

CODE OF ETHICS FOR MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

Pentecostal Association for Theological Accreditation (PATA)

Purpose

The Code of Ethics establishes the principles and standards that all member institutions of the Pentecostal Association for Theological Accreditation (PATA) are required to uphold in order to maintain the highest level of integrity, professionalism, and accountability in theological education within **India and South Asia**.

PATA, as a regional accrediting body, expects all member institutions to adhere to these ethical standards as part of their commitment to quality theological education and responsible ministry formation.

1. Commitment to Doctrinal Integrity

- Member institutions shall faithfully uphold Pentecostal doctrine as foundational to all teaching and practice.
 - Institutions must ensure that all programs and faculty adhere to biblical truth and Pentecostal distinctives.
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2. Academic Excellence

- Institutions shall maintain rigorous academic standards that promote critical thinking, theological depth, and ministerial competence.
 - Member institutions commit to continuous improvement and adherence to PATA accreditation standards.
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3. Spiritual Formation and Leadership

- The spiritual growth and character development of students shall be prioritized alongside academic training.
 - Institutions must foster an environment that encourages Spirit-empowered leadership and ethical ministry.
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4. Respect and Fair Treatment

- Member institutions shall treat all students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders with dignity, respect, and fairness.
 - Discrimination, harassment, or exploitation in any form is strictly prohibited.
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5. Transparency and Accountability

- Institutions shall operate with transparency in governance, financial management, and academic affairs.
 - Regular reporting to PATA and compliance with accreditation standards is mandatory.
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6. Collaboration and Fellowship

- Member institutions shall actively participate in PATA initiatives, fostering cooperation, mentoring, and networking among theological institutions.
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7. Compliance with Laws and Regulations

- Institutions must comply with all applicable national and local laws governing education, accreditation, and institutional operations.
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8. Enforcement and Compliance

Failure to comply with this Code of Ethics may result in disciplinary action by PATA, including:

- Formal warning
 - Suspension of membership or accreditation
 - Withdrawal of accreditation or membership
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Acknowledgment and Commitment

All member institutions are required to formally affirm their commitment to this Code of Ethics annually.

Name of Institution: _____

Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

