MadeUpName, LLC Employment Classification Policy

Purpose

This policy ensures that all workers at MadeUpName, LLC are properly classified in accordance with federal and state labor laws. Correct classification supports compliance with wage, benefit, and tax obligations.

Scope

This policy applies to all individuals performing work for MadeUpName, LLC, including employees, contractors, and interns.

1. Employment Categories

MadeUpName, LLC classifies workers as follows:

- **Full-Time Employee:** Regularly scheduled to work 30 or more hours per week and eligible for full company benefits.
- Part-Time Employee: Regularly scheduled to work fewer than 30 hours per week. May be eligible for prorated benefits.
- **Temporary Employee:** Hired for a specific project or duration, typically less than six months. Not eligible for standard benefits unless required by law.
- **Intern:** Engaged for a fixed-term educational or developmental experience. May be paid or unpaid, depending on applicable labor laws.
- **Independent Contractor:** Provides services under a contract or agreement. Not an employee and not eligible for employee benefits.

2. Exempt vs. Non-Exempt Classification

- **Exempt Employees:** Paid on a salary basis and not eligible for overtime pay. Roles typically include executives, managers, professionals, and certain technical positions that meet the criteria under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).
- **Non-Exempt Employees:** Eligible for overtime pay for all hours worked beyond 40 per week, in accordance with the Time Tracking & Overtime Policy.

3. Determining Worker Status

HR and management will determine classification based on: - The degree of control the company has over the work performed.

- The financial relationship between the worker and the company.
- Whether the work is integral to the company's business.
- Federal and state definitions under the FLSA and New York State Department of Labor.

4. Review and Reclassification

- Classifications will be reviewed periodically to ensure compliance with law and business needs.
- Reclassification may occur if an employee's role or working conditions change.
- Any reclassification will be documented and communicated in writing.

5. Contractor Engagements

Before hiring an independent contractor, a written agreement must be in place defining project scope, payment terms, and deliverables. Contractors are responsible for their own taxes and insurance.

6. Compliance

Improper classification can result in penalties and back pay obligations. All managers and HR staff must ensure accurate classification before onboarding.

7. Recordkeeping

HR will maintain records of all employment classifications, contracts, and related documentation in accordance with the HR Documentation & Recordkeeping Policy.

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