

**AventIQ, a trademark of Mittal Software Labs Limited**

**Leave Policy**

**Confidential and Restricted**

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## **Objective**

AventIQ, a trademark of Mittal Software Labs Limited is committed to fostering a healthy work-life balance for its employees while ensuring seamless business operations. This policy outlines leave entitlements, processes, and compliance requirements for all employees.

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## **Scope and Applicability**

This policy applies to all active employees, including permanent, probationary, and contractual employees. Leave entitlements for interns and temporary staff are specified under the relevant sections.

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## **Leave Categories and Entitlements**

### **1. National and Festival Holidays**

- AventIQ observes **3 fixed national holidays**:
  - Republic Day (January 26).
  - Independence Day (August 15).
  - Gandhi Jayanti (October 2).
- **7 regional or optional holidays** are determined annually and communicated at the beginning of each calendar year.
- **Restricted Holidays (RH)**: Employees are entitled to avail of 2 RH per calendar year from the RH list, subject to prior approval. Leave applications for RH must be submitted at least 15 days in advance

### **2. Casual Leave (CL)**

- **Entitlement**: 12 days per year (1 day per month).
- **Usage**: For personal or unforeseen emergencies.
- **Carry Forward**: Unused CL cannot be carried forward to the next year.

### **3. Sick Leave (SL)**

- **Entitlement:** 12 days per year (1 day per month).
- **Usage:** For medical issues; supporting documents may be required for leaves longer than 2 days.
- **Carry Forward:** Unused SL cannot be carried forward to the next year.

### **4. Paid/Earned Leave (PL/EL)**

- **Entitlement:** 15 days per year (1.25 days per month).
- **Usage:** For planned vacations or personal needs.
- **Accumulation:** Up to **30 days** may be carried forward to the next calendar year.
- **Encashment:** Permissible during full and final settlement, subject to company policies.

### **5. Maternity Leave (ML)**

- **Entitlement:** As per the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961:
  - **26 weeks** for the first two children.
  - **12 weeks** for subsequent children.
  - **1-month extension** for pregnancy-related illnesses, with a valid medical certificate.

### **6. Paternity Leave (PL)**

- **Entitlement:** 15 days of paid leave, to be availed within 2 months of childbirth or adoption.

### **7. Adoption Leave**

- **Entitlement:** 12 weeks of paid leave for adopting a child below the age of 3 months.
- **Documentation:** Valid adoption papers or proof of placement from a recognized adoption agency.

### **8. Miscarriage Leave**

- **Entitlement:** 6 weeks of paid leave as per the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961.

### **9. Tubectomy Leave**

- **Entitlement:** 2 weeks of paid leave for female employees undergoing a tubectomy procedure.

## **10. Compensatory Leave**

- **Eligibility:** Employees working on official holidays or weekly offs for over 6 hours.
- **Approval:** Must be pre-approved by the reporting manager and logged in the HR portal.

## **11. Leave Without Pay (LWP)**

- **Usage:** Applied when all other leave balances are exhausted.
- **Sandwiched Weekly Offs:** Treated as LWP.

## **12. Bereavement Leave**

- **Entitlement:** 3 days of paid leave in the event of the death of an immediate family member (spouse, child, parent, or sibling).
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## **Leave Approval Process**

### **1. Application:**

- Submit leave requests via the designated HR portal (e.g., Zoho) at least **15 days in advance** for planned leaves.
- In emergencies, inform the reporting manager immediately and regularize the leave within 2 working days.

### **2. Approval:**

- All leave requests must be approved by the reporting manager and HR.
- For client-deputed employees, both internal and external approvals are mandatory.

### **3. Extended Absence:**

- Absence exceeding **7 consecutive days** without approval may result in disciplinary action, including termination.
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## **Leave Encashment**

- **Eligibility:** Applicable for earned leave (PL/EL) during the full and final settlement for confirmed employees only.
- **Notice Period:** PL cannot be availed during the notice period but can be adjusted against it at the company's discretion.

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## **Special Provisions for Remote and Hybrid Workers**

- Leave applications must follow the same process.
  - Attendance logging and approval must be ensured daily.
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## **Non-Compliance**

Non-adherence to the leave policy, including failure to regularize leaves or misuse of benefits, may result in disciplinary action, up to termination of employment.

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## **Policy Review**

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure compliance with legal updates and organizational needs.

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**Approved By:** Nikhil Mittal

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