

Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy

Policy Statement

The Bribery Act 2010 came into force on 1 July 2011 and creates a framework of five criminal offences:

- Giving, promising, and offering of a bribe
- Agreeing to receive or accept a bribe
- Bribing a foreign official
- Failure of commercial organisations to prevent bribery
- A senior officer of a commercial organisation consenting to or conniving in an act of bribery

Devcon Limited will conduct business in an honest and ethical manner. Devcon Limited takes a zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption and is committed to acting professionally, fairly and with integrity in all its business dealings and relationships, wherever it operates, and implementing and enforcing effective systems to counter bribery. Devcon Limited will uphold all laws relevant to countering bribery and corruption in all the jurisdictions in which it conducts business, including, in the UK, the Bribery Act 2010, which applies to conduct both in the UK and abroad.

Scope

All Devcon Limited employees, board members and others acting on behalf of Devcon Limited must comply with this Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy and it extends to all business dealings and transactions. It is essential that Devcon Limited conducts an effective process of due diligence prior to entering into significant business relationships and that a record is kept of this process.

Any breach of the policy is likely to constitute a serious disciplinary, contractual and criminal matter for the individual concerned. This could constitute gross misconduct for which an offending employee may be dismissed without notice. It may also cause serious damage to the reputation and standing of Devcon Limited.

Gifts and Hospitality

This policy does not prohibit normal and appropriate gifts and hospitality (given and received) to or from Third Parties unless otherwise specifically stated. However, any gift or hospitality:

- must not be made with the intention of improperly influencing a Third Party or Worker to obtain or retain business or a business advantage, or to reward the provision or retention of business or a business advantage, or in explicit or implicit exchange for favours or benefits;
- must comply with local law in all relevant countries;
- must be given in the name of the organisation, not in an individual's name;
- must not include cash or a cash equivalent;
- must be appropriate in the circumstances;
- must be of an appropriate type and value and given at an appropriate time taking into account the reason for the gift; and
- must be given openly, not secretly.

It is not acceptable for an employee (or someone on their behalf) to:

- give, promise to give, or offer, a payment, gift or hospitality with the expectation or hope that they or Devcon Limited will improperly be given a business advantage, or as a reward for a business advantage already improperly given;
- give, promise to give, or offer, a payment, gift or hospitality to a government official, agent or representative to facilitate or expedite a routine procedure;
- accept payment from a Third Party where it is known or suspected that it is offered or given with the expectation that the Third Party will improperly obtain a business advantage;
- accept a gift or hospitality from a Third Party where it is known or suspected that it is offered or provided with an expectation that a business advantage will be improperly provided by Devcon Limited in return;
- threaten or retaliate against another member of staff who has refused to commit a bribery offence or who has raised concerns under this policy; or
- engage in any activity that might lead to a breach of this policy.

Facilitation Payment and ‘Kickbacks’

Devcon Limited does not make and will not accept facilitation payments or “kickbacks” of any kind such as small unofficial payments, or payments made in return for a business favour or advantage.

Charitable Donations and Sponsorship

Devcon Limited only makes charitable donations and provides sponsorship that are legal and ethical under local laws and practices and which are in accordance with Devcon Limited’s internal policies and procedures.

Record Keeping

Devcon Limited maintains appropriate financial records and has appropriate internal controls in place which evidence the business reason for gifts, hospitality and payments made and received.

Communication and Review

This policy will be communicated to staff via the Employee Handbook, during induction, and at staff meetings.

This policy will be reviewed on a biennial basis

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L N Pope

Managing Director

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