# EMPLOYEE INDUCTION BOOK





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#### INTRODUCTION

Virtual Employee is pleased to provide you with this Employee Induction booklet. The purpose of this employee induction-booklet is to orient new employees with the Company. This booklet provides a brief overview about the organization, policies and all that you would like to know during your course of employment. This handbook would look to address the most frequently asked questions of the reader.

#### **Disclaimer**

Virtual Employee reserves the right to alter, append, or withdraw this induction-booklet either in part or in full based on the management's discretion. Possession of this induction-booklet is not necessarily an indication that you are eligible for the various benefits described here in; you are required to qualify to the applicability criterion mentioned in the policies. Induction-Booklet is a guide and in the event of a conflict between this document and a policy, the policy will override and is to be used for reference purposes only.

# **Applicability**

The Booklet is applicable to all full-time employees of Virtual Employee India. The instruction in this booklet does not apply to any contractor, temporary staff members of the agencies or third-party employees working with Virtual Employee Pvt. Lt., unless stated specifically in any section herein.

#### **Reviewing the Document**

VE will review and update the handbook (and the policies referred herein) on a regular basis to ensure it continues to reflect best practices in accordance with the applicable laws.

# Section 1 - Welcome

# 1.1 History & Goal

Virtual Employee we know today is the online supermarket of resources as per business needs. Our CEO, Mr. Narinder Singh Mahil founded "Virtual Employee" in 2007. He is an Alumina of DePaul University, Chicago in Computer Sciences and has substantial experience in working with many established companies in UK before setting up his business venture in India.



Our Motto: Quality at Significantly Lower costs.

## 1.2 Purpose

This Induction-booklet has been prepared to inform new employees of the policies and procedures of this company and to establish the company's expectations. It is not all-inclusive or intended to provide strict interpretations of our policies; rather, it offers an overview of the work environment. This booklet is not a contract, expressed or implied, guarantying employment for any length of time and is not intended to induce an employee to accept employment with the company. The company reserves the right to unilaterally revise, suspend, revoke, terminate or change any of its policies, in whole or in part, whether described within this induction-booklet or elsewhere, in its sole discretion. Every effort will be made to keep you informed of the company's policies, however we cannot guarantee that notice of revisions will be provided. Feel free to ask questions about any of the information within this induction-booklet.

# **Section 2 – Workplace Commitments**

#### 2.1 Equal Opportunity Employment

VE is an equal opportunity employer and does not unlawfully discriminate against employees or applicants for employment on the basis of an individual's race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, veteran status or any other status protected by applicable law. This policy applies to all terms, conditions and privileges of employment, including recruitment, hiring, placement, compensation, promotion, discipline and termination.

# 2.2 Non-Discrimination Policy

**VE** prohibits discrimination or harassment based on cast, color, religion, gender, age, disability, marital status or any other status protected by applicable law. Every individual has the right to work in a professional atmosphere that promotes equal employment opportunities and is free from discriminatory practices. Company has a Zero-tolerance to non-adherence to this policy.

Harassment is generally defined as unwelcome verbal or non-verbal conduct, based upon a individual protected characteristic, that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion towards the person, which affects the individual's employment opportunities or benefits, has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the person's work performance, or has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment. Harassing conduct includes, but is not limited to: epithets; slurs or negative stereotyping; threatening, intimidating or hostile acts; denigrating jokes and display or circulation in the workplace of written or graphic material that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual or group based on their protected characteristic.

#### 2.3 Non-Harassment Policy

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal, visual or physical conduct of a sexual nature, when:

- **1**. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment;
- **2.** Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or

**3**. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.

Reporting: Any company employee who feels that he or she has been harassed or discriminated against, or has witnessed or become aware of discrimination or harassment in violation of these policies, should bring the matter to the immediate attention of his or her supervisor or HR-Gen Department <a href="https://example.com">HR@virtualemployee.com</a> The company will promptly investigate all allegations of discrimination and harassment, and take action as appropriate based on the outcome of the investigation. An investigation and its results will be treated as confidential to the extent feasible, and the company will take appropriate action based on the outcome of the investigation.

# 2.3 Drug-Free / Alcohol-Free Environment

Employees are prohibited from unlawfully consuming, distributing, possessing, selling, or using controlled substances while on duty. In addition, employees may not be under the influence of any controlled substance, such as drugs or alcohol, while at work, on company premises or engaged in company business. Prescription drugs or over-the counter medications, taken as prescribed, are an exception to this policy. Anyone violating this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, could lead up to termination.

# 2.4 Open Door Policy

The company has an open door policy and takes employee concerns and problems very seriously. The company values each employee and strives to provide a positive work environment. Employees are encouraged to raise any workplace concerns or problems they might be facing and are aware of to their respective supervisor or HR-Gen Department.

# Section 3 - Company Policies and Procedures

#### 3.1 Professional Conduct

This company expects its employees to adhere to a standard of professional conduct and integrity. This ensures that the work environment is safe, comfortable and productive. Employees should be respectful, courteous, and mindful of others' feelings and needs. General cooperation between coworkers and supervisors is expected. Individuals who act in an unprofessional manner or are found to be non —compliant to the company policy and work ethics will be subject to disciplinary action.

#### 3.2 Dress Code

An employee's personal appearance and hygiene is a reflection on the company's character. Employees are expected to dress appropriately for their individual work responsibilities and position.

Refer to the list below for appropriate/in-appropriate wear at work place.

**Slacks/pants** – Wool and cotton slacks are acceptable, provided they are clean and wrinkle free. Inappropriate items include jeans, sweat pants, shorts, bib overalls, spandex and other formfitting pants, and pants that are excessively worn or faded.

**Shirts** – Casual shirts with collars (for men), polo shirts, sweaters, and turtlenecks are acceptable. Avoid tee shirts, sweatshirts, tank tops, halter tops. Avoid clothes that are distracting and revealing.

**Dresses/skirts** – Casual dresses and skirts with modest hemlines are acceptable. Mini-skirts considered inappropriate.

**Footwear** – Items such as loafers, boots, flats, and leather casual shoes are acceptable. Sandals, and slippers are considered unacceptable.

#### 3.3 Payday

Salary in bank accounts are distributed every 7<sup>th</sup> Day of the new month. If the pay date lands on a holiday, salary will be distributed on the closest business day before the holiday. Pay-slip includes salary or wages earned less any mandatory or elected deductions. Mandatory deductions include PF, ESI, TDS, LWP's. Notify HR-Gen Department if the pay-slip appears to be inaccurate. Salary Advances are permitted basis Management approval. Any change in name, address, telephone number, marital status or number of exemptions claimed by an employee must be reported to <a href="https://example.com">HR@virtualemployee.com</a> immediately.

#### 3.3.1 Bank Account Opening

Virtual Employee Pvt. Ltd. transfers employee salary in ICICI Bank account only. New joiners need to open their salary account in ICICI Bank.

#### Procedure:

- 1. for new ICICI salary account opening: Please bring your original Photo ID proof and Address proof on the joining day. ICICI Bank executive will be there to assist employee with further procedures.
- 2. New Joiners with existing account in ICICI bank can upload the details at ERP Portal.

# 3.4 Company Property

Company property, such as equipment, cab, telephones, computers, and software, is not for personal use. These devices are to be used strictly for company business purposes. Company property must be used in the manner for which it was intended. Upon termination, employees are required to surrender any company property they possess. Company computers, internet and emails are a privileged resource, and must be used only to complete essential job-related functions. Employees are not permitted to download any "pirated" software, files or programs. Files or programs stored on company computers may not be copied for personal use. Phones are provided for business use. Violations of these policies could result in disciplinary action.

#### 3.5 Privacy Policy

Employees and employers share a relationship based on trust and mutual respect. However, the company retains the right to access all company property including computers, desks, file cabinets, storage facilities, and files and folders, electronic or otherwise, at any time. Employees should not entertain any expectations of privacy when on company grounds or while using company property. All documents, files, voice-mails and electronic information, including emails and other communications, created, received or maintained on or through company property are the property of the company, not the employee. Therefore employees should have no expectation of privacy over those files or documents.

#### 3.6 Personnel Files

The company maintains a personnel file on each employee. These files are kept confidential to the extent possible. It is important that personnel files accurately reflect each employee's personal information. Employees are expected to inform the company of any change in name, address, home phone number, home address, marital status, number of dependents or emergency contact information.

# **Section 4 – Attendance Policies**

#### 4.1 General Attendance

The company maintains normal working hours of 9 Hour/Day. Hours may vary depending on work location and job responsibilities and client requirement. Supervisors will provide employees with their work schedule. Should an employee have any questions regarding his/her work schedule, the employee should contact the supervisor or HR-Gen Department. The company does not tolerate absenteeism without excuse or prior intimation. Employees who will be late to or absent from work should notify his/her supervisor in advance, or as soon as possible in the event of an emergency. Chronic/uninformed absenteeism may result in disciplinary action. Employees who need to leave early, for illness or otherwise, should inform his/her supervisor or HR-Gen Department before departure. Unauthorized departures may result in disciplinary action.



#### 4.2 Tardiness

Employees are expected to arrive on time and ready for work. An employee who arrives late to work without a due reasoning would be subject to disciplinary action. The company recognizes that situations arise which hinder punctuality; regardless may be subject to disciplinary action.

#### 4.3 Breaks

When working conditions permit, employees are entitled to take two 15 minutes coffee break and meal break for 30 minutes.

Note: 8 hours of work + 1 hours of break has to be followed strictly.

# **Section 5 – Leave Policies**

#### 5.1 Entitlement

Employees will be entitled for 1.5 Paid Leave per month from the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of their joining with VE.

# 5.2 Planned/Paid Leaves

Forward requests for time off in advance to your supervisor and HR-Gen, who may approve or deny the request based on company resources and deliverables, The Company is flexible in approving time off when doing so would not interfere with company operations. Vacation days are granted only on a full day or half-day basis.

Planned Leaves must be informed at least 3 weeks prior to the HR-Gen & Manager In charge.

#### **Sandwich Leaves**

If week offs are on Saturday and Sunday and employee have availed the leave on Friday and Monday then it will be counted as **four day leave I.e. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday**.

#### 5.3 Un-informed leave

Employee failing to inform about unplanned/emergency/sudden leave on the same day to the Manager/Team Lead/HR, will be penalized with a deduction of 3 days salary.

#### 5.4 Emergency Leave

Emergency leave/Sick leave must be informed at least 2/3 hours prior to their shift to Manager/Team Lead/HR. Failing which will lead in unpaid leave and disciplinary actions.

Note1: Leaves accumulated at the year-end will only be carry forwarded to next year and will not be en-cashed.

#### Note 2: Leave applied through ERP Portal will only be considered.

- Emergency/sudden/sick leave must be informed to Manager/Team Lead/HR only via Official/Personal Email. No Skype/Text/WhatsApp Messages will take into consideration.
- Emergency/sudden/sick leaves should be applied over ERP within 5 days. Failing will lead to unpaid leave.
- Planned Leaves should be applied directly over ERP.

#### 5.5 Maternity Leave

A temporary absence from an employee's position and applies to expectant or new mothers who require time off for pregnancy, childbirth and child care. As per policy, **maternity leave can be availed for maximum 26 weeks (180 days).** 

#### **5.6 Paternity Leave**

There is no provision on paternity leave in Indian labor law for private sector workers. However, VE male employee(s) can avail **PAID paternity leave maximum for 3 days.** 

#### 5.7 Bereavement Leave

Bereavement leave allows an employee to receive paid leave because of the death of in Blood relation, close relative or associate. It generally is separate from other types of paid leave. The availability and amount of leave may vary depending on individual circumstances such as distance to a funeral, responsibility for funeral and estate arrangements, or the relationship between the employee and the deceased. **Employee(s) can avail a maximum 5 Days PAID Leave**.

# 5.8 List of Holidays

# Fixed/Company Holidays:

- 1<sup>st</sup> January New Year Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> January Republic Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> August Independence Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> October Gandhi Jayanti
- 25<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas

# **Lunar holidays:**

- Holi
- Diwali

#### **Restricted Holidays:**

- Id ul Fitr
- Raksha Bandhan
- Janmasthami
- Good Friday
- Chatth Puja

<u>Note:</u> Employee can avail only 1 Restricted Holiday (RH) out of the above mentioned. Employee can avail RH benefits by applying via **ERP only.** RH must be applied within the **speculated window 10-30 days prior to the RH date.** 

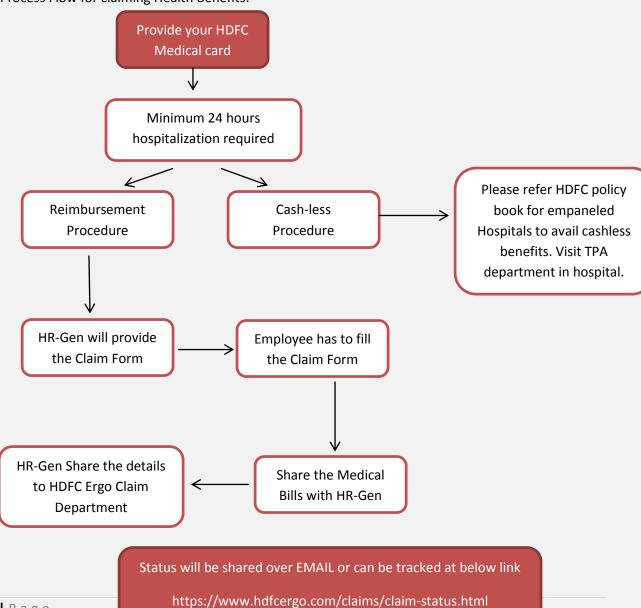
# **Section 6 - Health Benefits**

VE provide Medical Insurance to all employees via third party **HDFC Ergo General Insurance**. It includes comprehensive health insurance coverage owing to medical exigencies faced by employees and their immediate family dependents. It adequately and suitably supports employees with adequate financial assistance.

An employee's spouse, up to 2 children can be covered under the Medical Insurance scheme by paying a minimal premium. Employee can avail the sum insured benefits for INR 1,50,000. Employee would be provided with HDFC Medical card and Policy number and other details over Official Email.

For hospitalization treatment by those hospitals that are listed with the insurance company, cashless facility is provided by the TPA.

Process Flow for claiming Health Benefits:



# Section 7 – Work Performance

# 7.1 Expectations

The company expects every employee to act in a professional manner. Satisfactory performance of job duties and responsibilities is the key to this expectation. Employees should attempt to achieve their job objectives, and act with diligence and consideration at all times. Poor job performance can result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

#### 7.2 Reviews

The company may periodically evaluate an employee's performance. The goal of a performance review is to identify areas where an employee excels and areas that need improvement. The company uses performance reviews as a tool to determine pay increases, promotions and/or terminations.

For Dedicated employees, Client will be responsible for the appraisal and review basis the performance.

All performance reviews are based on merit, achievement and other factors may include but are not limited to:

- Quality of work
- Attitude
- Knowledge of work
- Job skills
- Attendance and punctuality
- Teamwork and cooperation
- Past performance reviews
- Initiatives

# Section 8 – Discipline Policy

# 8.1 Grounds for Disciplinary Action

The company reserves the right to discipline and/or terminate any employee who violates company polices, practices or rules of conduct. Poor performance and misconduct are also grounds for discipline or termination.

These actions include, but are not limited to:

- Engaging in acts of discrimination or harassment in the workplace;
- Falsification, misrepresentation or omission of information, documents or records;
- Engaging into Third party work or Freelancing jobs at workplace;
- Sharing Clients data or Company data with anyone;
- Excessive or unexcused absenteeism or tardiness;
- Illegal or violent activity;

• Any other action or conduct that is inconsistent with company policies, procedures, standards or expectations.

This list exhibits the types of actions or events that are subject to disciplinary action. It is not intended to indicate every act that could lead to disciplinary action. The company reserves the right to determine the severity and extent of any disciplinary action based on the circumstances of each case.

#### 8.2 Procedures

Disciplinary action is any one of a number of options used to correct unacceptable behavior or actions. Discipline may take the form of oral warnings, written warnings, probation, suspension, termination in no particular order. The course of action will be determined by the company at its sole discretion as it deems appropriate.

# Section 9 - Health and Safety

#### 9.1 Workplace Safety

The company takes every reasonable precaution to ensure that employees have a safe working environment. Safety measures and rules are in place for the protection of all employees. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of each employee to help prevent accidents. Employees who observe an unsafe practice or condition should report it to a supervisor or HR-Gen Department immediately.

### 9.2 Workplace Security

Employees must be alert and aware of any potential dangers to themselves or their coworkers. Take every precaution to ensure that your surroundings are safe and secure. Guard personal belongings and company property. Visitors should be escorted at all times. Report any suspicious activity to a supervisor immediately.

# Section 10 - ID Cards

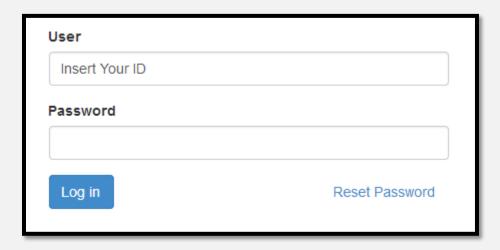
Employees will receive an Email from HR team seeking details for ID card creation. Employee has to attach a high pixel photograph with plain background.

ID cards will be issued within 30days of joining. Wearing ID card is mandatory.

# **Introduction to ERP Portal**

Login ERP Portal clicking the below link.

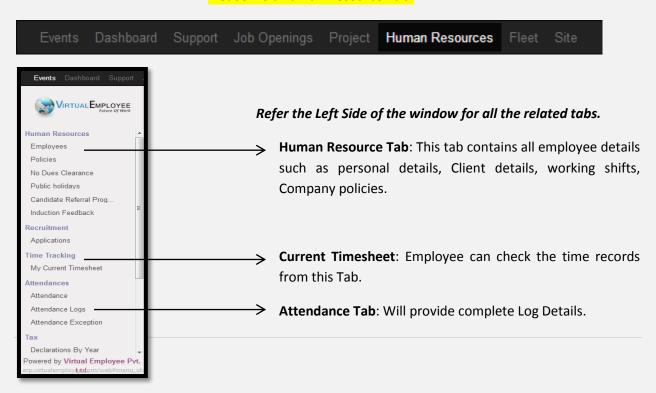
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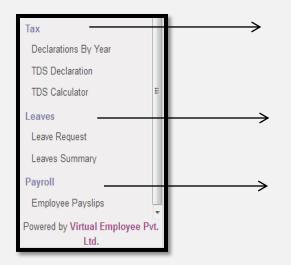


Enter User ID/password provided by IT Team.

Note: Please drop an Email to <u>HR@virtualemployee.com</u> in-case you have not received your ID/Password on the second day of your joining VE

#### Please Visit Human Resource Tab.





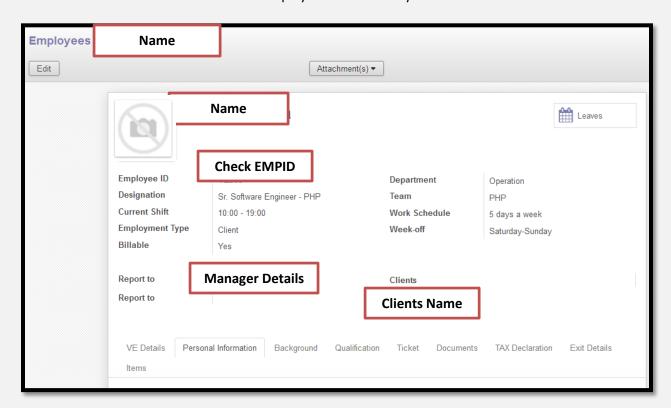
**Tax Tab**: This tab allows you to calculate and declare your Tax and also download Form 16 once uploaded.

**Leave Tab**: Will allow you to check your leave balance and apply leave. You can check the complete summary of the availed leaves.

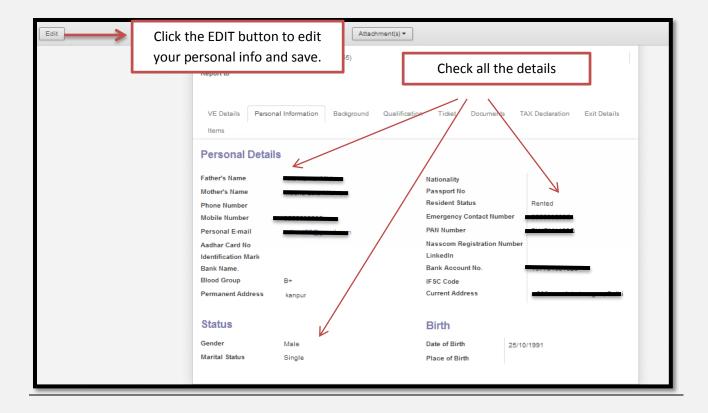
**Payroll Tab**: Allows you to download and view your pay slips.

Employee must check & update their personal details over ERP. This is mandatory and must be filled in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of joining VE. Please refer the steps to update:

Go to Human Resource Tab - - -> Employee - - -> Click on your Name.



Check all the above mentioned details. These details cannot be modified. For any changes please contact your Manager/Team Lead

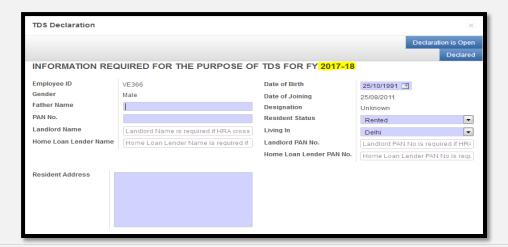


Check all your personal details and update PAN No., Bank Account No. and IFSC code.

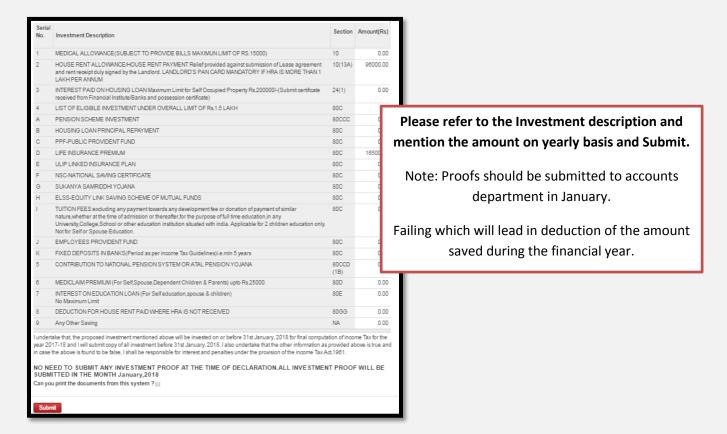
Note: All the details mentioned at this page should be filled immediately after you join with VE.

# **How to declare TAX and calculate TDS**

Go to Human Resource Tab - - -> Tax - - -> TDS Declaration.



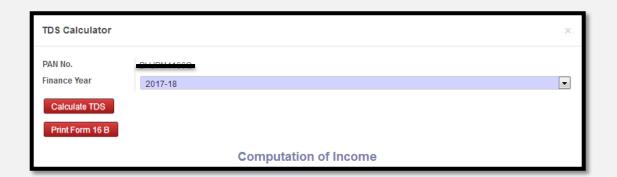
# Please check all the personal details before declaring the TAX.



#### How to calculate TDS, Post tax declaration

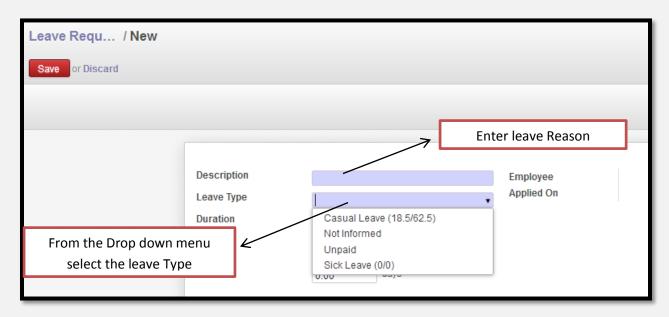
Go to Human Resource Tab - - -> Tax - - -> TDS Calculator.

#### Check Pan No. ---> Select Financial year --- > Click on calculate TDS



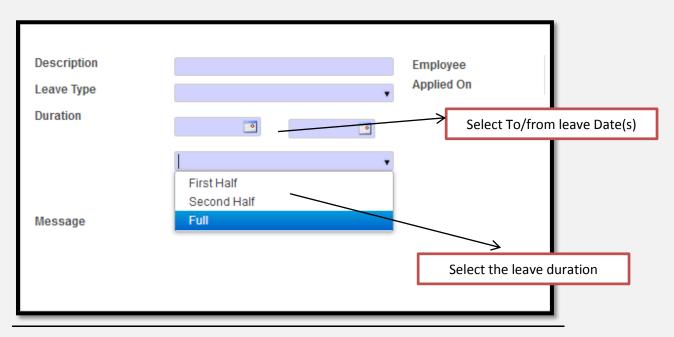
# **How to apply leaves over ERP**

Go to Human Resource Tab - - -> Leave - - -> Leave Request ---> Create



Leave Type: Casual Leave = Paid Leave.

# Note: Please mark unpaid leave in case your leave balance is "0"

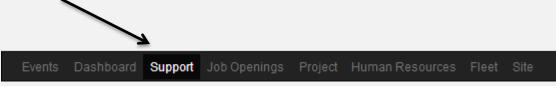


Check the leave count and SAVE.

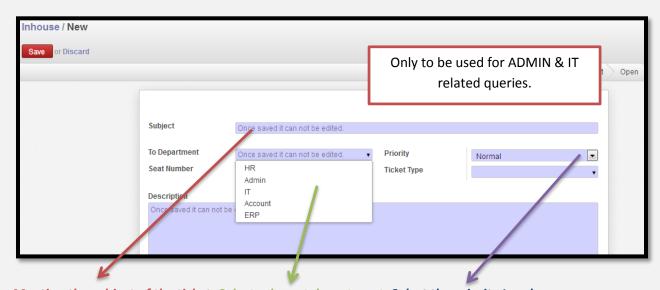
# **ADMIN/IT Related issue:**

Employee can raise a #ticket to ADMIN & IT TEAM for any related issues.

Visit Support TAB on ERP Portal.



# ---- > Click on Create



Mention the subject of the ticket. Select relevant department. Select the priority Level.

Do mention detailed description in the body and SAVE.

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