STUDY SESSION

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Ethical and Professional Standards

The readings in this study session address the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct (Code and Standards). The Code and Standards provide guidance to help identify and resolve ethical conflicts present in everyday activities in the investment profession. "Guidance" in the *Standards of Practice Handbook* addresses the practical application of the Code and Standards by reviewing the purpose and scope of each Standard, presenting recommended procedures for compliance, and providing examples of the Standard in practice. The study session ends with a number of case applications.

READING ASSIGNMENTS

Reading 45	Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct *Standards of Practice Handbook*, Eleventh Edition
Reading 46	Guidance for Standards I–VII *Standards of Practice Handbook*, Eleventh Edition
Reading 47	Application of the Code and Standards: Level II

LEARNING OUTCOMES

READING 45. CODE OF ETHICS AND STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

The candidate should be able to:

a describe the six components of the Code of Ethics and the seven Standards of Professional Conduct;

b explain the ethical responsibilities required of CFA Institute members and candidates in the CFA Program by the Code and Standards.

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READING 46. GUIDANCE FOR STANDARDS I–VII

The candidate should be able to:

a demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct by applying the Code and Standards to specific situations;

b recommend practices and procedures designed to prevent violations of the Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.

READING 47. APPLICATION OF THE CODE AND STANDARDS: LEVEL II

The candidate should be able to:

a evaluate practices, policies, and conduct relative to the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct;

b explain how the practices, policies, and conduct do or do not violate the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.

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