

# Privacy Notice – Oaths.co.za

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## 1. Who We Are

Oaths.co.za is a LegalTech platform operated by Beantech (Pty) Ltd. We enable the secure digital certification of South African documents — including Smart ID Cards, Driver's Licences, Passports, and Proof of Address — through identity verification and digital infrastructure. All certifications are performed free of charge by duly appointed Commissioners of Oaths, as required by Regulation 6 of GN R1258 of 1972.

## 2. What Personal Information We Collect

- Identity Data: Full name, ID number, facial biometric data, Smart ID/Passport details
- Contact Data: Mobile number, email address
- Document Data: Images or live-captured scans of supported documents
- Technical Data: Device type, browser, IP address, operating system
- Usage Data: Page views, clicks, session times, traffic logs

## 3. How We Use Your Information

- Verify your identity using facial recognition and liveness testing
- Facilitate certification by a Commissioner of Oaths
- Allow you to access and download your certified documents
- Notify you of upcoming expiries or compliance issues
- Respond to queries and deliver support
- Improve platform stability, functionality, and trustworthiness

## 4. Lawful Basis for Processing

- Your consent (when applicable)
- Contractual necessity to provide platform services
- Legal obligation, including record-keeping under Regulation 6
- Legitimate interest, such as fraud prevention and trust safeguards

## 5. Who We Share Your Information With

- Commissioners of Oaths for certification purposes
  - Trusted third-party providers for cloud hosting, identity verification, biometric checks, and regulatory compliance
  - Regulators or law enforcement when required by subpoena, warrant, or legal obligation
- All third parties are contractually bound to confidentiality and POPIA-compliant data handling.

## 6. Data Security

We apply enterprise-grade security via Microsoft Azure, including:

- Encryption at rest and in transit
- ISO 27001 and SOC 2 aligned infrastructure
- Audit logs, blockchain verification, and QR-backed certification
- Access controls and regular integrity checks

## 7. Your Rights Under POPIA

You have the right to:

- Request access to personal information we hold about you
- Request correction or deletion of inaccurate or outdated information
- Withdraw your consent (where applicable)
- Object to certain processing
- Lodge a complaint with the Information Regulator at [www.inforegulator.org.za](http://www.inforegulator.org.za)

## 8. Data Retention

If your subscription ends, you will have a 60-day grace period to access or download your documents. After this period, all personal data and documents will be permanently deleted — unless we are legally required to retain them longer.

## 9. Cookies

Oaths.co.za uses cookies to enhance performance, understand traffic, and optimize your experience. You may manage or block cookies via your browser settings.

## 10. AML, PEP, and Sanctions Screening

We perform mandatory screening to comply with FICA and uphold public trust. This includes:

- PEP (Politically Exposed Persons) & PIP screening
- South African sanctions list checks
- Identity fraud and document manipulation databases
- Automated FIC risk flagging

If a match is detected, your access may be blocked or revoked, and you may be reported to the appropriate authorities. We do not use this data for profiling or marketing.

## 11. Contact Us

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