country Planning Board;
- (d) a tertiary institution or university in Mauritius.

(10) No registered town planner shall maliciously or unfairly criticise or attempt to discredit another registered town planner's work or reputation.

(11) No registered town planner shall canvass repeatedly or persistently nor continue canvassing instructions from individuals or clients who have clearly stated that they do not require the services offered.

6. Professional behaviour and respect

(1) (a) Every registered town planner shall, at all times, act in such manner as to promote and encourage equity and inclusion.

(b) No registered town planner shall discriminate against any other person on the ground of age, caste, colour, creed, ethnic origin, impairment, marital status, place of origin, political opinion, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.

(2) Every registered town planner shall, at all times, conduct himself in such manner as not to prejudice his professional status.
