

Professional Ethics H 1949

BACKGROUND: *The heading and subdivision **Professional ethics** are assigned to works that discuss rules of conduct and moral principles as they apply to all types of occupations and professions and to activities carried out in the workplace. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for assigning this heading and subdivision.*

1. General. Assign the heading **Professional ethics** (*May Subd Geog*) to general works not limited to a particular occupation that discuss the rules of conduct, moral principles, etc., to be followed by persons in performing their professional duties.

2. Occupational groups and types of employees. In accordance with H 1100, assign the free-floating subdivision **Professional ethics** (*May Subd Geog*) under occupational groups and types of employees to works that discuss rules of conduct, questions of right and wrong, etc., to be considered by persons in carrying out their duties in a particular field of work. *Examples:*

Architects–Professional ethics–France
School librarians–Professional ethics–United States
Plumbers–Professional ethics

3. Moral and ethical aspects. To works that discuss both the rules of professional conduct in a particular occupation and the broad moral and ethical principles that pertain to the discipline associated with the occupation, assign an additional heading for the discipline subdivided by the free-floating subdivision **Moral and ethical aspects** (*May Subd Geog*), in accordance with H 1998. *Example:*

Title: Surgery : ethical dilemmas.
650 #0 \$a Surgeons \$x Professional ethics.
650 #0 \$a Surgery \$x Moral and ethical aspects.

Do not use the subdivision **Moral and ethical aspects** under a topic if a phrase heading has been provided instead. New phrase headings of this type should not be established, but existing ones may still be used. *Examples:*

Business ethics
Medical ethics