We do not engage in any form of bribery

AT&T strictly prohibits giving, offering, authorizing or taking bribes in any circumstance. This includes bribery of private individuals, as well as bribery of Government Officials. Such actions are unethical and illegal. Our business is global in reach with operations all over the world. We seek to excel in the global marketplace honestly and fairly, relying on our outstanding performance and ethical business practices. This Anti-Bribery Anti-Corruption (ABAC) Policy applies to all AT&T officers and employees worldwide (“AT&T Personnel”).

How We Prohibit Bribery and Corruption at AT&T

It is the policy of AT&T to conduct our operations and activities in compliance with all ABAC Laws applicable to our global business, even where more restrictive than our own policies. This includes, for example, the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, UK Bribery Act, and Brazil Clean Company Act. Violations of applicable ABAC Laws can result in criminal and civil liability for AT&T and/or individuals involved.

We prohibit the use of bribery, kickbacks, or any improper payments – directly or through a Third Party – to obtain, retain, or award business. Our business transactions are open and transparent.

AT&T Personnel may not:

- Give, promise, offer, or authorize, directly or indirectly, cash or Anything of Value to improperly obtain, retain, or award business.
- Attempt to improperly influence the actions of a Government Official.
- Make Facilitating Payments.
- Make charitable or political contributions to improperly influence any act or decision.
- Hire a Government Official’s Close Relative to improperly influence any act or decision.
- Accept improper solicitation demands, subject to the guidelines below regarding Health & Safety Payments (aka, duress payments).

Gifts and Hospitality for Government Officials

All Gifts and Hospitality must comply with applicable law and AT&T policy. Importantly, the provision of Gifts and Hospitality to Government Officials pose additional risks and are often subject to special legal requirements.

Accordingly, and subject to AT&T’s ABAC “Hospitality Procedures,” AT&T Personnel may provide Gifts, Hospitality or Anything of Value to a non-U.S. Government Official, only if it is:

- in connection with and proportionate to a Legitimate Business Purpose,
- Modest in value,
- infrequent so that an improper purpose may not be inferred,
- given openly and transparently,
- appropriately recorded in AT&T's books and records, and
- in compliance with all applicable laws, including local laws.
Providing Gifts, Hospitality or Anything of Value to a Close Relative of any non-U.S. Government Official is also prohibited subject to advance approval by Legal or the Global Trade Organization.

Many jurisdictions have laws that restrict giving Gifts and Hospitality to Government Officials. AT&T Personnel should consult with Legal for the specific restrictions. Gifts and Hospitality restrictions for U.S. Government Officials are covered under separate policies. These policies are administered by AT&T’s External & Legislative Affairs and AT&T Legal.

**Doing Business with a Third Party**

Subject to AT&T’s ABAC “Third Party Due Diligence Procedures,” when engaging a Third Party who may act on AT&T’s behalf with non-U.S. Government Officials, AT&T Personnel must:

- conduct due diligence to evaluate the suitability of the Third Party (e.g., whether they have a good reputation, whether they possess the necessary background and skills),
- evaluate the proposed compensation of the Third Party to ensure it is consistent with the fair market value of the services provided,
- obtain advance approval from the Global Trade Organization (GTO),
- include contract terms requiring the Third Party to comply with ABAC Laws,
- include contract terms providing AT&T with the ability to audit the relationship,
- prohibit subcontracted work or payments made to another individual or entity without prior written approval, and
- monitor the Third Party’s performance for ABAC compliance.

**Doing Business with Governments**

Legitimate payments to a government entity are permissible, unless the person knows that the payments will end up in the hands of an individual Government Official. Permissible payments include those made to a host country’s federal treasury, such as payments to state-owned utilities, license or permit fees, and taxes.

**Political and Charitable Contributions**

No political or charitable contributions may be made to improperly influence a recipient, including a Government Official. This includes individuals affiliated with the recipient. Political and charitable contributions are often highly regulated (or prohibited) by local law. Always consult applicable AT&T policy before offering, promising, or making a political or charitable contribution.

**Facilitating Payments**

A Facilitating Payment is made to a Government Official for the purpose of expediting a routine government action that the official is otherwise obligated to perform. It is sometimes referred to as a “grease” payment. Facilitating Payments are unlawful in many countries and are prohibited by AT&T. A lawful payment made to a government entity to expedite services is not considered a Facilitating Payments (e.g. payment for overnight mail delivery).
Health & Safety Payments

A Health & Safety Payment is only allowed under very limited and unique circumstances. It is made to protect against an imminent threat of physical harm to an individual – never to property. It is also known as a duress payment. AT&T Personnel must contact Legal, the GTO, or your Business Unit’s Compliance Office as soon as possible whenever a Health & Safety Payment has been requested or made.

Mergers & Acquisitions

Risk-based and tailored ABAC due diligence is a critical tool in protecting the value of AT&T’s acquisitions. AT&T conducts ABAC due diligence on all merger and acquisition targets (including joint ventures). Post-acquisition integration activities include assessing and, if necessary, enhancing ABAC compliance controls.

Non-Controlling Interests

AT&T encourages its interests to abide by ABAC Laws. Where we have made a non-controlling investment in another company, we will make reasonable efforts to promote compliance with ABAC Laws. This includes compliance with relevant books and records, and internal control requirements.

AT&T is Committed to Maintaining Accurate Books & Records

In addition to prohibiting bribery, applicable ABAC Laws require companies to maintain accurate books and records and certain internal controls. To satisfy these requirements, each AT&T affiliate and subsidiary will maintain:

- Books and records that, in reasonable detail, accurately reflect the business entity transactions and asset dispositions.
- ABAC Due Diligence on Third Parties.
- A system of internal accounting controls, including periodic audits.

In this regard, AT&T Personnel will not accept requests for false invoices or payments. Invoices or payments that are suspicious, excessive, inadequately described, or otherwise raise ethical concern, are not allowed. This may include payments of commissions, fees or prices that are above the standard for the services or goods relative to the market or what a company generally pays.

Policy Update and Training

AT&T’s ABAC Compliance Program is regularly monitored. This Policy may be reviewed and updated periodically. Some AT&T Personnel may be required to complete ABAC training. Training must be completed in accordance with assigned training schedule.

Resources

This policy supports other AT&T policies and statements, including, but not limited to:

- AT&T Code of Business Conduct
- WarnerMedia Standards of Business Conduct
Definitions of common terms (e.g., Facilitating Payment, Government Official, Third Party) are found in the attached Glossary of Terms.

**If in doubt, Ask!**

If you have a question about how this policy applies, contact [Ask Compliance](#).

**Raising Concerns**

Every one of us is responsible for promoting high ethical standards. If you observe any violation or potential violation of this policy, report the issue to:

- Your supervisor or anyone else in your chain of command
- Human Resources
- Asset Protection
- Global Trade Organization
- Your Business Unit attorney, Legal Department, or Compliance Office
- AT&T Reporting Hotlines or Websites

Throughout investigations, AT&T will maintain confidentiality, to the extent possible, based on its legal and ethical responsibilities. AT&T does not tolerate any form of retaliation taken against individuals who, in good faith, report concerns, violations, or suspected violations of this policy.

**Violations**

Violations of this Policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

**Owner**

Chief Compliance Office

**Date**

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Glossary of Terms

ABAC Laws: Global anti-bribery anti-corruption laws applicable to our company’s global business operations (e.g., U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, UK Bribery Act, Brazil Clean Company Act).

Anything of Value: Any form of Gifts or Hospitality. This includes meals and entertainment, covered by hospitality. But it also includes charitable and political contributions, education and internships, employment, equity participation, gift cards, travel expenses, or excursions.

Close Relative: Includes the following:
- Spouses/domestic partners
- Children and children’s spouses/domestic partners
- Parents (including in-laws and stepparents)
- Sisters and brothers (or spouse’s/domestic partner’s sister and brothers) (including in-laws and stepsiblings)
- Grandparents and grandchildren
- Anyone living in a household (including non-relatives)

Facilitating Payment: A so-called “grease” payment made to expedite a routine government action that a Government Official is obligated to perform.

Gift: A tangible or intangible object or benefit given to a person without compensation or payment in return. This may include things like marketing or promotional items, holiday favors, charitable contributions, or internships.

Government Official: Individual who works for a government-owned or controlled institution, including (but not limited to):
- Any person elected or appointed to a government position. For example, elected officials or members of a royal family.
- Any person who works for, or on behalf of, a government official, government agency, or an enterprise performing a government function. For example, staff members of elected or appointed officials, customs officers, tax authorities, police officers, or military personnel.
- Any person who works for, or on behalf of, a state-owned or -controlled entity. For example, professors in a public university; or, employees of a customer, business, enterprise or instrumentality that is majority owned or significantly controlled by a government.
- Any officer of a political party or candidate for public office. For example, candidates running for mayor, governor, or congress.
- Any person acting for, or on behalf of, a public international organization. For example, employees or representatives of the United Nations or the World Bank.
- Any person who is considered a government official under applicable local law.

Health & Safety Payment: A payment made under duress in response to extortionate demands or based on threats of physical harm to an individual. It does not include threats to property or other corporate interests.
**Hospitality:** Activity of providing a guest, invitee or recipient with goodwill. For example, meals, drinks, entertainment, event tickets, travel expenses, hotel accommodations, tours, or sporting events.

**Kickback:** A payment made to an individual who has enabled or authorized an illicit transaction.

**Legitimate Business Purpose:** The requirement that any transaction, activity, or expense must be lawful, consistent with Company policy, and aligned with appropriate business strategy.

**Modest:** Not lavish or excessive, and within the bounds of usual business standards; ordinary business courtesies that are appropriate.

**Third Party:** Any person or entity who is not an employee, subsidiary or affiliate of our Company who currently does (or seeks to do) business with our Company.