

## THE INTEGRITY COMMISSION

In September 1997, the Parliament of Guyana replaced the Integrity Commission Act 1991 with the Integrity Commission Act 1997, which was much broader in scope.

Twenty years later, more changes were made and the Order of the Integrity Commission (*Amendment of Code of Conduct*) 2017 came into being.

Under the Act, an Integrity Commission has to be established and the latest commission to be appointed took office in

### 1. What is the Integrity Commission?

The Integrity Commission is a broad-based public sector anti-corruption body that functions independently with a mandate to foster public trust and confidence; promote integrity and accountability; prevent, investigate and expose corruption; support development and implementation of an anti-corruption plan; and improve coordination and efficiency so as to enhance standards of ethical conduct for parliamentarians, public officials and other individuals specified by law.

*A list of all the public officials covered by the Integrity Commission Act can be found here <http://integritycommission.gov.gy/schedule-1>*

### 2 Who can report misconduct to the Commission?

Anyone can report misconduct, as long as the complaint is received in writing. The complaint must outline all the available particulars of the breach, including who committed it, when and where among other things.

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### Can someone make a complaint anonymously?

While the Act does not provide a mechanism to make anonymous disclosures, we encourage anyone who fears identifying himself/herself for the purpose of making a disclosure to contact our Office to discuss the process and procedures we use, and the protections provided by the Act to disclosers.

## OUR VISION

*“Improved public confidence in the integrity of persons in public life.”*

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*“Securing the integrity of persons in public life.”*





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#### 4. What are some of the specific areas of misconduct under the Code of Conduct?

There are several areas, to include: Bribery, Discrimination, Accepting Gifts as a motive to perform his or her duties, Conflict of Interest, Misuse of official influence, Mishandling classified or proprietary information, Misuse of public property, Sexual misconduct, Acceptance of lavish/frequent entertainment from persons with whom the government has or is likely to have official dealings and, Use of office in an improper manner

**More information on the Code of Conduct can be found at:**  
<http://integritycommission.gov.gy/schedule-ii>

#### 5. Where can I get more information on the Commission generally?

You can get more information by visiting our site  
<http://integritycommission.gov.gy/index.php>

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Commission**

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# The 10 principles of public life:

1. Accountability
2. Dignity
3. Diligence
4. Duty
5. Honour
6. Integrity
7. Loyalty
8. Objectivity
9. Responsibility
10. Transparency

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