





### **Violation of Code of Conduct: Disciplinary Action**

## Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline the standard conduct and rules applicable to employees at Vivriti. It is important that a disciplinary code is in place to ensure a harassment free and safe workplace. Disciplinary action can be any or all of the below depending on the nature of offence.

# **Verbal warning**

In case of a moderate offence, HR and reporting manager will have a formal disciplinary discussion with the employee that may result in a verbal warning. Written record is kept of this warning and it will be valid for (three) 3 months.

## Written warning

Misconduct and wrongful behaviour, or an offence of more serious nature can result in a written warning. A written warning shall be valid for a period of 3 (three) months. All written warnings will be recorded on an Email. A discussion will be held with the employee.

# Dismissal / Termination of employment

When an employee is claimed to have committed major misconduct, it will lead to dismissal / termination of the employee from the service of Vivriti. Such a termination for cause will be done without any notice pay. The organization will not be liable to pay the employee any accrual around leaves, any further unpaid reimbursements and/ or any notice pay. The employee will be informed of the reason for the dismissal / termination in writing or via email. Dismissal / termination for cause can happen with immediate effect.

## **Schedule of offences**

The kind of disciplinary action that can be taken by the organization for each type of violation is outlined below. Below is a guideline and is not to considered as comprehensive and the offences may not be limited to the list below. Vivriti will have the right to take a decision around the type and nature of the disciplinary action on a case to case basis.

Breach of Employment policy	Verbal Warning	Written Warning	Termination
Additional employment outside Vivriti			✓
Accepting a position even if it is informal or advisory in nature, from any of Vivriti's clients			✓
Unauthorised disclosure of confidential information including but not limited to company's trade secrets, confidential documentation, technical know-how and data, drawings, system, methods, software, processes, client lists, programs, marketing and or financial information			<b>√</b>
Dual employment: working for/ at or taking up any other form of employment while working with Vivriti			<b>√</b>
Inappropriate behaviour	Verbal Warning	Written Warning	Termination
Usage of language that is inappropriate, abusive to an employee or groups of employees and may be offensive in nature		<b>✓</b>	✓
Conduct that is detrimental to the image and or good standing of the Vivriti within the perception of the public thereby creating a negative image of the company		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Breach of confidentiality			
Intentional disclosure / Misuse of work-related confidential information		<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Spreading misleading information about Vivriti and any of its employees, clients or stakeholders	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>







Non maintenance of confidentiality around terms of employment with Vivriti		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Leave & Attendance	Verbal Warning	Written Warning	Termination
Unauthorised absence from work for more than 5 working days without the		√	<b>✓</b>
intention to return.		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Recurring excessive unexcused and unauthorised absence		<b>V</b>	-
Failure to report to duty for more than 7 working days			<b>✓</b>
Tailgating of access card to enter premises, not using access cards	<b>√</b>		
Health and safety	Verbal Warning	Written Warning	Termination
Not following Health and Safety norms; smoking / alcohol / other substances inside the workplace		<b>\</b>	<b>\</b>
Not taking up responsibility relating to workplace emergencies		<b>√</b>	
Disagreeing to follow safety procedures	<b>√</b>		
Substance abuse	Verbal Warning	Written Warning	Termination
Under the influence of alcohol and or any other mind-altering substance including but not limited to any prohibited and or prescription drugs		<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Consumption of alcohol, drugs, or related substance whilst on duty*			✓
Possession of alcohol or drugs inside the company premises			<b>√</b>
Possession of weapons inside the company premises			<b>✓</b>
*does not apply to alcohol during approved engagement of Vivriti's			
counterparties  Harassment & Theft	Verbal Warning	Written Warning	Termination
Sexual harassment, Unprofessional or inappropriate conduct of sexual nature			<b>√</b>
Discrimination based on race, colour, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation			<b>√</b>
Sending profane, obscene, or derogatory e-mails, insulting/ discriminatory content			<b>√</b>
Direct or indirect threat		<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>
Psychological harassment including intrusion into employee personal life		<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Theft or attempted theft if identified		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Physically harming a work colleague through physical contact and or violence.		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Intentional damage/ loss of office assets under possession	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
IT Security	Verbal Warning	Written Warning	Termination
Making or allowing an unauthorized entry into restricted areas	***************************************	√	
Improper handling of tapes, etc. (e.g., bringing magnetic material near such storage media, not ensuring proper atmospheric conditions for their storage, etc.)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Unauthorized removal/ relocation Company of equipment from the premises		<b>✓</b>	
Leaving laptops unattended in insecure areas	<b>✓</b>		
Unauthorized use of another person's e-mail		<b>✓</b>	
Sending inappropriate content/ viruses through e-mail	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
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Using Vivriti email address for conducting a personal business or for an illegal activity		<b>V</b>	<b>√</b>
Blanket forwarding of e-mail when not required	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>
Sending any confidential information to an address outside Vivriti domain without reason		<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>
Password sharing / disclosure for confidential/ restricted or highly sensitive information assets by end users		<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>
Insecure storage of critical passwords	<b>√</b>		
Requesting / making unauthorized password resets of other users in their absence		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Non-use of screen saver / power-on passwords on user desktops/ server consoles	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Not disabling default passwords	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	

Retaliation harassment – any employee behaviour with an intention of vengeance mechanism against the person who has raised a complaint or a whistle blower or petitioner will receive a written warning. Depending on the criticality of the incident, the organisation can decide to terminate the employee for cause.