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1 Policy Scope

This policy applies to all employees and contractors during the performance of company related business and duties.

2 Policy Statement

The objective of this Policy is to ensure standardised methods and processes for effective IT Problem Management within Digicall, as well as to ensure that services are restored to normal service operation as quickly as possible with minimal impact to the business operations.

3 General

3.1 Definition

- a. A result of multiple incidents that share common symptoms.
- b. Result of a single major incident, indicating a single error, whose cause is unknown, but whose impact is high.

3.2 Requirements

By using the ITSM platform all problems will be:

- a. Identified
- b. Logged
- c. Categorised
- d. Prioritised

Based on the following criteria:

- a. Criticality of service / Severity of impact
- b. Number of users / services impacted.

Changes impacting the Problem record will be logged as per the Change Management Policy and will be discussed and updated in CAB.

A Root Cause Analysis (RCA) is required prior to the Problem record being closed.

4 Responsibilities

The IT Security and Compliance Manager is responsible for maintaining this policy and providing support and advice during its implementation in line with the IT Risk Management Policy

All Managers are personally responsible for implementing the policy and ensuring staff compliance.

Compliance with this Information Security and all subsequent policies is mandatory.

5 Policy Compliance Monitoring

5.1 Compliance

Group IT 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.

If any user is found to have breached this policy, they may be subject to the Digicall Group's disciplinary procedures. If a criminal offence is considered to have been committed further action may be taken to assist in the prosecution of the offender(s).

5.2 Exceptions

Any exception to this policy must be approved by the Group Chief Information Officer in advance.

5.3 Non-compliance

All users (employees, contractors, vendors) are required to adhere to this Policy. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination from employment, termination of contract, and civil penalties and/or criminal sanctions, depending on the circumstances.

5.4 Remediation of Non-compliance

Where non-compliance has been identified, dependent on the severity, criticality, and impact, opportunities may be provided to correct identified non-compliance. This corrective action will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and timelines will be imposed and strictly enforced to ensure timeous remediation.

If you do not understand the implications of this policy or how it may apply to you, seek advice from the Human Resources Department or the IT Security and Compliance Manager.

6 Policy Governance

The following table identifies who within the Digicall Group is **Accountable, Responsible, Informed** or **Consulted** with regards to this policy. The following definitions apply:

- **Responsible** – the person(s) responsible for developing and implementing the policy.
- **Accountable** – the person who has ultimate accountability and authority for the policy.
- **Consulted** – the person(s) or groups to be consulted prior to final policy implementation or amendment.

- **Informed** – the person(s) or groups to be informed after policy implementation or amendment.

Responsible	IT Security and Compliance Manager
Accountable	Group Chief Information Officer
Consulted	IT Infrastructure Manager, Regional IT Infrastructure Managers
Informed	All Employees, All Temporary Staff, All Contractors, All Vendors and All Suppliers

7 Audit and Review Process

This policy and compliance there to, will be audited and reviewed internally at least once every 12 months depending on the changes or requirements within the group which will be reviewed by Management, or as required by significant changes in business operations or regulatory requirements.

For Group companies’ pursuing certification, policies are required to be audited externally at least once in a 36-month cycle or sooner depending on changes or requirements within the group. Any employees or contractors with suggestions should refer these to their line manager in the first instance so they can be considered for implementation. Whenever changes are made to this policy the final draft will be shared with the Group CIO, IT Infrastructure Manager and the IT Security & Compliance Manager for review and approval before publication.

The IT Security and Compliance Manager will undertake annual policy reviews.

8 Appendices

None included with this policy.