Buddy App Terms and Conditions of Use

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1. Introduction

Welcome to **Buddy App** ("the App", "we", "us", or "our"), a social connectivity platform designed to connect individuals based on shared interests, goals, and preferences.

These Terms and Conditions ("Terms") govern your access to and use of the Buddy App, and constitute a binding legal agreement between you ("the user", "you", or "your") and Buddy App.

By downloading, registering an account on, or using the App, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agreed to be bound by these Terms. If you do not agree, you must refrain from using the App immediately.

2. Eligibility

By using the App, you confirm that:

- 1. You are 18 years of age or older;
- 2. You have full legal capacity to enter into binding agreements; and
- 3. All information you provide is **true**, **accurate**, **and complete**.

We reserve the right to suspend or terminate accounts that violate these eligibility conditions or any other provision of these Terms.

3. User Account and Registration

To use Buddy App, you are required to create a user profile by providing certain personal information, including your name, ID, gender, location, photos, and personal preferences.

You are solely responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your login credentials and for all activity that occurs under your account.

You agree to:

- Provide accurate and up-to-date information during registration;
- Refrain from impersonating any other person or entity; and
- Immediately notify us at buddyappza@gmail.com of any unauthorised access or breach of your account.

4. Nature of the Service

Buddy App enables users to connect and communicate with others based on shared interests and preferences.

We do not guarantee the accuracy, authenticity, or behaviour of any user or the success of any match or interaction facilitated by the App. You acknowledge that all interactions are at your **own discretion and risk**.

Buddy App is **not a dating, escort, or professional networking service**, and is intended solely for lawful personal use.

5. User Conduct

By using the App, you agree to conduct yourself in a lawful, respectful, and responsible manner. You may **not** use the App to:

- 1. Engage in harassment, abuse, discrimination, or hate speech;
- 2. Post, upload, or share offensive, defamatory, obscene, or unlawful content;
- 3. Impersonate another individual or misrepresent your identity;
- 4. Collect or harvest information about other users without consent;
- 5. Engage in any fraudulent or deceptive activity; or
- 6. Interfere with or disrupt the operation of the App or its servers.

We reserve the right to suspend, restrict, or terminate your access to the App without prior notice if you are found to be in violation of these Terms.

6. Content Ownership and Usage Rights

All intellectual property, software, design elements, trademarks, and content made available through the Buddy App are owned by or licensed to Buddy App and are protected under South African intellectual property laws.

You are granted a **limited**, **non-exclusive**, **non-transferable licence** to use the App for personal, non-commercial purposes only.

You may not:

- Copy, modify, distribute, or reproduce the App or any portion thereof;
- Reverse-engineer, decompile, or attempt to derive the App's source code; or
- Use the App for any commercial purpose without our prior written consent.

7. User-Generated Content

By uploading or posting content (including photographs, text, or preferences) to the App, you grant Buddy App a **non-exclusive**, **royalty-free**, **worldwide licence** to use, display, and process such content solely for the purpose of providing the App's services.

You retain ownership of all content you upload, but you are solely responsible for ensuring that such content:

- Does not infringe any third-party rights; and
- Complies with applicable laws and community guidelines.

Buddy App reserves the right to remove or delete any content that is deemed inappropriate or in violation of these Terms.

8. Privacy and Data Protection

Buddy App is fully committed to the lawful processing and protection of personal information in accordance with the **Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 (POPIA)**.

All personal information collected through the App is handled as described in our **[Privacy Policy]**, which forms an integral part of these Terms.

By using the App, you consent to the collection and processing of your personal information in accordance with that Policy.

9. Disclaimers and Limitation of Liability

You acknowledge and agree that:

- The App is provided on an "as is" and "as available" basis.
- We make **no warranties**, express or implied, regarding the App's functionality, reliability, or fitness for a particular purpose.
- We do not guarantee uninterrupted, error-free, or secure operation of the App.

To the maximum extent permitted by law, Buddy App, its owners, directors, employees, or affiliates shall **not be liable**for any direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, or special damages arising from your use of or inability to use the App, including (without limitation) personal injury, emotional distress, or financial loss.

Users are encouraged to exercise discretion and sound judgment when interacting with others through the App.

10. Suspension and Termination

We may, at our sole discretion, suspend or permanently terminate your access to the App without notice if:

- You breach these Terms or any applicable law;
- You misuse or abuse the App's services; or
- Continued access is likely to cause harm to other users or to Buddy App's integrity.

Upon termination, your right to use the App ceases immediately, and any data associated with your account may be deleted in accordance with our data retention policy.

11. Updates and Modifications

Buddy App reserves the right to update, modify, or discontinue the App or any portion thereof at any time without prior notice.

We may also amend these Terms periodically, and any changes will become effective upon publication in the App or on our website. Continued use after such publication constitutes your acceptance of the revised Terms.

12. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

These Terms shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the **laws of the Republic** of South Africa.

Any disputes arising from or in connection with these Terms shall be subject to the **exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of South Africa**.

13. Severability

If any provision of these Terms is found to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, such provision shall be severed from the remaining provisions, which shall remain valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

14. Contact Information

For any queries, complaints, or notices regarding these Terms, please contact:

Buddy App Legal Department

Email: buddyappza@gmail.com

End of Terms and Conditions