

# SalveHR and Legal Solutions

### Privacy Policy

#### Introduction

SalveHR and Legal Solutions (herein referred to as SalveHR) processes personal data. This policy concerns the processing of personal data of different categories of identifiable persons such as employs, customers, consumers, stakeholders, beneficiaries, partners, and others. SalveHR understands the importance of personal data and always carefully considers the protection of personal data during the different personal data processing operation.

Compliance with data protection legislation is the basis for a relationship of trust between SalveHR & it's staff, partners & stakeholders. SalveHR takes the protection of personal data very seriously & the

data protection policy assign responsibility for data protection and authorize protocol for SalveHR staff.

### **Scope of the Policy**

This policy applies to all staff within the organization (Permanent staff, Temporary staff, Full-time employees, Part-time employees, Interns, Volunteers, Stake holders, Partners, Beneficiaries, Project Participants, Supplier, etc). Adherence to this policy is mandatory and non-compliance could lead to disciplinary action.

#### **Application of Policy**

The Act will apply to the processing of Personal Data collected in India in two situations:

- When Personal Data is collected online from Data Principals, and
- When Personal Data is collected offline and then transferred to a digital format.

The Act will also cover processing personal data outside of India if that processing is related to profiling people in India or offering goods and services to data principals in India.

The provisions of the Act does not cover:

- Personal data managed by individuals for their own purposes,
- Personal Data that is intentionally made publicly available by the individual it pertains to or by someone who's legally obligated to share such data.

**Transparency:** SalveHR aims to be transparent about the types of information we collect, how we collect it, and why we collect it.

**Data Collection:** We collect only the necessary information required to deliver our services effectively. We do not collect sensitive information unless it is essential for the service and with explicit consent.

**Purpose of Data:** We clearly define the purposes for which we collect data.

**Consent:** Obtaining consent is crucial. We seek permission before collecting any personal information, and the data provider have the right to withdraw the consent at any time.

**Data Security:** Protecting data is one of our top priorities. We implement robust security measures to prevent unauthorized access, disclosure, alteration, or destruction of information.

**Data Retention:** We retain data only for as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes outlined in our Privacy Policy or as required by law. Once the data is no longer needed, we securely delete or anonymize it to ensure your privacy is maintained.

**Third-party Sharing:** We may need to share the collected information with trusted third parties to provide certain services or improve our offerings. However, we ensure that these third parties adhere to similar privacy standards and only process the data as instructed by us, as required by law.

**User Rights:** Data provider has certain rights regarding your personal data, including the right to access, correct, or delete the information. SalveHR provides the relevant procedures for to exercise these rights and manage the data effectively.

**Policy Updates:** The Privacy Policy is periodically reviewed and updated to ensure it remains accurate, relevant, and compliant with legal requirements.

#### **Applicability**

The privacy policy applies to all individuals whose personal information is collected, processed, or stored by the organization. This includes customers, employees, contractors, and any other parties whose data is handled.

### Why this Policy Exists

In India, the right to privacy is said to be enshrined under the fundamental right to life. In a landmark judgement delivered by the Supreme Court in K.S. Puttuswamy v. Union of India it was held that right to privacy includes informational and technological privacy. In particular, the right to identification, the right to control the broadcast of personal information, the right to be forgotten, and the privacy of children are all included in the right to privacy. There are data privacy laws in place in over 130 countries around the world. Some of the most notable data privacy laws include- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) in the United States applicable to businesses, Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) in Singapore, etc.

#### **Policy Elements**

Two concepts intrinsic to data privacy are - Consent and Notice

**Consent:** Consent is the primary basis for the processing of Personal Data. For Personal Data to have lawfully collected from a person, consent must be:

- freely given,
- taken for a specific purpose,
- taken with full information as to why it is collected, how it will be used, who will have access,
- taken unconditionally (not involve a threat)

**Notice:** Each request for consent must be accompanied by a notice from a Data Fiduciary. This notice should provide information about the process of withdrawing consent, the procedure for

addressing grievances, and how to file a complaint with the Data Protection Board (Board). The format and additional details for this notice will be determined by the Central Government, introducing a novel aspect in the DPDP Act 2023.

### **Compliance**

The organization, in addition to legal authorities has the power to impose fines and penalties for non-compliance with privacy laws. These fines can vary widely depending on the severity of the violation. Individuals whose privacy rights are violated may take legal action against the organization; the sum will be recovered from the breacher (lawsuits, damages, reputational harm, etc.)

**Data Controller** means the natural or legal person, public authority, agency or other body which, alone or jointly with others, determine the purpose and means of the processing of personal data. Where the purposes and means such processing and determined by Board Members of SalveHR.

**Deletion & Anonymization** Personal data may only be stored for as long as it's necessary for the purpose for which the data is being processed this means that personal data must be deleted or anonymized as soon as the purpose of its processing has been fulfilled or otherwise lapse.

**Consent** Any freely given and informed indication of an agreement by the data subject to the processing of his/her personal data, which may be given either by a written or oral statement or by a clear affirmative action.

**Biometric Data** Is Personal Data resulting from specific technological processing relating to the physical, physiological, or behavioral characteristics of a natural person, which allow or confirm the unique identification of that natural person, such as facial images or dactyloscopic data.

**Data Protection Officer** Is a function foreseen by applicable mandatory law to support the due application of data protection law in the context of the operations of a Head Office.

**Data Subject** are any natural person who is identified in or identifiable based on personal data, like e.g. Donors, Employees, Beneficiaries, Project Participants, Stakeholders.

**Personal data** means any data related to an individual who can be identified form that data; from that data and other information; or by means reasonably likely to be used related to that data. Personal data include bio graphical data (bio-data) such as Name, Sex, Martial Status, Date & Place of Birth, Country of Origin, individual registration number, religion and ethnicity, bio-metric data such as photograph, fingerprint, as well as any expression of opinion about the individuals, such as assessment of the status and/or specific needs.

**Processing of Personal data** means any operation, or set of operation, automatic or not, which is performed on personal data, including but not limited to the collection, recording, organization, structuring, adoption, or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, transfer (which is computerized, oral or written form), dissemination or otherwise making available, correction or destruction.

**Processing Restriction** is the marking of stored personal data with the aim of limiting its future process.

**Employee** Any employee of SalveHR.

**Head Office** SalveHR's Head Office operations at Benson Town, Bengaluru.

**Profiling** means any form of automatic processing of personal data consisting of the use of personal data to evaluate certain personal aspect relating to a natural person, in particular to analyze or predict aspect concerning the natural person's performance at work, economic situation, health, personal performance, interest, reliability, behavior or movements.

**Third Party** means a natural or legal person, public authority, agency, or other body other than the Data Subject, the Controller, the Data Processer, and other persons who have direct authorization from the Controller or the Data Processor to process Personal Data.

**Data Principal** The individual to whom the personal data belongs, which includes the child's parents or legal guardians if the person is a child (less than 18 years of age) or person with disability.

**Data Fiduciary** Any person who, alone or in collaboration with others, determines the purpose and means of processing Personal data are referred to as a Data Fiduciary. Therefore, non-profit organizations or charities would assume the role of data fiduciaries.

**Data Processor** Any person who processes personal data on behalf of a Data fiduciary (this includes research agencies or data scientists engaged by NGOs).

**Digital Office** Refers to an office that utilizes an online system for carrying out activities, starting from receiving notifications, complaints, references, directions, or appeals, and continuing until the resolution of these matters, all of which occur through online or digital means.

**Digital Personal Data** Refers to Personal Data in a digital format.

**Personal Data** Any information about a person who can be identified by or in connection with that information. (Eg. name, age, address, email address, Aadhar number)

**Significant Data** Fiduciary Pertains to a Data Fiduciary or a group of Data Fiduciaries that the Central Government designates. This designation is determined by considering factors such as the quantity and sensitivity of processed Personal data, the potential risks to the rights of Data Principals, the possible impact on India's sovereignty and integrity, risks to electoral democracy, state security, and maintenance of public order.

#### **Organization Structure**

**General Organization** The overall responsibility for Data Protection lies with the Board members and coordinator from each project. The Privacy Officer support them in performing their duties.

**Local Responsibility** SalveHR Management is responsible for complying with data privacy laws and regulations pertaining to its Office. In addition, it must ensure that managers, & Employees that process Personal Data for which SalveHR is responsible or is acting as Data Processor, within the meaning of the GDPR, are informed in accordance with GDPR and local requirements and, where necessary, are appropriately trained.

**Roles and Responsibilities** Within its area of responsibility, the SalveHR Management shall clearly define, regularly check, and document roles and responsibilities relating to the handling of Personal Data.

**Data Protection Officer** Based on mandatory law SalveHR has appointed a Data Protection Officer at the location of its Head Office. The Data Protection officer can be reached through the following means: Email: info@salvehr.com, Phone: +91 7305051552. The Data Protection

Officer monitors compliance with the GDPR and other legal requirements, including the requirements of this Policy and Data Protection guidelines. The Data Protection Officer advises and informs the Executive Board and the organization's management regarding existing Data Protection obligations and is responsible for communicating with supervisory authorities. The Data Protection Officer checks selected processes at appropriate intervals on a random, risk-oriented basis to ensure their conformity with Data Protection guidelines.

### **General Principles & Procedures**

**General Information Security Framework** To ensure the availability, confidentiality, and integrity of information, a general security framework shall be prepared based on the Information Security Policy, along with a risk analysis identifying protection needs, and shall set forth binding procedures for Processing information, including Personal Data. The development of this framework should consider technical state of the art. The security framework shall be regularly reviewed and evaluated regarding the effectiveness of the organizational measures provided for therein. A classification system shall be established for the handling of information. All Employees shall be appropriately sensitised, including trainings, regarding the careful handling of information confidential and sensitive information, including Personal Data.

**Risk Assessment on the Processing of Personal Data** Each Department or Project responsible for Processing Personal Data shall determine the protection required by of the kind of Processing activities as well as by the kind of Processed Personal Data; for that purpose the Department or Project shall take into consideration the nature, scope, circumstances, purposes of the Processing Personal Data as well as the probability of a potential Data Breach.

**Obligation of Data Confidentiality** Employees are prohibited from collecting, Processing, or utilizing Personal Data without authorization. They must certify their agreement to treat Personal Data confidentially before taking up their employment duties, using the form provided for this purpose. Employees with special secrecy obligations must also agree to any such additional obligation in writing.

## **Processing Schedule**

**Obligation to Maintain a Register** The Head Office of SalveHR shall maintain its records of Processing activities of Personal Data. Each Project shall name an individual who will document and maintain information on the required procedures of the respective Project, according to legal requirements and to this Policy. The Data Protection Officer may be consulted for advice.

**Consolidated Register** The respective records of Processing activities of the Country Offices and the Head Office shall be consolidated in an appropriate manner, which shall be checked at regular intervals for accuracy, completeness, and consistency.

**Submission** Upon request, SalveHR will make the register available to the supervisory authority. The Data Protection Officer is responsible for doing this.

# **Impact Assessment**

If a Department or Project processes under its own responsibility Personal Data and such processing is expected to create a high risk to the rights or freedoms of Data Subjects, it shall carry out Data Protection impact assessments before engaging in respective Processing. This particularly applies to the Processing of Personal Data of vulnerable Project Participants. A high risk exists, for example, if a large amount of Personal Data is being processed by default, if extensive Processing of Special Categories of Personal Data is to be carried out, if a comprehensive

and systematic evaluation of personal characteristics of Data Subjects is to occur, or if the Processing operations are likely to present a high risk to a Data Subject in any other way.

A Data Protection impact assessment is also required before the introduction of new data processing technologies.

The Data Protection impact assessment must be documented in writing and include, at a minimum, the following content:

- A systematic description of the envisaged processing activity and the purpose of such Processing, including, where appropriate, any legitimate interests pursued by the Controller.
- An assessment of the necessity and proportionality of the Processing activity in relation to the purpose;
- An assessment of the risks to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects and the safeguards to be taken to address those risks, including safeguards, security measures, and procedures to ensure the protection of Personal Data. The Data Protection Officer shall advise the Department or Project carrying out the Data Protection impact assessment if the Processing activity may present a high risk to Data Subjects.

### **General Handling of Personal Data**

**Processing Only with Legal Authorization** The Processing of Personal Data is generally prohibited, unless permitted by law. In principle, the GDPR allows for the Processing of Personal Data if and to the extent that:

- The Processing is necessary for the performance of an existing contractual relationship with the Data Subject. Example: The storage of necessary Personal Data within the framework of a consultancy contract or an employment relationship.
- The Data Subject requested the Processing during pre- contractual communications, as well as while Processing a contract with the Data Subject. Example: An interested donor requests informational material or verification about the general use of donations and then decides to donate. The data required to send the information and to process the donation (e.g., for issuing and sending the donation receipt) may be processed
- The Data Subject has given their Consent. Example: The Data Subject voluntarily registers to receive a newsletter or a Project Participants agrees to the Processing of Personal Data.

**Principle of Data Minimization** The Processing of Personal Data shall be aimed at processing as little data as possible from Data Subjects. Personal Data may only be Processed to the extent necessary to achieve the legitimate purpose of the Processing. Personal Data must be anonymised or pseudonymised as far as this is possible, based on the purpose of use. For example, it will usually not be necessary to know and use the name of a Data Subject in the context of a statistical evaluation of data. Rather, this information can be replaced by a random value that also ensures that the underlying information is distinguishable.

**Defining a Clear Processing Purpose** Personal Data may only be Processed for a specified, explicit, and legitimate purpose. Data Processing without a legitimate purpose, such as the storage of data by default, is not allowed.

**Changing the Processing Purpose** Processing of Personal Data for a purpose other than that for which the Data Subject provided previous consent is only allowed if the purpose of the further Processing is compatible with the purpose covered by the original consent. The nature of the

data processed, the consequences for the Data Subject, and the possibilities of encryption or Pseudonymisation must be considered. The Data Subject is to be comprehensively informed about such change of Processing purpose.

The Data Protection Officer shall advise on the appropriate scope of the duty to inform.

**Adequately Informing Data Subjects** When Personal Data is collected, the Data Subject shall be adequately informed about the handling of their data. This must include the purpose of the Processing, the identity of the Controller, the Recipients of the Personal Data, and all other information necessary to ensure fair and transparent Processing. The information shall be provided in an intelligible and easily accessible form and in as simple language as possible.

**Data Collection from** Third Parties / Subsequent Change of the Processing Purpose If Personal Data is not collected from the data subject, but is procured, for example, from another company, the Data Subject must be subsequently and comprehensively informed about how their data is handled. The Data Protection Officer shall advise on the appropriate scope of the duty to inform.

**Data Integrity** As far as this is possible with reasonable effort, SalveHR shall ensure that Processed Personal Data is factually correct and, if necessary, up to date. The extent of data Processing must be necessary and relevant in relation to the defined Processing purpose.

The responsible Department or Project shall ensure data integrity by establishing appropriate processes and regularly reviewing relevant databases in an appropriate manner to ensure that they are correct, necessary, and up to date.

### **Rights of Data Subjects**

**Right to Information** Data Subjects have the right to obtain information about any Personal Data processed by or on behalf of SalveHR. When Processing a request for information, the identity of the requestor must be established beyond doubt. If there are justified doubts as to their identity, additional information may be requested from the requestor. If the requestor's identity cannot be established beyond doubt, the information must be refused with a reason for the refusal provided in writing; if a Data Subject has submitted the request for information electronically, this may also be done electronically (e.g., via email).

**Providing Information** Information is always provided in writing. If the Data Subject has submitted the request for information electronically, the information may also be provided electronically. The information shall include the Personal Data available as well as the Recipients of the Personal Data, the purpose of the Processing, and all other information required by law, so that the Data Subject can personally assess the lawfulness of the Processing. The Data Protection Officer shall advise on the necessary scope of the duty to provide information. At the specific request of the Data Subject, the data shall be made available in a structured, common, and machine- readable format.

The responsible IT Department shall determine the standard to be provided for this purpose. Upon explicit request by the Data Subject a copy of the Personal Data shall be provided.

Correction Data Subjects have the right to have their inaccurate Personal Data corrected. They may also request the completion of incomplete Personal Data. Requests for correction shall be complied with immediately.

**Erasure** The Data Subject has the right to erasure of their Personal Data under the following conditions:

Retention of the Personal Data is no longer necessary to fulfil the purposes of retention.

The Data Subject has withdrawn their Consent and there is no other legal basis for the Processing.

The Data Subject objects to Processing for direct marketing purposes or invoked a right of objection based on a specific – and justifiable – situation.

Special Categories of Personal Data are being Processed and their accuracy cannot be proven; There is another legal obligation to delete the Personal Data. If there is an obligation to delete Personal Data that has been previously made public, to the extent reasonably possible other data Processing Controllers must be informed of the request for deletion by the Data Subject with regard to all copies of and links to the respective Personal Data.

**Restriction** The Data Subject may request a Processing Restriction on their Personal Data in the following circumstances:

- The accuracy of the Personal Data is in dispute, but only for the period during which the accuracy is being verified by the responsible Department or Project;
- The Processing is unlawful, but the Data Subject refuses to have its Personal Data deleted;
- SalveHR no longer needs the Personal Data for Processing purposes, but the Data Subject requires the Personal Data for the establishment, exercise, or defence of legal claims;
- The Data Subject has objected to the Processing based on a particular situation, and the responsible Project is still examining such objection.

**Response Time** The Data Subject shall be informed within one month from the receipt of the request of the substantive measures taken in response to their request.

**Right to Complain** Every Data Subject has the right to file a complaint about the Processing of their Personal Data if they feel their rights have been violated. Complaints may be submitted to the Data Protection Officer; the Data Protection Officer is independent and autonomous. Complaints may also be submitted to a supervisory authority.

**Advisory Mandate of the Data Protection Officer** The Data Protection Officer shall be available to advise on protecting the rights of Data Subjects.

#### **Training**

The Act grants the data principal the right to:

- Access information from their Data Fiduciary about their Personal Data processed by the data fiduciary to whom the consent has been given or where the consent has been assumed.
- Ask for correction, completion, updating, or erasure of their Personal Data from the Data Fiduciary, unless the retention is necessary for the specified purpose.
- Seek readily available means of grievance redressal provided by a Data Fiduciary or Consent Manager only after exhausting all these remedies the Data Principal shall approach the Data Protection Board, and, Nominate any individual to exercise his rights upon his death or incapacity. It is important to note that these rights might be subject to limitations in cases where processing is carried out based on 'legitimate use' grounds.
- Employees who have ongoing or regular access to Personal Data, who process such data (e.g., Employees of the Human Resources Department, or Project staff who process Project Participants data), or who develop or maintain systems for Processing such data shall be trained in an appropriate manner on Data Protection obligations.

#### **Accountability**

Compliance with the requirements of this Policy must always be ascertainable. Particular attention must be paid here to the auditability and transparency of measures taken, for example, by means of associated documentation.

### **Policy Update**

This Policy shall be regularly reviewed with an eye towards adapting and amending it in the context of further development of Data Protection law, as well as technological and organizational changes. Any change to this Policy must be approved by the board members and data protection Officer and must be documented promptly in writing. Employees must be informed of changes to the Policy in a prompt and appropriate manner.

#### **Audits**

Regular Review of the Level of Data Protection To ensure an appropriate level of Data Protection, relevant processes shall be regularly reviewed under the responsibility of the Internal Audit Department by internal or external bodies. If a possibility for improvement is identified, corresponding corrective measures shall be identified and implemented in accordance with an action plan.

Duties with Respect to Documentation and Information Audit findings shall be documented. This documentation shall be handed over to the Data Protection Officer. Those responsible for the processes audited shall be informed of the results.

Completion of the Audit An audit is successfully completed when all improvement measures recommended in the report have been appropriately implemented. The respective Department or Project, within whose scope the processes to be improved fall are responsible for the implementation of the improvement measures. They report on the progress and completion of the improvement measures to the SalveHR Management.

As needed, follow-up audits may be carried out to verify the effective implementation of the recommended improvement measures.

#### **Internal Investigations**

Compliance with Data Protection Law Investigation measures to clarify the facts of a case or to prevent or detect criminal offences or serious breaches of duty in the employment relationship shall be carried out in strict compliance with relevant Data Protection laws and regulations. Any associated collection and use of Personal Data to achieve the purposes of the investigation must be necessary, appropriate, and proportionate to the interests of the Data Subject.

Duty to Inform the Data Subject The Data Subject shall be informed as soon as possible and as appropriate of the investigation measures taken with respect to them.

Involvement of the Data Protection Officer and Employee Representative In all internal investigation proceedings, the Data Protection Officer must be consulted in advance on the selection and design of the measures envisaged to verify their conformity with applicable Data Protection law. Likewise, the relevant employee representative body must be appropriately informed or involved in line with applicable law.

#### **Notifying Breach**

In the event of a Personal Data breach, Data Fiduciaries must promptly notify the Data Protection Board ("Board" hereinafter, which shall be constituted by the government) and each affected Data Principal. Failure to take reasonable security safeguards to prevent Personal Data breaches is punishable by a penalty of up to Rs. 250 crores and the failure to notify the Board in case of a data breach is punishable by a penalty of up to Rs. 200 crores.

#### **Data Transfer**

Under normal circumstances, Data Fiduciaries can transfer Personal data to any country except those regions that might be officially notified as restricted destinations by the government in the future. Data fiduciaries have the additional obligation to obtain verifiable parental consent or consent of the lawful guardian while processing the personal data of a child or data of a Person with Disability. Data Fiduciaries must refrain from data processing that would cause any detrimental effect on the well- being of a child and also refrain from tracking, monitoring, and targeted advertising aimed at children. Failure to adhere to this attracts a penalty of up to INR. 200 crores. As per the 2023 Act, the Central Government is also empowered to notify the age above which certain Data Fiduciaries will be exempt from these obligations, if it is satisfied that the processing of children's Personal Data is carried out by a Data Fiduciary in a 'verifiably safe' manner.

#### **Duty to Report**

Employees who know or suspect violations of this Policy are obliged to report them immediately to their manager or, if deemed more appropriate, to the Privacy Officer or the Compliance Department at the SalveHR Head Office. Any suspicion of a material violation of this Policy provided to a manager directly or via a SalveHR complaints mechanism must be reported immediately by the manager to the Compliance Department. Reports can be made to the Compliance Department via a confidential email address. In addition, SalveHR allows anonymous reporting on the Internet or by telephone via a whistleblowing hotline.

#### **Reporting Details**

Via Email: info@salvehr.com Via Website: <u>SalveHR.com</u> Via Hotline: +91 7305051552

**Note:** All information about violations of this policy will be handled in a strictly confidential manner. No one who in good faith reports any violation, suspicion of a violation, or evidence of a violation need fear disadvantages or other negative consequences as a result of making this report, even if the report, suspicion, or evidence later turns out to be unfounded. It is not the duty or responsibility of the reporting person to independently investigate or decide whether a Data Protection violation has occurred.

# **Voluntary Undertaking**

At any time when SalveHR realizes there has been a breach of its obligations under the data privacy law, anyone can give the Board a voluntary undertaking that they would follow any part of the Act. The Board has the discretion on whether to consider the undertaking or not. Such a voluntary undertaking may be publicized. The explanatory note published along with the Act considers this provision as a measure to encourage timely admission and rectification of lapses. The focus of the Act is on enabling and facilitating compliance rather than penalizing noncompliance. So, it is a way for the Data Fiduciary to fix a breach at any time after it has happened and keep the Board from taking action against them.