

HUMAN RESOURCE POLICY

1.0 STAFFING 1.05 OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

Purpose

To ensure the employees of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC) are aware of the requirement that all employees must swear (or solemnly affirm) an Oath or Affirmation of Office, and to outline circumstances under which employees must maintain information on a confidential basis.

Application

This policy applies to all employees of the IPC.

Policy

In the course of employment with the IPC, an employee may receive confidential or sensitive information about the IPC, its employee's, public bodies and applicants / complainants. It is critical that this information be kept in the strictest confidence. Accordingly, upon appointment and each calendar year after that, all employees must take the prescribed Oath or Affirmation of Office before the Commissioner.

If ever in doubt about whether to disclose a piece of information, an employee should seek clarification from their supervisor or the Commissioner.

Process

The supervisor of any new employee will arrange for the swearing in of that employee with the Commissioner.

Authority

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, section 44
The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Regulations, section 19
IPC Policy 2.01 Standards of Conduct
IPC Policy 2.05 Privacy Guidelines

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