

Prohibited Use Policy – Oaths.co.za™

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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
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1. Who May Use Oaths.co.za™

1.1 Adults

You must:

- Be a **South African citizen** with a valid **Smart ID Card**
- Be **18 years or older** on the day of registration
- Register and verify **your own account** (no proxies or third-party registrations)
- Not appear on any **AML, sanctions, or watchlists** under South African law

1.2 Minors (Ages 16–17)

Oaths.co.za™ allows responsible minors aged **16 or older**, who hold a **valid Smart ID Card**, to register for educational or early-career purposes such as matric applications, university admissions, or job readiness programs — provided that:

- The minor has obtained **written or digital consent** from a **parent or legal guardian**;
- The guardian has reviewed and agreed to the **Minor Digital Pledge and Consent Clause**; and
- The minor uses the platform **only for lawful and personal document certification**.

Minors may not act as Commissioners of Oaths or perform certifications on behalf of others. Their certification access is limited to **self-use only**, under platform supervision and guardian oversight.

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**
 - South African **Driver's Licence**
 - South African **Passport**
 - **Proof of Address** (PDF format only, issued by a recognised South African institution)
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3. What We Do Not Certify (and Why)

To protect the legal integrity of certified copies and comply 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*.
- **Academic transcripts, bank statements, leases, payslips, or other financial/contractual records** — Not verifiable through official government-issued identifiers.
- **Foreign documents** or certifications for **non-South African citizens**.
- **Screenshots, image files, or scanned copies** — All documents must be live-captured through our secure system.
- Any other documents not listed in Section 2.

This ensures that all certified copies meet the **highest legal, technical, and ethical standards**, and that users — including minors — are protected from accidental misuse or fraud.

4. Document Submission Rules

- All ID documents must be **captured live** using the Oaths.co.za™ AI verification system.
 - **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.
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5. Behaviour & Conduct Restrictions

All users (including minors) must not:

- Impersonate others, use aliases, or attempt identity fraud.
 - Bypass or disable **facial recognition or liveness** verification.
 - Tamper with **QR codes, blockchain stamps, or certification metadata**.
 - Use **bots, scripts, or automation** to interact with the system.
 - Upload or transmit **offensive, unlawful, or misleading** materials.
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6. Platform Misuse

The following are strictly prohibited:

- Certifying documents for use **outside South Africa**.
 - **Bulk submissions** for unrelated third parties.
 - **Proxy use or shared accounts**.
 - Any attempt to **interfere with Azure or Microsoft Cloud infrastructure**.
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7. Institutional & Public Trust Guidelines

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

To maintain this trust:

- Every action is **logged and auditable**.
 - Every certified document is **QR-secured and blockchain-verified**.
 - Circumventing platform safeguards results in **immediate suspension**.
 - Uploading another person's documents is **prohibited** unless formally authorised.
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8. Anti-Fraud and AML Compliance

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

- The **Financial Intelligence Centre Act (FICA)**
- South Africa's **PEP, PIP, and Sanctions Lists**
- **National and international fraud and risk watchlists**

If a match is triggered:

- Your account may be **permanently disqualified**.
 - Certification may be **blocked or revoked**.
 - You may be **reported** to the FIC or relevant authorities.
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9. Consequences of Violations

Violations will result in:

- **Immediate and permanent suspension** of your account
- **Revocation** of certified documents
- **Blacklisting** from all Oaths.co.za™ services
- **Referral** to SAPS, DHA, FIC, NPA, or other relevant authorities
- **Civil or criminal legal proceedings**

Refund Policy:

If your account is disqualified for legal, verification, or AML reasons, **no refund** will be issued due to processing and compliance costs.

10. Legal Capacity & Minor Protection Statement

- Oaths.co.za™ complies with the **Children's Act 38 of 2005**, the **Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA)**, and the **Electronic Communications and Transactions Act (ECT Act)**.
- Users under 18 have **limited legal capacity** and may use the platform only with **guardian consent**.
- The platform's **Minor Digital Pledge** serves as a **non-binding ethical declaration**, not a legal contract.
- Parents or guardians are **jointly responsible** for supervising and authorising the minor's use.
- The platform will not process certifications or accept liability for minors acting without verified consent.

11. Digital Commitment

By registering for Oaths.co.za™, all users — adult or minor — make a **digital vow** that:

“My identity is real, my documents are lawful, and my intent is honest.”

This commitment safeguards the integrity of South African document certification and ensures Oaths.co.za™ remains a trusted, lawful, and ethical digital service for all citizens.
