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Oaths.co.za is a secure, compliant, and trusted digital platform operated by Beantech (Pty) Ltd for certifying select South African documents. We exist to serve honest South Africans and protect the integrity of certified documents used by the public, legal, and corporate sectors. By using this platform, you agree to the terms outlined in this Prohibited Use Policy.

Any violation may result in:

- Suspension or permanent account ban
- Rejection or invalidation of certified documents
- Reporting to law enforcement or regulatory bodies
- Civil or criminal legal action
- Disqualification from the platform without refund, even at registration stage

1. Who May Use Oaths.co.za

- You must be a South African citizen with a valid Smart ID Card
- You must be 18 years or older on the day of registration
- You must register and verify your own account (no proxies, no third-party registrations)
- You must not be listed on any AML, sanctions, or watchlists under South African law [6, 6]

2. Scope of Certification – What We Certify

Oaths.co.za certifies only the following original South African documents, captured live using our AI camera system:

- South African Smart ID Card [1]
- South African Driver's Licence [1]
- South African Passport [1]
- Proof of Address (PDF format only, issued by a recognised South African institution)[1]

3. What We Do Not Certify (and Why)

To protect the legal integrity of certified copies, and in line with South African law, we cannot certify:

- **Affidavits, affirmations, or sworn declarations** – These require in-person witnessing, as prescribed by Regulation 3(1) of GN R1258 of 1972, and are outside the scope of our services.

- **Academic transcripts, bank statements, leases, payslips, or other financial/contractual records** – These are not verifiable through official government-issued identifiers.

- **Foreign documents or certifications for non-South African citizens** – Our system currently supports South African identity documents only.

- **Screenshots, image files, or scanned copies** – All documents must be live-captured through our secure platform for authenticity.[1]

- **Any documents not explicitly listed in Section 2** – To prevent fraud, only pre-approved categories are permitted.

This helps ensure every certified copy meets the highest legal and ethical standards — and protects you from accidental misuse or rejection.

4. Document Submission Rules

- All ID documents must be captured live using the Oaths.co.za AI system [1]
- Proof of Address must be submitted in PDF format only
- No photos, JPGs, PNGs, or scans are allowed
- Forged, altered, illegible, or damaged documents are strictly prohibited [1]

5. Behaviour & Conduct Restrictions

- No impersonation, identity fraud, or alias use [1]
- No bypassing of facial recognition or liveness checks [1]
- No tampering with QR codes, blockchain stamps, or certification data [1]
- No bots, scripts, scraping, or other automated misuse
- No offensive, misleading, or unlawful uploads [1]

6. Platform Misuse

- No certification of documents intended for use outside South Africa
- No bulk submissions for unrelated third parties
- No proxy activity or shared accounts
- No attempts to interfere with the platform's Azure infrastructure

7. Institutional & Public Trust Guidelines

Oaths.co.za is designed to be trusted by the public, legal professionals, employers, and regulators.

To maintain this:

- Every action is logged and auditable [6, 6]
- Every certified document is QR-secured and blockchain-verified [6, 6]
- Any circumvention of law or platform safeguards results in a ban
- Uploading another person's documents is prohibited unless formally authorised

8. Anti-Fraud and AML Compliance

Oaths.co.za automatically screens all users and documents against:

- The Financial Intelligence Centre Act (FICA) [1]
- South Africa's PEP and PIP databases [1]
- The official sanctions list [1]
- National and international fraud and risk watchlists [1]

If a match is triggered:

- Your account may be permanently disqualified
- Certification will be blocked or revoked
- You may be reported to FIC or relevant authorities [1]

9. Consequences of Violations

- Immediate and permanent suspension of your account
- Revocation of all certified documents
- Blacklisting across Oaths.co.za services
- Referral to SAPS, DHA, FIC, NPA or other relevant bodies
- Civil or criminal legal proceedings
- Refund Policy: If your account is disqualified for legal or verification reasons, no refund will be applicable due to processing costs.

This protects the platform from abuse and keeps it safe for everyone.

By registering for Oaths.co.za, you make a digital vow that your identity is real, your documents are lawful, and your intent is honest. This commitment protects the public and preserves the legal value of certified documents.