

Grounds for Disciplinary Action

The **National Pilates Certification Program (NPCP)** has established the following guidelines to inform those who are certified, candidates for certification, and the public, of its professional standards. The **NPCP** may refuse to certify, suspend, or revoke an existing certification, or otherwise take action with regard to the application or certification of an individual in the event of any of the following:

1. Non-compliance with the NPCP Code of Ethics and Scope of Practice.
2. Ineligibility for certification or certification renewal.
3. Unauthorized possession, memorization, or sharing questions that are on the NPCP exam.
4. Use, or distribution of exam score reports, trademarks, logos, written materials or other confidential or proprietary materials (registered or otherwise) of the NPCP or the testing body.
5. Cheating, disruptive behavior, or breach of confidentiality agreement at a testing event.
6. Material misrepresentation or fraud in any statement to the NPCP, to an employer or potential employer, or to the public, including but not limited to statements made to help the individual apply for, obtain, or retain certification.
7. Any physical, mental, or emotional condition of either temporary or permanent nature, including, but not limited to, substance abuse, which impairs or has the potential to impair competent and objective professional performance.
8. Negligent and/or intentional misconduct in professional work, including, but not limited to, physical or emotional abuse, disregard for safety, or the unauthorized release of confidential information.
9. The timely conviction, plea of guilty, or plea of nolo contendere in connection with a felony or misdemeanor that is directly related to public health and/or Pilates instruction or education and that impairs or has the potential to impair competent and objective professional performance and/or public confidence in the profession. These include, but are not limited to, rape, sexual abuse, actual or threatened use of a weapon or violence, or the prohibited sale, distribution, or possession with intent to distribute of a controlled substance.