

**Assessment Test for Module –
Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse In UN Missions**

This test is to be distributed at the outset of the session and re-distributed at the end of the session to determine participants' understanding of the session.

1. Check the appropriate box for the correct answer. (You may check more than one box.)

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- ☐ differential power
- ☐ or trust

for sexual purposes, including, but not limited to... profiting

- ☐ monetarily
- ☐ socially
- ☐ politically

from the sexual exploitation of another.

2. Check the appropriate box for the correct answer. (You may check more than one box.)

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☐ threatened physical intrusion

of a physical nature, whether by ☐ force
☐ unequal conditions
☐ coercive conditions.

3. Local age of consent in the mission country determines whether consensual sexual relations are permitted under UN standards of conduct. True ☐ or False ☐
4. Sexual relations with adult prostitutes are permitted only in countries where prostitution is legal. True ☐ or False ☐
5. UN peacekeepers often enjoy a position of greater power, including economic power, over the local population who are vulnerable to all kinds of exploitation, including sexual exploitation. True ☐ or False ☐
6. UN personnel should report suspicions, rumours and allegations that UN personnel have engaged in sexual exploitation and abuse, even if they are not certain such allegations are true. True ☐ or False ☐
7. The Mission Focal Point for Sexual Exploitation and Abuse is responsible for investigating complaints about sexual exploitation and abuse and reporting them to HQ. True ☐ or False ☐
8. The involvement of a UN peacekeeper in sexual exploitation and abuse can present a significant security risk to the peacekeeper and overall mission? True ☐ or False ☐
9. “What I do after hours is my own business.” True ☐ or False ☐
10. Sexual relationships between UN personnel and beneficiaries of assistance are strongly discouraged. True ☐ or False ☐

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3. The local age of consent in mission country determines whether consensual sexual relations are permitted under UN standards of conduct. True ☐ or False ✓

False. Local age of consent never determines whether consensual sexual relations are permitted for UN personnel. Under the UN standards of conduct, any sexual activity with children under the age of 18 years, regardless of the age of majority or age of consent locally, is strictly prohibited. Mistaken belief in the age of the child is not a defence.

4. Sexual relations with adult prostitutes are permitted only in countries where prostitution is legal. True ☐ or False ✓

False. The Secretary-General's Bulletin prohibits the exchange of money, employment, goods or services for sex, e.g. prostitution, regardless of national law or custom.

5. UN peacekeepers often enjoy a position of greater power, including economic power, over the local population who are vulnerable to all kinds of exploitation, including sexual exploitation True ✓ or False ☐

True. Populations in post-conflict environments often see international peacekeeping personnel and staff of humanitarian agencies as a potential source of revenue, jobs and survival. In this environment, exchanging sex for money or food can often be a means of survival for many individuals and families who depend on them.

6. UN personnel should report suspicions, rumours and allegations that UN personnel have engaged in sexual exploitation and abuse, even if they are not certain such allegations are true. True ✓ or False ☐

True. All personnel have the responsibility to report rumours or allegations of sexual exploitation or abuse to the Personnel Conduct Officer or Mission Focal Point on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. Individual staff members are not encouraged to determine the veracity of such reports. However, any evidence of reporting false allegations or malicious rumours will be the subject of disciplinary proceedings. All personnel are obligated to forward such information in good faith for a preliminary record of the event.

7. The Mission Focal Point for Sexual Exploitation and Abuse is responsible for investigating complaints about sexual exploitation and abuse and reporting them to HQ. True ☐ or False ✓

False. The Focal Point for Sexual Exploitation and Abuse is only responsible for receiving allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse misconduct and reporting them to DPKO Headquarters.

8. The involvement of a UN peacekeeper in sexual exploitation and abuse can present a significant security risk to the peacekeeper and overall mission? True ✓ or False ☐

True. Retaliation by immediate family members or communities affected by sexual exploitation and abuse can undermine the security of the individual peacekeeper, his/her contingent / section as well as the mission at large. Such abuse also undermines and damages the overall relationship between the mission and the host community. Such acts always seriously undermine the credibility and integrity of the UN's work and often impede the achievement of the mission's mandate.

9. "What I do after hours is my own business." True ☐ or False ✓

False. When you are serving on a UN peacekeeping mission, you are a representative of the organization during your free time as well as during your working day. You do not have the same freedoms in your "private life" as you do when you are in your home country or working for another organization. You accept this when you accept the job. You are held to a very high and very strict standard of conduct because in the environment of a peacekeeping mission in a war-ravaged society - your behavior, both professional and personal, is always associated with and reflects on the image of the mission.

10. Sexual relationships between UN personnel and beneficiaries of assistance are strongly discouraged. True ✓ or False ☐

True. Sexual relationships between UN personnel and beneficiaries of assistance are strongly discouraged because they are based on inherently unequal power dynamics. If a sexual relationship is an abuse of a position of vulnerability, differential power, or trust then it is sexual exploitation and prohibited. UN personnel are expected to uphold the highest standards of conduct and demonstrate good judgment. Even the perception of sexual exploitation and abuse can result in damage to the credibility of the individual and the mission.