

POLICY ON THE PROTECTION AND PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This Policy has been established to ensure the compliance of our Bank with the Personal Data Protection Law No. 6698 (PDPL) and its secondary regulations which are issued to protect fundamental rights and freedoms of people, particularly the right to privacy, with respect to processing of personal data and to set forth liabilities, procedures and principles to be abode by the natural or legal persons who process personal data.

The compliance of all its internal operations with the PDPL, secondary regulations, advices of the Personal Data Protection Agency (Agency), decisions and regulations of the Personal Data Protection Board (Board), final court orders and other relevant legislation, in line with the principles adopted by the Bank namely, superior service quality, respecting the rights of individuals, transparency and honesty; is a prior issue for our Bank.

This Policy aims the efficient implementation of the regulations to be introduced by Bank in accordance with the basic principles mentioned above for compliance with the PDPL in the Bank. The processing and protection of the data, specifically personal data and the data considered to be in special categories of personal data, of our Bank's natural or legal customers, legal entity business partners, shareholders, executives or staff, consultants, advisers, solution partners and guests are handled within the scope of the PDPL and this Policy.

Within the scope of the fundamental regulations of this Policy, necessary administrative and technical measures are taken in the processing and protection of personal data within the Bank's operations; the required internal procedures are established; appropriate training is provided to raise the awareness, all necessary measures are taken to ensure compliance with the processes of the PDPL among employees; technological infrastructure, as well as administrative and legal systems have been established together with the appropriate and effective control mechanisms in line with the basic regulations projected by the Policy.

The Policy governs the principles to be regarded during all of these processes and issues required as per the regulations introduced by the PDPL. The employees of our Bank and to the extent that they come into in contact with the personal data in the possession of our Bank, our affiliates, subsidiaries, business partners and third parties from which our Bank has purchased products and/or services, and their personnel, and, if applicable, their third parties, are obliged to comply with the legislation on the protection of personal data, in particular with this Policy and the PDPL, and with Personal Data Protection Agency recommendations, resolutions of the Personal Data Protection Board and other legislative provisions.

2. BASIS

This Policy has been prepared based on Personal Data Protection Law No. 6698 (PDPL) and its secondary regulations.

3. TERMS

3.1. Personal Data

Personal data refers to any kind of information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

All information that makes a person identifiable is considered personal data. Examples include such information as Turkish Republic identification number (TRID No), full name, e-mail address, phone number, address, birth date and bank account number.

3.2. Sensitive Personal Data

Sensitive Personal Data means the data that is related to people's race, ethnic origin, political opinion, philosophical belief, religion, sect or other belief, appearance and mode of dress, membership to associations, foundations or unions, health, sexual life, criminal conviction and security measures, and biometric and genetic information.

3.3. Data Category

It refers to the personal data belonging to sets or data subject sets that are grouped according to common characteristics of personal data.

3.4. Data Subject Group

It refers to the data subject category for which the data controller is processing personal data.

3.5. Recipient group

It refers to the category of natural persons or legal entities to which personal data is transferred by the data controller.

3.6. Processing of Personal Data

The processing of personal data refers to any process such as the acquisition of personal data and the saving, storage, preservation, alteration, rearrangement, disclosure, transferring, being taken over, making acquirable, categorization or prevention of use which are carried out on the data in a fully or partially automated or non-automated manner as part of a data recording system,

3.7. Personal Data Processing Inventory

It refers to the documentation that explains in detail the personal data processing activities carried out by Halkbank as part of its business operations; the channels used to obtain personal data; the purposes and legal justification for the processing of personal data; the data category; the maximum storage period for the purposes that it constitutes by associating with the transferred recipient group and the data subject group, and for which the personal data is processed; the personal data foreseen to be transferred to foreign countries; and the measures taken related to data security.

3.8. Data Controllers' Registry Information System (DCRIS/VERBIS)

It refers to an online information system that is established and managed by the Department, and used by the data controller for application to Registry and other transactions regarding Registry.

3.9. Contact Person

It refers to natural persons named (by the data controller in the case of natural and legal persons based in Turkey, and by the representative of the data controller in the case of natural and legal persons not resident in Turkey) during the Registry entry process to serve as a point of contact for establishing communication with the Institution regarding the mentioned natural and legal persons' obligations under the Law and any secondary legislation to be issued on the basis of the Law.

3.10. Data Controller

It refers to our Bank which determines the purposes and means of personal data processing and is responsible for setting up and managing the data recording system.

3.11. Data Processor

It refers to a natural person or legal entity that processes personal data on behalf of the data controller based on the authority granted by the data controller.

3.12. Explicit Consent

It refers to the consent that relates to a specified issue, declared by free will and based on information.

It is data controller's responsibility to prove that the data subject is informed and enlightened; and the protection and storage of the explicit consent and information records of data subject shall be maintained in accordance with internal regulations of the Bank.

3.13. Data Subject

It refers to a natural person whose personal data is processed.

3.14. Destruction of Personal Data

Destruction means the erasure, eradication or anonymization of personal data.

Erasure: This is the process of making the personal data, which has been processed automatically or semi-automatically, absolutely inaccessible and non-retrievable by relevant users.

Removal: This is the process of making the personal data definitely inaccessible, irretrievable and not usable by any person.

Anonymization: Rendering personal data, which in no way may be associated with an identified or identifiable natural person by no means, even when paired with other data.

4. DUTIES, AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1. Our Bank, in its capacity as the Data Controller, is responsible for implementation of this Policy for regulation of all its internal operations and processes. "The Türkiye Halk Bankası A.S. Personal Data Protection Committee" has been established to ensure that all obligations imposed by the legislation are fulfilled by our Bank. The Bank fulfills these responsibilities through the Personal Data Protection Committee.

4.2. The Personal Data Protection Committee is responsible for implementation of the internal regulations drafted in accordance with the Policy and training activities in line therewith within the Bank.

4.3. Our Bank's employees, business partners, guests and all related third parties are obliged to cooperate with the Personal Data Protection Committee and Personal Data Protection Unit Supervisors in the prevention of legal liabilities, risks and hazards that may arise due to the provisions of the relevant legislation and pertaining to the compliance with the Policy.

4.4. All service units and organs of the Bank and related employees thereof are obliged to act in accordance with the Policy and to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Policy.

4.5. This Policy is retained in our Bank's intranet system as a policy and available at any time. This Policy is also published on our Bank's website. Future changes to the Policy shall be livingly reflected on our Bank's website and intranet system, thus keeping the data owner informed by accessing the principles stipulated in the Policy.

4.6. The Personal Data Protection (PDP) Committee shall carry out monitoring to see whether the requirements of the policy are being fulfilled. When a violation of the policy has been identified, the matter shall be referred to the Unit Manager of the employee concerned and the Human Resources Department, and the Unit Manager shall take the necessary actions to rectify the violation. The provisions of the Bank's Disciplinary Directive shall be applicable to any employee found to have violated the policy.

4.7. The Bank shall put into operation any software/systems/applications required for the fulfilment of the requirements of the Policy, and the PDP Committee shall keep abreast of amendments in legislation, announced changes in Institution recommendations, Council decisions, and any decisions made by the Council or courts that are notified to the Bank, and shall ensure that the necessary actions are taken.

5. PRINCIPLES OF PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

The principles that govern our Bank's personal data processing are as follows:

5.1. Conformity with the law and the rule of good faith

All personal data-processing activities are carried out by our Bank primarily in accordance with Banking legislation and legislation related to the Protection of Personal Data, as well as in accordance with the provisions of all legislations to which our Bank is subject to, and in accordance with the rule of good faith as stipulated in Article 2 of the Civil Code.

5.2. Accuracy and up-to date information where necessary

Our Bank attaches great importance to keep the personal data accurate and up-to-date. Channels are made available to ensure that information regarding the data subject is accurate and up-to-date; and measures are taken to ensure that the personal data is accurate and up-to-date. Administrative and technical mechanisms are also in operation for the assessment of requests coming from a data subject who contacts the Bank acting as the Data Controller, or for the correction or inspection of the accuracy of personal data found to be inaccurate or out of date, in cases where the Bank may deem it necessary.

5.3. Processing for specific, explicit, and legitimate purposes

Personal data is processed primarily in accordance with banking legislation and legislation related to the Protection of Personal Data within the scope of the legislation to which our Bank is subject, limited to the products and/or services offered or presented by our Bank. The purpose of personal data processing is determined clearly and precisely prior to the processing of the intended data.

5.4. Being relevant, limited and proportionate to the purposes for which data is processed

Personal data is processed by our Bank only in connection with, and limited to, the purposes of processing, and where necessary for the purpose of accomplishment of this purpose. In addition, the processing of personal data that is not related to and required for the real purpose of processing the data, is avoided.

5.5. Storing the data for the time stipulated by the relevant legislation or not more than the time required for its intended processing purpose

Personal data is processed during the allowed time stipulated by the provisions of the relevant legislation, and not more than the time required for its purpose. When the justification for the processing of personal data is no longer available, or when the allowed time is over as stipulated by the legislation, personal data is destroyed by a method (deletion, destruction or anonymization) deemed appropriate by our Bank.

However, if there is a legal obligation for the storage of such data, even in the event of the justification for the use of such personal data is no longer available, the data shall be processed only for the purpose of fulfilling the legal obligation. Necessary administrative and technical measures are taken to prevent the processing of personal data at the end of the required period.

6. CONDITIONS FOR PROCESSING PERSONAL DATA

The legal grounds determined as per legislation regarding personal data processing are listed below.

The personal data-processing activities carried out by our Bank may be based on one or more of the following legal grounds.

6.1. Where expressly permitted by laws

Where explicitly stipulated in the provisions of legislation, data processing activities may be carried out without the consent of the data subject, provided that the activities do not exceed legislative limits. For example, our Bank within the limits stipulated by legislative provisions, where the Law on the Restructuring of the Debts to the Financial Sector No. 4743, the Banking Law No. 5411 and other related legislation stipulate the processing of personal data, processes personal data.

6.2. Where necessary, in order to protect the life or physical integrity of the data subject or another person in the event of the data subject is physically incapable of giving consent or his/her consent is not acknowledged as valid in the legal sense.

As a requirement of the PDPL, the processing of personal data is only possible when personal data processing is obligatory for the protection of the life or bodily integrity of the person, or someone else who is effectively unable to disclose his/her consent, or whose consent is not acknowledged as valid in the legal sense. In cases that suits this regulation, our Bank has the right to process personal data.

6.3. When necessary to process the personal data of parties to a contract, provided that the processing is related directly to the execution or performance of the contract

The personal data, required for the fulfillment of obligations within the scope of execution or performance of a contract, may be processed without the explicit consent of the data subject within the scope of the PDPL. This also includes data processing activities related to the establishment phase of the contractual relationship between the data subject and our Bank.

For example, in the process of establishing a loan contract, there is no need to obtain the explicit consent of the person to carry out a credibility check by obtaining salary payroll, abstract of title or documentary evidence of no debt or for such necessary information as identity or contact information, which are the essential elements of the contract.

6.4. When mandatory for the data controller to fulfill its legal obligation

Personal data is processed by our Bank, which acts as a Data controller according to PDPL requirements, to fulfill its obligations arising from legislative provisions, in such a way as to be bound by the limits of the relevant obligation. For example, there is no need to obtain the explicit consent of the data subject for processing personal data to fulfill the obligations of the Bank in accordance with the relevant legislation on the Prevention of Laundering of the Crime Revenues.

6.5. In the event of public disclosure by the data subject himself/herself

In case the personal data made public by the data subject himself/herself, such personal data may be processed by our Bank in accordance with the purposes of publicity.

6.6. When mandatory for the institution, usage or protection of a right

Personal data may be processed by our Bank to the extent that it is mandatory for the institution, usage or protection of a right.

6.7. Where mandatory for the legitimate interests of the data controller

Personal data may be processed in line with the legitimate interests of our Bank, provided that the fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject are not damaged. The “legitimate interests of our Bank”, however, may not contradict in any way to the principles set forth by the PDPL, the purpose of processing of the personal data, and may not be implemented as an intervention into the essence of the right guaranteed by the Constitution.

6.8. With the explicit consent of the data subject

If any of the aforementioned personal data processing conditions are not covered in the processing of personal data, the explicit consent of the data subject may be requested by our Bank. In such cases, the personal data of the data subject may be processed by our Bank by informing (the data subject on the issue requiring his/her explicit consent) and obtaining his/her explicit consent (limited to this issue).

7. CONDITIONS OF PROCESSING THE SENSITIVE PERSONAL DATA

In the processing of special personal data, the provisions of the Policy on the Protection and Processing of Special Personal Data adopted by Türkiye Halk Bankası A.Ş. shall be applicable in addition to the guidelines set forth in this Policy.

8. TRANSFER OF PERSONAL DATA**8.1. Transfer of Personal Data Domestically**

8.1.1. The transfer of personal data without obtaining the consent of the data owner, on the condition that the requirements related to the processing of personal data are fulfilled.

It is possible to transfer personal data to the groups of recipients specified in the personal data processing inventory in line with the conditions set out in clause 3 of Article 6 and clause 5 of Article 2 of the PDPL, and Articles 6.1, 6.2., 6.3., 6.4., 6.5., 6.6., 6.7., 6.8. of this Policy regarding data processing requirements for the processing of personal data.

In the transfers made by our Bank, as the data controller, to our Bank’s data processors, care is taken to ensure that the data processors take the necessary technical and administrative actions provided for in the PDPL related to data security.

8.1.2. Providing the relevant conditions for the sensitive personal data and the transfer of personal data on the condition that the legislative provisions have been fulfilled

In the transfer of special personal data to other countries, the provisions of the Policy on the Protection and Processing of Special Personal Data adopted by our Bank shall be applicable.

8.1.3. Existence of the explicit consent of the data subject for data transfer

In the lack of aforementioned conditions for the transfer of personal data and/or sensitive personal data, the explicit consent of data subject may be requested by our Bank. In this case, the transfer of personal data may be made by informing data subject on the issue requiring his/her explicit consent and after obtaining his/her explicit consent, limited to this issue.

8.2. Transfer of Personal Data Abroad

8.2.1. Transfer of personal data on the condition that the requirements for the processing of personal data are fulfilled

Under the conditions set out in clause 3 of article 6 and clause 5 of article 2 of PDPL, and Articles 6.1, 6.2., 6.3., 6.4., 6.5., 6.6., 6.7., 6.8. and 7. of this Policy regarding data processing requirements for the processing of personal data and sensitive personal data; there is no need to take the explicit consent of the data subject regarding the transfer of personal data and sensitive personal data abroad, if the foreign country, where the personal or sensitive personal data to be transferred, provides the adequate protection, taking the safe country list published by the Board into consideration. Furthermore, in the lack of adequate protection the condition of the data subject's explicit consent shall not be sought provided that the data controllers both in Turkey and abroad undertakes the adequate protection in writing and the permission Board exists.

8.2.2. The existence of the explicit consent of the data subject for the transfer of his/her own personal data

If any of the aforementioned conditions regarding the transfer of personal data and/or sensitive personal data abroad are absent, the explicit consent of the data subject may be requested by our Bank. In this case, the transfer of personal data abroad may be made after informing the data subject on the issue requiring his/her explicit consent and obtaining his/her explicit consent, limited to this issue.

9. DESTRUCTION OF PERSONAL DATA

Our Bank will delete, destroy or anonymize personal data in accordance with the Policy on the Storage and Destruction of Personal Data adopted by Türkiye Halk Bankası A.Ş.

10. OUR OBLIGATIONS

10.1. Obligation to inform

Our bank will inform the person concerned while the personal data is obtained directly from the data owner by our Bank

If the personal data was not obtained from the data owner,

- a) within a reasonable period of time after the personal data is obtained,
- b) when the first communication is established, if the personal data is to be used for communications with the data owner,
- c) if personal data is to be transferred, when the first transfer of personal data is to be performed.

Informational texts to be used for specific business processes and/or for groups of persons as a means of fulfilling the obligation to inform shall be drafted and released by the PDP Committee in line with our Bank's Personal Data Processing Inventory.

10.2. The obligation to ensure the protection of personal data

10.2.1. Prevent the unlawful processing of personal data

In addition to the data processing in line with the PDPL, other legislative provisions and the principles and conditions regulated by this Policy, technical and administrative measures are taken by our Bank, related systems are established, such systems got monitored and inspected in order to prevent the processing of personal data in contradiction with the aforementioned obligations.

- Technical measures

The necessary hardware and software infrastructure are prepared for following up and inspection of all processes, from the collection of personal data to their destruction. The following up, updating, supervision and reporting of these structures are carried out under the management of the Personal Data Protection Committee.

- Administrative measures

This Policy and other related documents are delivered by our Bank to each employee with the purpose of informing them about the PDPL and the proper processing of personal data according to the law, and within the scope of necessary training activities it is ensured that our employees participate to training.

The stipulations regarding acting in line with the obligations indicated by PDPL for lawful personal data processing, not disclosing personal data and not using personal data unlawfully, and those stating the fact that the confidentiality of personal data continues even after the end of the employment contract, are added to all kinds of documents which regulates the relationship between the Bank and its employees and consists of personal data. Moreover the sanctions to be applied when the employee acts against these obligations are also stated.

Our Bank limits the access to the personal data only with certain employees in line with the purpose of processing as per the personal data processing inventory and authorized access matrix. It is not possible for all our Bank employees to access all personal data that are processed by our Bank in its capacity as the Data Controller. Transactions are made within the scope of the access authorities determined according to the internal implementations/regulations of our Bank. All of our Bank's activities have been analyzed, and unit-based personal data processing activities have been determined. Our Bank communicates to its employees the updates on its internal regulations prepared to monitor whether the operation of the units are carried out in away that fulfills their obligations under PDPL and this Policy and to ensure the continuity of these implementations.

10.2.2. Prevention of unlawful access to personal data and the protection of personal data

- Technical measures

For the purpose of lawful access to and protection of personal data, our Bank takes measures in line with the technical developments, updates, renews and gets the security of the system tested. The Bank carries out all kind of studies necessary for compliance in the event that the Board makes regulations regarding such leakage tests and other safety measures or when it addresses to the technical standards.

For the purpose of lawful access to personal data; access authorities are determined according to the unit and/or employee based criteria, user access and authorizations of the systems having access to personal data are restricted and the devices that may access the system are limited.

Our Bank ensures that the necessary software and hardware are installed to prevent the leakage of personal data from system and to monitor the possible risks, gets leakage tests done and provides that the same security measures are taken for backups to prevent data loss.

- Administrative measures

Our Bank employees are trained on the technical measures to be taken to prevent the unlawful access to personal data.

Access by all of the employees to all personal data processed by the Bank as the Data Controller is blocked, and access authorizations are regulated in line with the purpose of the data processing. The stipulations regarding acting in line with the obligations indicated by PDPL for lawful personal data processing, not disclosing personal data and not using personal data unlawfully, and those stating the fact that the confidentiality of personal data continues even after the end of the employment contract, are added to all kinds of documents which regulates the relationship between the Bank and its employees.

Our Bank makes available to its employees the internal regulations regarding the employees' authorities to access the personal data.

10.2.3. Carrying out the necessary inspections/having the necessary inspections carried out
Our Bank is devising systems to carry out the necessary inspections or having it carried out regarding the functioning of technical and administrative measures taken to fulfill its legal obligations. Audit results are reported to the relevant parties within the scope of the internal operation of the Bank, and the necessary activities are carried out to improve the measures taken.

The necessary processes are designed to increase the awareness and supervision regarding the protection and processing of personal data, of units, business partners and suppliers, and the follow-up of the periodic reports and actions within the scope of such reports, verification tests and inspections are carried out under the management of the Personal Data Protection Committee.

According to Article 12 of the PDPL, our Bank is also responsible for the third parties to whom the Bank transfers personal data, to fulfill their obligations of lawful processing, protection of data and lawful access to data as per the provisions of this Policy and the PDPL. Therefore, our Bank includes undertakings, to ensure these conditions and grant the Bank the authority to audit, in the agreements and all kind of arrangements to be executed whilst transferring the data to third parties. Our Bank also informs its employees on their responsibilities arising from the transfer processes of personal data to third parties.

11. RIGHTS OF THE DATA SUBJECT

According to Article 11 of the PDPL, the data subject has the following rights against our Bank acting as the Data Controller:

- To be informed whether or not personal data is being processed,
- If the data subject's personal data has been processed, to request information about the nature of the processing,
- To be informed on the reason of personal data processing, and whether it is used in accordance with the defined purpose,
- To be informed on the third parties to whom personal data is transferred domestically or abroad,
- To request the correction of personal data in case of incomplete or incorrect processing,

- f. To request that personal data be deleted or destroyed if the conditions are realized, and to demand that these requests be communicated to third parties,
- g. To object the occurrence of a result against himself/herself by analyzing the processed data exclusively through automatic systems,
- h. To request the recovery of damages in the event of loss resulting from the unlawful processing of personal data.

In the event of data subjects sending requests to our Bank related to the aforementioned rights, depending on the nature of the request, the request is concluded free of charge within the shortest period of time, or within a maximum of thirty days. Depending on the nature of the reply, however, a fee determined by the Board may be charged. If it is understood that the reason for application is arising from the fault of the Bank, the fee may be returned to the data subject.

The result of the application regarding his/her request shall be communicated to the data subject in writing or via electronic environment depending on the preference of the data subject. Depending on the nature of the request, the Bank may reject the request by giving justifications, or may accept it. If the application is accepted, the requirements of the request shall be fulfilled by our Bank without delay.

Our Bank sends necessary warnings to and informs our employees on the fact that the data subject has a right to petition to the Board within thirty days if the application of data subject is rejected, he/she finds the answer inadequate or the application is not duly responded.

12. OTHER ISSUES

The amendments to the Policy and the necessary works to put such changes into effect are carried out in accordance with the resolutions of the Personal Data Protection Committee, and amendments shall be put into effect by the resolutions of the Board of Directors of our Bank.

The Policy shall be reviewed regularly once a year. However, if necessary, our Bank reserves the right to review, update, modify or remove this Policy and create a new policy, in a shorter period of time.

The Board of Directors of our Bank has the authority to decide on the abolition of the Policy.