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## **GDPR Data Retention Policy**

### **1. Purpose, Scope, definition and Users**

This policy sets the required retention periods for specified categories of personal data and sets out the minimum standards to be applied when destroying certain information within Jointline Limited (further: the “Company”). This policy should be read in conjunction with our privacy policies (employee and non-employee)

This Policy applies to all business units, processes, and systems in all countries in which the Company conducts business and has dealings or other business relationships with third parties.

This Policy applies to all Company officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates, contractors, consultants, advisors or service providers that may collect, process, or have access to data (including personal data and/or sensitive personal data). It is the responsibility of all of the above to familiarise themselves with this Policy and ensure adequate compliance with it.

This policy applies to all information used at the Company. A record is defined as any document, either paper or electronic, that is created or received by offices or employees that allows them to conduct business. Examples of documents include:

Emails

Hard copy documents

Soft copy documents

Data generated by physical access control systems

Meeting minutes

Reports

Memos

Policy statements

Forms

Budgets

General correspondence

### **2. Reference Documents**

General Data Protection Regulation (UK-GDPR) and The Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) give guidance on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data.

Personal Data Protection Policy

### **3. Retention Rules**

#### **3.1. Retention General Principle**

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In the event, for any category of documents not specifically defined elsewhere in this Policy (and in particular within the Data Retention Schedule) and unless otherwise mandated differently by applicable law, the required retention period for such document will be deemed to be 6 years from the date of creation of the document.

### 3.2.Retention General Schedule

The Data Protection Officer defines the time period for which the documents and electronic records should to be retained through the Data Retention Schedule.

As an exemption, retention periods within Data Retention Schedule can be prolonged in cases such as:

Ongoing investigations from Member States authorities, if there is a chance records of personal data are needed by the Company to prove compliance with any legal requirements; or

When exercising legal rights in cases of lawsuits or similar court proceeding recognized under local law.

### 3.3.Safeguarding of Data during Retention Period

The possibility that data media used for archiving will wear out shall be considered. If electronic storage media are chosen, any procedures and systems ensuring that the information can be accessed during the retention period (both with respect to the information carrier and the readability of formats) shall also be stored in order to safeguard the information against loss as a result of future technological changes. The responsibility for the storage falls to the Data Controller.

### 3.4.Destruction of Data

The Company and its employees should therefore, on a regular basis, review all data, whether held electronically on their device or on paper, to decide whether to destroy or delete any data once the purpose for which those documents were created is no longer relevant. See Appendix for the retention schedule. Overall responsibility for the destruction of data falls to the Data Controller.

Once the decision is made to dispose according to the Retention Schedule, the data should be deleted, shredded or otherwise destroyed to a degree equivalent to their value to others and their level of confidentiality. The method of disposal varies and is dependent upon the nature of the document. For example, any documents that contain sensitive or confidential information (and particularly sensitive personal data) must be disposed of as confidential waste and be subject to secure electronic deletion; some expired or superseded contracts may only warrant in-house shredding. The Document Disposal Schedule section below defines the mode of disposal.

In this context, the employee shall perform the tasks and assume the responsibilities relevant for the information destruction in an appropriate way. The specific deletion or destruction process may be carried out either by an employee or by an internal or external service provider that the Data Protection Officer subcontracts for this purpose. Any applicable general provisions under relevant data protection laws and the Company's Personal Data Protection Policy shall be complied with.

Appropriate controls shall be in place that prevents the permanent loss of essential information of the company as a result of malicious or unintentional destruction of information – these controls are described in the company's IT Security Policy.

The Data Protection Officer shall fully document and approve the destruction process. The applicable statutory requirements for the destruction of information, particularly requirements under applicable data protection laws, shall be fully observed.

### 3.5. Breach, Enforcement and Compliance

The person appointed with responsibility for Data Protection, the Data Controller has the responsibility to ensure that each of the Company's offices complies with this Policy. It is also the responsibility of the Data Controller to assist any local office with enquiries from any local data protection or governmental authority.

Any suspicion of a breach of this Policy must be reported immediately to Data Controller. All instances of suspected breaches of the Policy shall be investigated and action taken as appropriate.

Failure to comply with this Policy may result in adverse consequences, including, but not limited to, loss of customer confidence, litigation and loss of competitive advantage, financial loss and damage to the Company's reputation, personal injury, harm or loss. Non-compliance with this Policy by permanent, temporary or contract employees, or any third parties, who have been granted access to Company premises or information, may therefore result in disciplinary proceedings or termination of their employment or contract. Such non-compliance may also lead to legal action against the parties involved in such activities.

## 4. Document Disposal

### 4.1. Routine Disposal Schedule

Records which may be routinely destroyed unless subject to an on-going legal or regulatory inquiry are as follows:

Announcements and notices of day-to-day meetings and other events including acceptances and apologies;

Requests for ordinary information such as travel directions;

Reservations for internal meetings without charges / external costs;

Transmission documents such as letters, fax cover sheets, e-mail messages, routing slips, compliments slips and similar items that accompany documents but do not add any value;

Message slips;

Superseded address list, distribution lists etc.;

Duplicate documents such as CC and FYI copies, unaltered drafts, snapshot printouts or extracts from databases and day files;

In-house publications which are obsolete or superseded; and

Trade magazines, vendor catalogues, flyers and newsletters from vendors or other external organizations.

In all cases, disposal is subject to any disclosure requirements which may exist in the context of litigation.

#### 4.2.Destruction Method

Level I documents are those that contain information that is of the highest security and confidentiality and those that include any personal data. These documents shall be disposed of as confidential waste (cross-cut shredded) by a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party and shall be subject to secure electronic deletion. Disposal of the documents should include proof of destruction.

Level II documents are proprietary documents that contain confidential information such as parties' names, signatures and addresses, or which could be used by third parties to commit fraud, but which do not contain any personal data. The documents should be cross-cut shredded by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party approved disposal firm, and electronic documents will be subject to secure electronic deletion.

Level III documents are those that do not contain any confidential information or personal data and are published Company documents. These should be disposed through a recycling company and include, among other things, advertisements, catalogues, flyers, and newsletters. These may be disposed of without an audit trail.

#### 5. Managing Records Kept on the Basis of this Document

Record name	Storage location	Person responsible for storage	Controls for record protection	Retention time
Data Retention Schedule	Company	Data Controller	Only authorized persons may access this document	Permanently

#### 6. Validity and document management

This document is valid as of the date shown at the bottom of the document

The owner of this document is the Data Controller who must check and, if necessary, update the document at least once a year.

#### 7. Appendices

##### Appendix – Data Retention Schedule

##### Financial Records

Personal data record category	Mandated retention period	Record owner
Payroll records	Seven years after audit	Finance
Supplier contracts	Seven years after contract is terminated	Finance
Chart of Accounts	Permanent	Finance



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Fiscal Policies and Procedures	Permanent	Finance
Permanent Audits	Permanent	Finance
Financial statements	Permanent	Finance
General Ledger	Permanent	Finance
Investment records (deposits, earnings, withdrawals)	7 years	Finance
Invoices	7 years	Finance
Cancelled checks	7 years	Finance
Bank deposit slips	7 years	Finance
Business expenses documents	7 years	Finance
Check registers/books	7 years	Finance
Property/asset inventories	7 years	Finance
Credit card receipts	3 years	Finance
Petty cash receipts/documents	3 years	Finance

### **Business Records**

<b>Personal data record category</b>	<b>Mandated retention period</b>	<b>Record owner</b>
Article of Incorporation to apply for corporate status	Permanent	Finance
Board policies	Permanent	Finance
Board meeting minutes	Permanent	Finance
Tax or employee identification number designation	Permanent	Finance
Office and team meeting minutes	5 Years	Finance
Annual corporate filings	Permanent	Finance



**HR: Employee Records**

<b>Personal data record category</b>	<b>Mandated retention period</b>	<b>Record owner</b>
Disciplinary, grievance proceedings records, oral/verbal, written, final warnings, appeals	3 years after termination	Finance
Applications for jobs, interview notes – Recruitment/promotion panel Internal Where the candidate is unsuccessful Where the candidate is successful	Deleted immediately Duration of employment	Line Manager Finance
Payroll input forms, wages/salary records, overtime/bonus payments Payroll sheets, copies	7 years	Finance
Bank details – current	Duration of employment	Finance
Payrolls/wages	Duration of employment	Finance
Job history including staff personal records: contract(s), Ts & Cs; previous service dates; pay and pension history, pension estimates, resignation/termination letters	Permanent	HR
Employee address details	Duration of employment	Finance
Expense claims	7 Years	Finance
Annual leave records	Duration of employment	Finance
Accident books Accident reports and correspondence	7 Years	H&S Manager
Certificates and self-certificates unrelated to workplace injury; statutory sick pay forms	Permanent	Finance
Pregnancy/childbirth certification	As per legal requirement	Finance
Parental leave	7 years	Finance
Maternity pay records and calculations	7 Years	Finance



Redundancy details, payment calculations, refunds, notifications	7 Years	Finance
Training and development records	7 years	H&S Manager
Occupational health records	40 years	H&S Manager

### **Contracts**

<b>Personal data record category</b>	<b>Mandated retention period</b>	<b>Record owner</b>
Signed	7 Years	Finance
Contract amendments	7 Years	Finance
Successful tender documents	7 Years	Finance
Unsuccessful tenders' documents	3 Years	Finance
Tender – user requirements, specification, evaluation criteria, invitation	7 Years	Finance
Contractors' reports	7 Years	Finance
Operation and monitoring, eg complaints	7 Years	Finance

### **Customer Data**

<b>Personal data record category</b>	<b>Mandated retention period</b>	<b>Record owner</b>
CRM data – inclusive of Name, Email address, mobile number, address, emails and phone call summaries, DPO information	Retained whilst organisation remains a customer or deleted by user. Once an organisation requests all records to be deleted, data will be removed from the back-ups within 6 months	Operations

### **Non-Customer Data**

<b>Personal data record category</b>	<b>Mandated retention period</b>	<b>Record owner</b>
Name, email address	Kept until person unsubscribes / requests to be removed from system	Operations





**IT**

<b>Personal data record category</b>	<b>Mandated retention period</b>	<b>Record owner</b>
Recycle Bins	Cleared monthly	Individual employee
Downloads	Cleared monthly	Individual employee
Inbox	All emails containing PII attachments deleted after 3 years.	Individual employee
Deleted Emails	Cleared monthly	Individual employee
Personal Network Drive	Reviewed quarterly, any documents containing PII deleted after 3 years	Individual employee
Local Drives & files	Moved to network drive monthly, then deleted from local drive	Individual employee

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