

# **INDIAFIRST LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED**

# **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR**

# MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

# **Definition**

- a) "Company" shall mean IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited.
- b) "**Directors**" shall mean all the members of the Board of Directors of the Company, including the Non executive Director, Executive Director and Independent Directors.
- c) "Whole-time Directors" shall mean the Board Members who are in whole-time employment of the Company.
- d) "Independent Directors" shall mean the Board Members as defined under Section 2 (47) read with 149(5) of the Companies Act, 2013.
- e) "Senior Management" means Officers/Personnel who are members of its core Management team excluding Board of Directors. It also includes all "Key Managerial Personnel" of the Company as defined under the Companies Act, 2013 from time to time as well as KMP as per IRDAI CG Guidelines.
- f) "Relative" shall mean 'relative' as defined in Section 2(77) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with The Companies (Specification of Definitions details) Rules, 2014 as reproduced in Annexure -III hereto.

# **Purpose**

This Code is intended for all the Directors and Senior Management personnel and includes areas of ethics, integrity and honesty, providing guidance to help them recognize and deal with ethical issues; mechanisms to report unethical / dishonest conduct; and help foster a culture of honesty, integrity and accountability. The matters covered in this Code are of the utmost importance to the Company, its shareholders and business partners.

The main objective of this Code is to ensure Corporate Governance and accountability. The Code of Conduct as approved and adopted by the Board of Directors shall be hosted on the Website of the Company.

### **Applicability**

Ethical conduct is critical to the Company's business. This Code does not specifically address every potential form of unacceptable conduct, and it is expected that the Board Member and Senior Management of the Company will exercise good judgment in compliance with the principles of Corporate Governance. The Directors and Senior Management of the Company have a duty to avoid any circumstance that would violate the provisions of the Code in Letter or Spirit. They may contact the Chief Executive Officer or the Company Secretary to seek any clarification in this regard.



The affirmation to this compliance with the Code of Conduct will be attached to the Annual Report of the Company.

# A) FOR DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT -

## Fair Dealing

The Directors and Senior Management should deal fairly with customers, suppliers, competitors and employees. They should not take unfair advantage of anyone through manipulation, concealment, abuse of confidential, proprietary or trade secret information, misrepresentation of material facts, or any other unfair dealing-practices.

# **Honesty & Integrity**

The Directors and Senior Management of the Company are expected to act with utmost probity and professional integrity, honesty and ethical conduct, while working in the Company's premises, at offsite locations where the Company's business is being conducted, at Company sponsored business and social events, or at any other place where they are representing the Company.

All the Directors and Senior Management of the Company will act in good faith, responsibly, with due care, competence and diligence, without allowing their independent judgment to be subordinated. Further, they will act in the best interests of the Company and fulfill their fiduciary obligations.

An honest conduct is free from fraud or deception and in conformity with all the accepted professional standards of conduct. Ethical conduct includes the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships.

### **Conflict of Interest**

The Directors and Senior Management shall not engage in any business, relationship or activity, which may be in conflict of interest with the business of the Company. A conflict situation can arise under the following circumstances:

- (a) When the Board Member or Senior Management personnel takes action or has interests that may make it difficult to perform his / her work objectively and effectively,
- (b) When the Board member has Directorship/Agency with other Life Insurance Company,
- (c) The receipt of improper personal benefits by a member of his / her family as a result of one's position in the Company,
- (d) Any outside business activity that detracts an individual's ability to devote appropriate time and attention to his / her responsibilities with the Company,
- (e) The receipt of non-nominal gifts or excessive entertainment from any person/company with which the Company has current or prospective business dealings,
- (f) Any significant ownership interest in any supplier, customer, development partner or competitor of the Company,
- (g) Any consulting or employment relationship with any supplier, customer, business associate or competitor of the Company.

Directors and senior management shall not engage in any material business relationship or activity, which conflicts with their duties towards the Company. They should make



disclosures of all facts and circumstances to the Managing Director and CEO or Company Secretary Board if they foresee any potential Conflict of Interest.

Directors and Senior Management shall not receive directly or indirectly any benefit from the company's business associates, which is intended or can be perceived as being given to gain favour for dealing with the Company.

# **Other Organisations**

Senior Management of the Company is expected to devote their full time and efforts during normal working hours to the service of the Company. They shall not engage in any business or secondary employment that interferes with their obligations and responsibilities to the Company.

Officers in the Senior Management of the Company shall not serve on the Board of Directors of any body corporate including but not limited to non- profit, charitable, religious, civic or educational organization without the prior written approval of the Managing Director and CEO of the Company expect where the Company nominates when it makes the investment.

### **Discrimination and Harassment**

The Company is committed to providing a workplace free of discrimination and harassment based on race, colour, religion, age, gender, national origin, disability or any other biases. It would be the endeavor of every Board Member and Senior Management of the Company to see that work place is free from such environment. In case of discrimination complaints can be lodged to Whistleblower Committee.

## **Confidential Information**

The Directors and Senior Management shall maintain the confidentiality of Confidential Information' of the Company or that of any customer, supplier or business associate of the Company to which Company has a duty to maintain confidentiality, except when disclosure is authorised or legally mandated. The 'Confidential Information' includes all non-public information (including private, proprietary and others) that might be of use to competitors or harmful to the Company or its associates. The use of Confidential Information for his / her own advantage or profit is also prohibited.

# **Prevention of Insider Trading**

Employees and Directors should observe all applicable laws and regulations including the Company's policies and codes as applicable to them with respect to dealing in the Company's securities i.e. Non-Convertible Debenture.

All non-public information about the Company should be considered confidential information. To use non-public information for personal financial benefit or to "tip" others who might make an investment decision on the basis of this information is not only unethical but also illegal.

It shall be the responsibility of each employee and director to become familiar with and understand these laws, regulations, policies and codes, and to seek further explanations



and advice concerning their interpretation, if required.

## Use of Company's assets

In carrying out their duties and responsibilities, all employees and Directors should endeavor to protect the Company's assets and proprietary information, and ensure that the same are being used by the Company and its employees only for legitimate business purposes of the Company. Directors and senior managers shall ensure that they use the company's assets, properties and services for official purposes only or as per the terms of appointment. Any suspected incident of fraud, mismanagement of Company's assets or theft should be immediately reported for investigation to the Board or such other person as designated in this regard.

### Waiver and amendment to the Code

Any amendment to this Code must be approved by the Board and publicly disclosed as required by any applicable law or regulation. Any waiver of this Code for the benefit of any employees, officer or director of the Company may be made only by the Company's Board or any executive authorized by the Board and shall be disclosed promptly as required by applicable laws and regulations including the rules of any stock exchange on which the Company's securities are listed or traded. Any such deviation as permitted by the authorized executive shall be reported to the Board at the next meeting.

# B) FOR DIRECTORS -

All the directors of the company shall abide by the duties, as prescribed under section 166 & applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

### Compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations

Directors must comply with and oversee compliance with laws, rules and regulations applicable to the Company / its personnel, including insider trading regulations. No payment or transaction should be made or undertaken by a Director or authorised or instructed to be made or undertaken by any other person or the Company if the consequence of that transaction or payment would be the violation of any law in force. Directors will always act to the best of their knowledge, belief and effort in the best interests of the Company and all its stakeholders, including employees, shareholders and others.

All suspected violations of this Code shall be promptly reported to the Board and such violations are subject to investigation by the Board. Violations will be investigated by the Board or any such designated persons / Committee and appropriate action will be taken in the event of any such violation. Directors should inform the Company immediately about the emergence of any situation which may disqualify them from directorship. It shall be the endeavor of every Director to attend as far as possible and actively participate inmeetings of the Board and Committee thereof on which they are members.

# C) FOR INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS -

In addition to the duties specified in (A) and (B) above, the independent directors shall abide by the duties, as specified in schedule IV to the Companies Act, 2013.



### General

The Code should be viewed more as a code of ethics for better and transparent Corporate Governance and accountability to stakeholders. The Code is not intended to be all comprehensive and compliance should be both in spirit and in law, regulations and guidelines and should be in harmony with the corporate mission and objectives.

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