

Parent / Legal Guardian Consent & Recommendation Notice – Oaths.co.za™

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Purpose of this Notice

Oaths.co.za™ is committed to protecting the privacy, security, and lawful participation of minors on the platform in full compliance with the **Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA)** (Act 4 of 2013), the **Children's Act** (Act 38 of 2005), and the **Electronic Communications and Transactions Act** (Act 25 of 2002).

This notice outlines how **Parents and Legal Guardians** provide informed consent for minors (aged 16–17) who access or use Oaths.co.za™.

Preferred Registration Method

It is **preferred and recommended** that a **Parent or Legal Guardian** first registers their own verified Oaths.co.za™ account and then **invites their minor (aged 16–17)** to join via the secure onboarding flow.

This guardian-first method enables:

- Direct parental oversight of document certifications,
 - Transparent consent management, and
 - Simplified verification of identity and lawful intent.
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Minors Registering Directly

Oaths.co.za™ also permits minors aged 16–17 to register directly, provided that:

- The minor holds a valid **South African Smart ID Card**; and
- A **Parent or Legal Guardian** provides verifiable digital consent through the secure consent process, as described in our **Terms & Conditions**, **Privacy Policy**, and **Prohibited Use Policy**.

During registration and certification, the Parent or Guardian confirms and understands that:

1. The minor's information will be processed **solely for lawful digital document certification** purposes;
 2. All data, including biometric information, is encrypted and **ring-fenced within Microsoft Azure Confidential Ledger**, hosted **exclusively in South Africa**;
 3. No personal or certification data will be transferred or stored outside South Africa unless required by law or with explicit consent;
 4. Guardian consent may be withdrawn at any time by emailing compliance@oaths.co.za, after which the minor's access will be terminated and related information permanently deleted (subject to lawful retention requirements).
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Legal Basis and Regulatory Compliance

This consent process and registration policy comply with the following South African laws:

- **Protection of Personal Information Act (Act 4 of 2013)**
 - Section 11: Lawful processing of personal information
 - Section 18: Notification to data subjects
 - Section 19: Security safeguards for children's data
 - **Children's Act (Act 38 of 2005)**
 - Sections 129–133: Requirements for processing information and obtaining consent from minors
 - **Electronic Communications and Transactions Act (Act 25 of 2002)**
 - Section 13: Recognition of valid digital and electronic consent
 - **Financial Intelligence Centre Act (Act 38 of 2001)**
 - Section 21: Verification of identity and record-keeping requirements
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Linked Legal Documents

By using Oaths.co.za™, the Parent or Legal Guardian acknowledges and accepts the applicable legal terms set out in:

- Privacy Policy
 - Terms & Conditions
 - Prohibited Use Policy
 - PAIA Manual
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Contact Information

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Version Control

Version	Date	Description
1.0	19 October 2025	Initial publication. Introduced preferred guardian-first registration and lawful minor consent provisions.
