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# **ACCESS CONTROL**

# **POLICY**

Access to systems and resources

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3 Access Control Policy

**Purpose** 3.1

The purpose of the policy is to ensure the correct access to the correct information

and resources by the correct people.

3.2 Scope

All employees and third-party users.

All systems and applications deemed in scope by the ISO 27001 scope statement.

Physical access is defined in the Physical and Environmental Policy.

**Principle** 3.3

Access control is granted on the principle of least privilege. Users are only provided

access to the information they require to perform their tasks and role.

3.4 Confidentiality Agreements

All employees and contractors who are given access to confidential information should

sign a confidentiality or non-disclosure agreement prior to being given access to

information processing facilities

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#### 3.5 Role Based Access

Access to systems is based on role. Access is granted by the business owner, system owner or data owner and formally approved.

#### 3.6 Unique Identifier

Users are assigned a unique username or identifier on the principle of one user one ID to ensure individual accountability.

#### 3.7 Access Authentication

Users are positively identified and authenticated before gaining access to systems, services, or information.

#### 3.8 Access Rights Review

User access to systems is reviewed at least annually to ensure it is still appropriate and relevant.

Inactive and dormant accounts are investigated, and appropriate action taken including the updating of required documentation.

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#### 3.9 Privilege Accounts / Administrator Accounts

Administrator accounts are not provided to users, including but not limited to laptops and mobile technology.

Where feasible privilege and administrator users are assigned specific privilege and administrator accounts in addition to their normal account for the specific use on the completion of privilege and administrator tasks.

#### 3.10 Passwords

Access to systems and information is authenticated by passwords.

Initial passwords provided to users must be changed on first use.

Vendor supplied and default passwords are changed immediately upon installation.

Passwords are not generic, shared or set at a group level.

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A password history file is maintained to prevent the reuse of passwords for at least
four cycles.
Passwords are changed every 90 days.

Passwords are to be kept confidential and not written down.

## 3.11 User Account Provisioning

Account creation, modification and deletion is performed by authorised personnel and is fully documented.

Individual line managers approve account creation, modification, and deletion.

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Business, system, or information owners approve access to systems and information.

A form is used to clearly indicate the required access and an authorisation email or

signature is provided.

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3.12 Leavers

Line managers and HR inform the account provisioning team a user's leave date.

When a user leaves the company, all access is revoked, as a minimum to the main

authentication technology, and to all systems and data recorded in the role-based

access list.

3.13 Authentication

The main access authentication system

• Does not display system or application identifiers until the log-on process has

been successfully completed

• Display a general notice warning that the computer should only be accessed by

authorized users

Not provide help messages during the log-on procedure that would aid an

unauthorized user



 Validate the log-on information only on completion of all input data. If an error condition arises, the system should not indicate which part of the data is correct or incorrect

#### 3.14 Remote Access

Remote access to company networks and cloud-based services follows the same rules previously covered by this policy with the addition of the requirement for two factor authentications where available.

Remote connections are set to disconnect after a set period of time.

A list of users with remote access to internal network systems is maintained.

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#### 3.15 Third Party Remote Access

Access is only granted to third parties under current contract with an applicable nondisclosure agreement in place.

Access is granted for a specific time, to a specific system, to a specific individual and provided on receipt of a formal, valid, authorised access request.

#### 3.16 Monitoring and Reporting

Access to systems is monitored and reported and actions that directly or indirectly affect or could affect the confidentiality, integrity or availability of data are managed via the Incident Management process.

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4 Policy Compliance

**Compliance Measurement** 

The information security management team will verify compliance to this policy

through various methods, including but not limited to, business tool reports, internal

and external audits, and feedback to the policy owner.

4.2 Exceptions

Any exception to the policy must be approved and recorded by the Information

Security Manager in advance and reported to the Management Review Team.

4.3 **Non-Compliance** 

An employee found to have violated this policy may be subject to disciplinary action,

up to and including termination of employment.

4.4 Continual Improvement

The policy is updated and reviewed as part of the continual improvement process.