# HR POLICY FRAMEWORK

# 1. HR POLICIES

### 1.1 Code of Conduct

- Employees must maintain integrity, confidentiality, and professionalism.
- Any form of harassment, discrimination, or offensive behaviour will not be tolerated.
- Use of company assets and data must comply with internal security and IT usage protocols.
- Conflict of interest must be declared and avoided.
- Employees are expected to maintain punctuality, dress appropriately, and represent the company positively.

# 1.2 Leave Policies

#### Casual Leave (CL)

- 12 days/year.
- Can be availed with prior approval.
- Not carried forward or encash able.

#### Sick Leave (SL)

- 10 days/year.
- Requires medical certificate if more than 2 consecutive days.
- Cannot be encashed; may be carried forward at the company's discretion.

#### Earned Leave (EL)

- 18 days/year post completion of probation.
- Can be carried forward up to 30 days.
- Encash able on exit or at year-end if company policy allows.

#### **Maternity Leave**

- 26 weeks for the first two children as per Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017.
- Additional unpaid leave of 1 month subject to managerial approval.

#### **Paternity Leave**

- 5 working days within 30 days of childbirth.
- Must be applied in advance.

#### **Bereavement Leave**

- 3 working days.
- For the loss of an immediate family member.

#### **Unpaid Leave**

- Must be applied when paid leave balance is exhausted.
- Subject to manager and HR approval.

### 1.3 Working Hours & Attendance

- Standard working hours: 9:00 AM 6:00 PM (Monday to Friday).
- Flexibility up to 1 hour, subject to prior manager approval.
- 1-hour lunch break included.
- Biometric or digital attendance mandatory.

# 1.4 Remote Work / Flexible Work Guidelines

- Hybrid work policy applicable (2–3 days/week remote).
- Employees must log work hours via HRMS.
- Remote working beyond allowed days requires written approval from the reporting manager.

# 1.5 Grievance Redressal

- Employee can escalate concerns to HR through the HRMS grievance module.
- Issues addressed within 5 working days.
- Escalation hierarchy: Reporting Manager → HRBP → HR Head.

### 1.6 <u>Disciplinary Procedures</u>

- Violations investigated confidentially.
- Show-cause notice issued within 48 hours of reported violation.
- Internal inquiry followed by a Disciplinary Action Report (DAR).
- Possible actions: verbal warning, written warning, suspension, or termination.

#### 1.7 Resignation & Termination

#### **Resignation**

- 30-day notice required.
- All assets must be returned before clearance.
- Exit interview is mandatory.

#### **Termination**

- Can be initiated due to misconduct, poor performance, or redundancy.
- Termination without notice applicable in extreme cases of breach of policy.

# 2. SALARY STRUCTURE

## **Entry-Level Employees**

Basic Pay: 40%HRA: 40% of Basic

• Special Allowance: Balance component

• **PF** (**Employer**): 12% of Basic

• **Gratuity**: 4.81% of Basic (if tenure > 5 yrs)

• **Professional Tax**: As per state slab

• **ESI**: 0.75% employee, 3.25% employer (if gross < ₹21,000)

## **Mid-Level Employees**

Basic Pay: 35%HRA: 40% of Basic

• Conveyance Allowance: Fixed ₹1,600

Special Allowance: BalancePF & Gratuity: Same as above

• **Performance Bonus**: Annual, linked to KPIs

# Senior Management

Basic Pay: 30%HRA: 50% of Basic

Executive Allowance: VariableRetention Bonus: May apply

• PF/Gratuity: Standard

• LTA/Car Lease: Optional components

# 3. TAXATION

| Individuals earning up to ₹2.5 lakh per annum are not required to pay any income tax.  |
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| □ For annual income between ₹2.5 lakh and ₹5 lakh, the income tax rate is 5% on the amount exceeding ₹2.5 lakh.              |
| ☐ For annual income <b>between ₹5 lakh and ₹10 lakh</b> , the <b>income tax rate is 10%</b> on the amount exceeding ₹5 lakh. |
| ☐ For annual income between ₹10 lakh and ₹15 lakh, the income tax rate is 15% on the amount exceeding ₹10 lakh.              |

| ☐ For annual income <b>above ₹15 lakh</b> , the <b>income tax rate is 30%</b> on the amount exceeding ₹15 lakh.  |
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| ☐ Additionally, a <b>cess of 4%</b> is levied on the total tax payable as <b>Health and Education Cess</b> .   |
| ☐ Employees can <b>reduce their taxable income</b> by declaring deductions under sections like 80C (investments), 80D (health insurance), HRA, LTA, and others |

# 4. **BONUS POLICY**

### **Annual Performance Bonus**

- Eligibility: Min. 6 months service.
- Based on appraisal ratings and department targets.
- Payout: April-May.

# **Festival Bonus**

- Optional and disbursed during Diwali.
- Fixed at ₹5,000 or 5% of one month's basic (whichever lower).

## **One-Time Bonus**

- Discretionary: Project completions, milestones.
- Requires manager and HR Head approval.

# 5. <u>INCENTIVE POLICY</u>

- Applicable for roles in Sales, Marketing, Product, and Business Development.
- Monthly/Quarterly KPIs tracked via CRM/OKR tools.
- Payout frequency: Monthly or Quarterly depending on role.
- Eligibility: No performance improvement plan (PIP) during payout period.
- Components: Fixed + Variable + Commission (if applicable).

# 6. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

#### **Health Insurance**

- Group Mediclaim coverage for ₹3–5 lakhs.
- Coverage for spouse and children.
- Optional parental cover at employee's cost.

#### **Wellness Benefits**

- Annual health check-up reimbursement up to ₹2,000.
- Mental health sessions: 3 sessions free/year.

# **Travel Reimbursements**

- Actuals up to policy limit with receipts.
- Local conveyance capped at ₹1,500/month unless role specific.

# LTA (Leave Travel Allowance)

- Claimable once in 2 years for domestic travel.
- Proof of travel mandatory.

### **Food Allowance**

• Meal card or coupons up to ₹2,200/month (tax-exempt).

# 7. ONBOARDING & EXIT PROCESS

# **Onboarding**

- Pre-joining documentation: PAN, Aadhar, Bank, Education Proofs.
- Day 1: Welcome Kit, HR Induction, IT Access, Team Introduction.
- Buddy program optional.

# Exit Process

- Resignation submission → Manager & HR review.
- Asset handover, final settlement initiated.
- Exit Interview conducted.
- Full and Final (FnF) within 45 days of last working day.

# 8. <u>COMPLIANCE & LEGAL</u>

- **Provident Fund (PF)**: 12% of Basic Pay from employer and employee.
- **ESI**: Mandatory if gross salary < ₹21,000/month.
- **Professional Tax**: Deducted as per state laws.
- Gratuity Act, 1972: Applicable if tenure  $\geq 5$  years.
- Shops & Establishment Act: Company registration and adherence as per applicable state.
- Maternity Benefit Act, 1961: Complied as amended.
- **POSH** (**Prevention of Sexual Harassment**) **Act**: Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) established.