



## **ADSA Code of Ethics for the Profession of Dietetics in South Africa**

### **Professional Competence**

*As an ADSA full member I pledge:*

- 1) to practice dietetics based on current scientific and management principles.
- 2) to assume responsibility and accountability for personal competence in practice
- 3) to recognize and exercise professional judgment within the limits of my qualifications and seek counsel or make referrals as appropriate.

### **Relationships with Colleagues**

*As an ADSA full member I further pledge:*

- 1) to make all reasonable effort to avoid bias in any kind of professional evaluation, while recognizing legitimate differences of opinion.
- 2) to not compromise my standards of care to meet commercial targets.

### **Relationships with Clients**

- 1) to provide professional services with objectivity and respect for the unique needs and values of individuals without discrimination and in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act 108 of 1996).
- 2) to maintain confidentiality of privileged information.
- 3) to accept responsibility to provide the best standards of service possible for clients with the available resources.
- 4) to not compromise standards of care to meet commercial targets.
- 5) to provide sufficient information to enable clients to make their own informed decisions and acts as the client's advocate or agent if appropriate.
- 6) to conduct myself with honesty, integrity and fairness and to act to prevent conflict of interest.
- 7) to not advertise in a false or misleading manner.

### **Legal and Social Responsibilities**

- 1) to uphold the professional guidelines of the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)
- 2) to renew my registration as dietitian with the HPCSA annually.
- 3) to comply with the CPD guidelines of the HPCSA.