

IET Disciplinary Regulations

Privacy Notice

This Privacy Notice should be read in conjunction with the IET's main Privacy Notice, available at www.theiet.org/help/privacy.

Members of the IET are expected to abide by the <u>IET's Rules of Conduct</u>. Where allegations of breaches of those rules are received, those allegations are handled in accordance with the process set out in the <u>IET's Disciplinary Regulations</u>. This Privacy Notice sets out how personal data will be managed by the IET in the course of the disciplinary process. For further information about the disciplinary process, you are referred to the Guidance on the IET's Disciplinary.

Part A: Members, Complainants and Witnesses

The IET's lawful basis for processing personal data is: i) Article 6(1)(f) UK GDPR - 'processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller or by a third party, except where such interests are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject which require protection of personal data'; and ii) Article 6(1)(b) UK GDPR - 'necessary for the performance of a contract' (IET membership).

Where it is necessary to process criminal offence data, the IET will do so on the basis set out in Paragraph 33 of Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018, which is that the processing is 'necessary for the purpose of obtaining legal advice or the purpose of establishing, exercising or defending legal rights'.

Where it is necessary to process special category data, the IET will do so on the basis set out in Article 9(2)(f) UK GDPR, which is that 'processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims'.

The IET's volunteers and advisors engaged in the disciplinary process are under a duty of confidentiality to the IET in respect of all information they receive. IET volunteers are also required to abide by the IET's <u>Volunteer Code of Conduct</u>.

Generally, the accused member will be informed of the identity of the complainant during the process unless:

- i) the complaint is made anonymously; or
- ii) it is likely that there is a risk to the rights and freedoms of the complainant. In this case, the IET will conduct appropriate analysis before continuing, and will notify the complainant of the outcome.

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Even if the decision is made to withhold the identity of the complainant from the accused member, it may be such that the accused member can identify the complainant from the nature and details of the allegation and evidence provided.

The IET is mindful of the data protection principles, including the need for data minimisation, and before sharing personal data the IET will make any reasonable redactions to preserve the integrity of the information.

The table below sets out the personal information that will be processed at each stage of the disciplinary process, and by whom. References to:

- i) "IET staff" means those IET staff that need to know the information.
 - "Preliminary Investigation Panel" means the Preliminary Investigation Panel convened in accordance with Regulation 5 of the IET's Disciplinary Regulations.
- ii) "Disciplinary Panel" means the Disciplinary Panel convened in accordance with Regulation 9 of the IET's Disciplinary Regulations.
- iii) "Independent Reviewer" means the Independent Reviewer appointed in accordance with Regulation 18 of the IET's Disciplinary Regulations.
- iv) "President" means the President of the IET.
- v) "Appeal Panel" means the Appeal Panel convened in accordance with Regulation 18 of the IET's Disciplinary Regulations.

	Stage of disciplinary process	Accused member information	Who is the accused member's information shared with?	Complainant information	Who is the complainant's information shared with?	Witness information	Who is the other person's information shared with?
1.	 Receipt/initiation of complaint Complaint Secretary initial considerations 	 Name of individual complained about Other details to verify the identity of the individual complained about to ensure they are an IET member. This might include: Date of birth 	IET staff IET advisors Where the Complaint Secretary considers that the issue should be referred to the police or any other agency, authority or body, the IET may either:	 Name Other identifying information as supplied by complainant Details of the complaint Any further details in response to Complaint Secretary 	IET staffIET advisors	Witnesses to the alleged improper conduct, as such information is supplied by the complainant. This might include: Name Home address Email address	IET staffIET advisors

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		Membership number Home address Email address (work and/or personal) Employer information Details of the alleged misconduct	i) Refer the complainant to the police or any other agency, authority or body; or ii) Make the referral to the police or any other agency, authority or body	requests for further information		(work and/or personal) Employer information Details of witnesses' involvement in the complaint, as such information is supplied by the complainant	
2.	Preliminary Investigation Committee – Conflict of interest check	Name of individual complained about Other details to verify the identity of the individual complained about to ensure no conflict	Three members of the Preliminary Investigation Committee, who are invited to form a Preliminary Investigation Panel to consider the case Any additional members of the Preliminary Investigation Committee where a conflict has been identified	Name Other details to verify the identity of the complainant to ensure no conflict	Three members of the Preliminary Investigation Committee, who are invited to form a Preliminary Investigation Panel to consider the case Any additional members of the Preliminary Investigation Committee where a conflict has been identified	Name Other details to verify the identity of the witness to ensure no conflict	Three members of the Preliminary Investigation Committee, who are invited to form a Preliminary Investigation Panel to consider the case Any additional members of the Preliminary Investigation Committee where a conflict has been identified
3.	Preliminary Investigation Panel – initial consideration of the complaint (PIP1)	As per row 1above	Preliminary Investigation Panel IET staff IET advisors	As per row 1 above	Preliminary Investigation Panel IET staff IET advisors	As per row 1 above	Preliminary Investigation Panel IET staff IET advisors
4.	PIP 1 Decision – where matter does not raise an issue of improper conduct worthy of further consideration	Decision of PIP1	Accused member Complainant				
5.	Investigation	As per row 1 above Details ascertained during course of investigation	IET staff IET advisors IET third party investigator(s) ¹ Complainant	As per row 1 above Details ascertained during course of investigation	IET staff IET advisors IET third party investigator(s) Accused member	As per row 1 above Witnesses, as such information is supplied by the Accused member.	IET staff IET advisors IET third party investigator(s) Accused member

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¹ The third party investigator(s) is a separate data controller and will issue their own privacy notice in respect of the investigation they are instructed to carry out.



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			Witnesses		• Witnesses	This might include: Name Home address Email address Work and/or personal Employer information Details of witnesses involvement, as such information is supplied by the Accused member Details ascertained during course of investigation	Complainant
6.	Preliminary Investigation Panel – consideration of the investigator's report and recommendation (PIP2)	As per row 5 above	Preliminary Investigation Panel IET staff IET advisors Accused member (will receive a copy of the investigator's report only)	As per row 5 above	Preliminary Investigation Panel IET staff IET advisors Accused member (will receive a copy of the investigator's report only)	As per row 5 above	Preliminary Investigation Panel IET staff IET advisors Accused member (will receive a copy of the investigator's report only)
7.	PIP2 – where no further action	Decision of PIP2	IET staff IET advisors Accused member Complainant				
8.	PIP2 – where referring to another body or procedure	Decision of PIP2	IET staff IET advisors Relevant body Accused member (unless otherwise prohibited)				
9.	PIP2 – where proposing ABAS	Decision of PIP2 and ABAS details	IET staff IET advisors Accused member Complainant – where ABAS accepted, and only to confirm conclusion of process (not sanction)	Nama	Theorem	Name	Thurston
10.	Disciplinary Committee –	Name of individual	Three members of	Name	Three members of	Name	Three members of

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Conflict of interest check	complained about Other details to verify the identity of the individual complained about to ensure no conflict	the Disciplinary Committee, who are invited to form a Disciplinary Panel to consider the case Any additional members of the Disciplinary Committee where a conflict has been identified Where a Disciplinary Panel member is objected to by the accused member, the Chair of the Disciplinary Panel will consider the objection, who may be advised by IET staff or IET advisors	Other details to verify the identity of the complainant to ensure no conflict	the Disciplinary Committee, who are invited to form a Disciplinary Panel to consider the case Any additional members of the Disciplinary Committee where a conflict has been identified Where a Disciplinary Panel member is objected to by the accused member, the Chair of the Disciplinary Panel will consider the objection, who may be advised by IET staff or IET advisors	Other details to verify the identity of the witness to ensure no conflict	the Disciplinary Committee, who are invited to form a Preliminary Investigation Panel to consider the case Any additional members of the Disciplinary Committee where a conflict has been identified Where a Disciplinary Panel member is objected to by the accused member, the Chair of the Disciplinary Panel will consider the objection, who may be advised by IET staff or IET advisors
Disciplinary panel – preliminary / procedural issues	All information pertaining to the issue to be determined	Chair of Disciplinary Panel, or full Disciplinary Panel, as applicable IET staff IET advisors (including Legal Assessor) Presenter Accused member advisors / representative (if so appointed)	All information pertaining to the issue to be determined	Chair of Disciplinary Panel, or full Disciplinary Panel, as applicable IET staff IET advisors (including Legal Assessor) Presenter Accused member advisors / representative (if so appointed)	All information pertaining to the issue to be determined	Chair of Disciplinary Panel, or full Disciplinary Panel, as applicable IET staff IET advisors (including Legal Assessor) Presenter Accused member advisors / representative (if so appointed)
Disciplinary Panel - hearing	As per row 5 Any further evidence submitted in preparation for the Disciplinary Panel hearing Any further	Disciplinary Panel IET staff IET advisors (including Legal Assessor) Presenter Accused member	As per row 5 Any further evidence submitted in preparation for the Disciplinary Panel hearing Any further	Disciplinary Panel IET staff IET advisors (including Legal Assessor) Presenter Accused member	As per row 5 Any further evidence submitted in preparation for the Disciplinary Panel hearing Any further	Disciplinary Panel IET staff IET advisors (including Legal Assessor) Presenter Accused member

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13.	Disciplinary Panel - decision	documentary evidence admitted during the Disciplinary Panel hearing All oral evidence submitted during the Disciplinary Panel hearing Where the Disciplinary Panel hearing is convened in accordance with Regulation 17.10, all evidence produced as part of the appeal. Decision of Disciplinary Panel	advisors / representative (if so appointed) • Attendees of the hearing (including witnesses and those invited by the Disciplinary Panel) • Disciplinary Panel • Preliminary Investigation Panel • IET staff • IET advisors (including Legal Assessor) • Presenter • Accused member • Complainant – only to confirm conclusion of process (not the decision / sanction)	documentary evidence admitted during the Disciplinary Panel hearing All oral evidence submitted during the Disciplinary Panel hearing Where the Disciplinary Panel hearing is convened in accordance with Regulation 17.10, all evidence produced as part of the appeal.	Accused member advisors / representative (if so appointed) Attendees of the hearing (including witnesses and those invited by the Disciplinary Panel)	documentary evidence admitted during the Disciplinary Panel hearing All oral evidence submitted during the hearing Where the Disciplinary Panel hearing is convened in accordance with Regulation 17.10, all evidence produced as part of the appeal.	Accused member advisors / representative (if so appointed) Attendees of the hearing (including witnesses and those invited by the Disciplinary Panel)
14.	Disciplinary Panel – publication of decision (suspension or expulsion only)	 Name and post nominals Sanction Duration of sanction (suspension only) 	Readers of IET's website ²				
15.	Disciplinary Panel – publication of decision at	Name and post nominals	Readers of IET's				

² https://www.theiet.org/about/governance/disciplinary-panel-decisions. Readers of the IET's website include, but are not limited to, IET members, volunteers, customers and the general public.

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The purpose of publishing the sanction (suspension / expulsion) is to uphold professional standards and the integrity of the IET to its members, the sector and the general public. It is necessary and appropriate to correct public perception as to the sanctioned individual's standing with the IET - in the same way that publication of membership, fellowship and professional registration may professionally advantage an individual, that professional advantage may be lost upon publication of membership suspension / termination pursuant to disciplinary action. Therefore, this activity is the singular mechanism for alerting others (including (potential) employers and other membership/professional bodies) that an individual's membership is suspended or terminated and serves to protect the public



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16.	the request of the accused member Disciplinary Panel –	The fact that a complaint of improper conduct against the accused member has been dismissed. Name	website ³ • Engineering Council /				
	notification of decision to Engineering Council or other regulatory body (suspension or expulsion of registered member only)	Date of birth Membership number Home address Sanction	other regulatory body				
17.	Appeal by complainant at PIP1 Stage – Conflict of interest check	Name of individual complained about Other details to verify the identity of the individual complained about to ensure no conflict	Independent Reviewer (external volunteer) Any other individual invited to perform the role of the Independent Reviewer where a conflict has been identified	Name Other details to verify the identity of the complainant to ensure no conflict	Independent Reviewer Any other individual invited to perform the role of the Independent Reviewer where a conflict has been identified	Name Other details to verify the identity of the witness to ensure no conflict	Independent Reviewer Any other individual invited to perform the role of the Independent Reviewer where a conflict has been identified
18.	Appeal by complainant at PIP1 Stage	As per rows 3 and 4 aboveDetails as set out in the Appeal Notice	Independent ReviewerIET staffIET advisors	As per rows 3 and 4 above Details as set out in the Appeal Notice	Independent Reviewer IET staff IET advisors	As per rows 3 and 4 above Details as set out in the Appeal Notice	Independent ReviewerIET staffIET advisors
19.	Independent Reviewer – decision (after PIP1 appeal)	Decision of Independent Reviewer	Independent Reviewer IET staff IET advisors Complainant Preliminary Investigation Panel (where the appeal is accepted)	Decision of Independent Reviewer	Independent Reviewer IET staff IET advisors Accused member (if so directed by the Independent Reviewer) Preliminary Investigation Panel (where the appeal is accepted)		
20.	Appeal by complainant at PIP2 Stage – Conflict of	Name of individual complained about	Independent Reviewer (external volunteer)	Name Other details to	Independent Reviewer	Name Other details to verify	Independent Reviewer

³ The duration of this notice appearing on the IET's website will be agreed with the member concerned, subject to a limit of 12 months. Document ID: IET Disciplinary Regulations – Privacy

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	interest check	Other details to verify	Any other individual	verify the identity of	Any other individual	the identity of the	Any other individual
		the identity of the individual complained about to ensure no conflict	invited to perform the role of the Independent Reviewer where a conflict has been identified	the complainant to ensure no conflict	invited to perform the role of the Independent Reviewer where a conflict has been identified	witness to ensure no conflict	invited to perform the role of the Independent Reviewer where a conflict has been identified
21.	Appeal by complainant at PIP2 Stage	 As per rows 6 and 7 above Details as set out in the Appeal Notice 	Independent ReviewerIET staffIET advisors	 As per rows 6 and 7 above Details as set out in the Appeal Notice 	Independent Reviewer IET staff IET advisors	As per rows 6 and 7 above Details as set out in the Appeal Notice	Independent ReviewerIET staffIET advisors
22.	Independent Reviewer – decision (after PIP2 appeal)	Decision of Independent Reviewer	 Independent Reviewer IET staff IET advisors Complainant Preliminary Investigation Panel (where the appeal is accepted) 	Decision of Independent Reviewer	Independent Reviewer IET staff IET advisors Accused member (if so directed by the Independent Reviewer) Preliminary Investigation Panel (where the appeal is accepted)		
23.	Appeal by member – Conflict of interest check (President)	 Name of individual complained about Other details to verify the identity of the individual complained about to ensure no conflict 	 President Deputy / Vice Presidents where a conflict has been identified 	Name Other details to verify the identity of the complainant to ensure no conflict	President Deputy / Vice Presidents where a conflict has been identified	Name Other details to verify the identity of the witness to ensure no conflict	President Deputy / Vice Presidents where a conflict has been identified
24.	Appeal by member – consideration by President	 Appeal Notice as submitted by the accused member, including all information and evidence attached. 	President	Appeal Notice as submitted by the accused member, including all information and evidence attached.	President	Appeal Notice as submitted by the accused member, including all information and evidence attached.	 President
25.	President - decision	Decision of President	 President IET staff IET advisors (including Legal Assessor) Disciplinary Panel (where President makes decision 				

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26.	Appeal by member –	Name of individual	under Regulation 17.1.1) Appeal Panel (where President makes decision under Regulation 17.1.2) Six members of other	Name	Six members of	Name	Six members of
	Conflict of interest check (Appeal Panel)	complained about Other details to verify the identity of the individual complained about to ensure no conflict	Professional Engineering Institutions, who are invited to form an Appeal Panel to consider the case Where an Appeal Panel member is objected to by the	Other details to verify the identity of the complainant to ensure no conflict	other Professional Engineering Institutions, who are invited to form an Appeal Panel to consider the case Where an Appeal Panel member is objected to by the	Other details to verify the identity of the witness to ensure no conflict	other Professional Engineering Institutions, who are invited to form an Appeal Panel to consider the case Where an Appeal Panel member is objected to by the
			accused member, the President will consider the objection, who may be advised by IET staff or IET advisors		accused member, the President will consider the objection, who may be advised by IET staff or IET advisors		accused member, the President will consider the objection, who may be advised by IET staff or IET advisors
27.	Appeal Panel – preliminary / procedural issues	All information pertaining to the issue to be determined	Chair of Appeal Panel, or full Appeal Panel, as applicable IET staff IET advisors (including Legal Assessor) Presenter Accused member advisors / representative (if so appointed)	All information pertaining to the issue to be determined	Chair of Appeal Panel, or full Appeal Panel, as applicable IET staff IET advisors (including Legal Assessor) Presenter Accused member advisors / representative (if so appointed)	All information pertaining to the issue to be determined	Chair of Appeal Panel, or full Appeal Panel, as applicable IET staff IET advisors (including Legal Assessor) Presenter Accused member Accused member advisors / representative (if so appointed)
28.	Appeal Panel – hearing	 As per row 12, but excluding any oral evidence presented at the Disciplinary Panel hearing. Any further evidence submitted in preparation for the 	Appeal Panel IET staff IET advisors (including Legal Assessor) Presenter Accused member advisors /	As per row 12, but excluding any oral evidence presented at the Disciplinary Panel hearing. Any further evidence submitted in preparation for	Appeal Panel IET staff IET advisors (including Legal Assessor) Presenter Accused member advisors /	As per row 12, but excluding any oral evidence presented at the Disciplinary Panel hearing. Any further evidence submitted in preparation for	Appeal Panel IET staff IET advisors (including Legal Assessor) Presenter Accused member advisors /

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		Appeal Panel hearing Any further documentary evidence admitted during the Appeal Panel hearing All oral evidence submitted during the Appeal Panel hearing	representative (if so appointed) • Attendees of the hearing (including witnesses and those invited by the Appeal Panel)	the Appeal Panel hearing Any further documentary evidence admitted during the Appeal Panel hearing All oral evidence submitted during the Appeal Panel hearing	representative (if so appointed) • Attendees of the hearing (including witnesses and those invited by the Appeal Panel)	the Appeal Panel hearing Any further documentary evidence admitted during the Appeal Panel hearing All oral evidence submitted during the Appeal Panel hearing	representative (if so appointed) • Attendees of the hearing (including witnesses and those invited by the Appeal Panel)
29.	Appeal Panel - decision	Decision of Appeal Panel	Appeal Panel Disciplinary Panel Preliminary Investigation Panel IET staff IET advisors (including Legal Assessor) Presenter Accused member Complainant — only to confirm conclusion of process (not the decision / sanction)				
30.	Appeal Panel – publication of decision (suspension or expulsion only)	 Name and post nominals Sanction Duration of sanction (suspension only) 	Readers of IET website ⁴				
31.	Appeal Panel – notification to Engineering Council or other regulatory body (suspension or expulsion of registered member only)	 Name Date of birth Membership number Home address Sanction 	Engineering Council / other regulatory body				
32.	At any point – where criminal or civil proceedings related to the	Name Information as to the criminal or civil	Preliminary Investigation Committee or Chair of				

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	alleged misconduct are				
	under way or likely	to the alleged	,		
	(Regulation 1.2)	misconduct	IET staff		
			 IET advisors 		
			 Complainant 		
33.	At any point – where the	Name	IET staff		
	accused member's	 Information 	 IET advisors 		
	membership comes to an	available pertaining	 Preliminary 		
	end during the disciplinary	to the allegations			
	process (Regulation 1.4)	against the accused	so appointed, for the		
	, , , ,	member as at the			
		date of referral to			
		the GEE Director	Director's decision)		
			Disciplinary Panel (if		
			so appointed, for the		
			purposes of		
			communicating GEE		
			Director's decision)		
			Appeal Panel (if so		
			appointed, for the		
			purposes of		
			communicating GEE		
			Director's decision)		
			Complainant (for the		
			purposes of		
			communicating GEE		
			Director's decision)		

With regards to the Presenter and accused member's representative, their details will shared with all participants at a Disciplinary Panel or Appeal Panel hearing (as applicable) and may be documented within the case-related papers and communications.

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