

National Assembly Ethics Rules

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Article 1 (Obligation to Follow Ethics Rules)

The members of the National Assembly must follow the ethics rules to the best of their ability.

Article 2 (Maintenance of Dignity)

The members of the National Assembly, in carrying out their duty, must not engage in conduct that harms the dignity of the National Assembly.

Article 3 (Obligation to Remain Uncorrupt)

The members of the National Assembly must remain uncorrupt in connection with their official duties, and must not engage in behavior that appears corrupt.

Article 4 (Prohibition against Abuse of Authority)

① The members of the National Assembly may not abuse their authority to unfairly pander influence or receive any compensation for engaging in such a conduct.

② The members of the National Assembly may not abuse their authority to enter into contracts for the government, public organizations or companies and may not obtain property rights or profits thereby, or obtain positions or broker the employment of other persons.

Article 5 (Prohibition against Obtaining Valuables in Connection with Official Duties)

The members of the National Assembly may not obtain, directly or indirectly, any valuables or profits from persons who have a direct interest in legislation or any other legislative measures, and may not grant any such items for political purposes.

Article 6 (Prohibition against Disclosing Classified Information)

The members of the National Assembly may not disclose important confidential information related to national security obtained in the course of official duties, without good cause.

Article 7 (Gratuity)

The members of the National Assembly may not receive any gratuity that is more than what is ordinarily or customarily given in connection with lecturing, contributing to a publication or for any other similar activities.

Article 8 (Prohibition against Holding Multiple Offices)

- ① The Chair or the Vice Chair may not hold any other office except otherwise allowed by law.
- ② The head a permanent or special committee may not take paying positions from companies or organizations that re related to the committee.

Article 9 (Report of Holding Multiple Offices)

If a member of the National Assembly also holds other paying positions, he or she must report to the Chair the name of the companies or organizations, his or her work duties and other related information.

Article 10 (Obligation to Recuse)

A member of the National Assembly has the obligation to recuse himself or herself from legislative procedures, policy review procedures or investigatory procedures if he or she has a direct conflict of interest, after disclosing the interest.

Article 11 (Reporting of Assets)

The members of the National Assembly must fulfill to the best of their ability the obligation to register and report their assets in accordance with the ethics laws governing government officials.

Article 12 (Prohibition against Contributions)

- ① The members of the National Assembly must not send flower bouquets or flower plants to various celebrations or local events;
- ② The members of the National Assembly must not send to various celebrations or local events any items, such as event donation or contributions, above and beyond what is customarily given.
- ③ The members of the National Assembly may not give out New Year's cards, calendars or other gifts at the end of the year or during any holidays. However, greeting cards that double as legislative activity reports will be exempted.
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Article 13 (Foreign Activities)

① The members of the National Assembly, when engaged in activities in a foreign country, shall promptly provide reports or briefs of such activities.

② The members of the National Assembly may not engage in extensive foreign activities or stay in a foreign country for an extended amount of time unless there is a good cause.

[Wholly amended July 13, 1993]

Article 14 (Attendance)

① A member of the National Assembly must diligently attend various conferences of the National Assembly, unless he or she submits a leave of absence or a request of absence, except when he or she is on an official visit to a foreign country, or for other similar reasons.

② The members of the National Assembly may not be absent from various conferences of the National Assembly because he or she is holding a wedding, because he or she is engaged in local activities or any other similar reasons.

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Article 15 (Staff Management)

The members of the National Assembly must diligently and in good faith oversee his or her staff, and may not use the money provided for the purpose of compensating his or her staff by the National Assembly for any other purposes.

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