# **Preventing Tax Evasion**

#### Scope

This policy applies to all individuals working for or on behalf of BE Recruitment Ltd, including but not limited to:

- Employees at all levels
- Agency workers and contractors
- Consultants and external advisors
- Suppliers, service providers, agents, and business partners

## Responsibilities

- Company Secretary
  - Overall responsibility for tax compliance
  - Responsible for the development, implementation and review of this policy
  - Ensures training and communication of this policy across the organisation and supply chain

#### Introduction

Tax evasion is the fraudulent and deliberate action or omission to dishonestly avoid paying tax. It is a criminal offence.

Facilitating tax evasion—assisting someone in the evasion of tax deliberately and dishonestly—is also a criminal offence.

Failure to act on suspicions of tax evasion may also constitute facilitation.

Tax refers to all forms of taxation, including but not limited to:

- Corporation Tax
- Income Tax
- VAT
- Stamp Duty
- National Insurance Contributions
- Duties or any other statutory taxes

#### **Policy Statement**

BE Recruitment Ltd adopts a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of tax evasion or the facilitation of tax evasion. We are committed to:

- Acting professionally, fairly and with integrity in all our business dealings
- Complying with all relevant laws and regulations
- Implementing effective systems and controls to prevent tax evasion facilitation

#### **Policy Commitments**

BE Recruitment Ltd will:

- Conduct business fairly, honestly and transparently
- Risk assess our operations and supply chain to minimise exposure to tax evasion risks
- Avoid providing goods or services where we know or suspect they will be used for fraudulent tax purposes
- Avoid engaging with suppliers or partners who are suspected of evading taxes or failing to declare required payments to HMRC

**Employee Obligations** 

- Any breach of this policy will lead to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal
- No employee will suffer retaliation or detriment for refusing to participate in questionable transactions
- Employees are expected to report suspicions of tax evasion or facilitation immediately

### **Third Parties**

Agents and representatives of BE Recruitment must abide by the standards outlined in this
policy

### **Review**

This policy will be reviewed:

- Annually, or
- As necessary to reflect changes in legislation, business practices, or operational risk

# **Document Control and Accountability**

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