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# Why a company has removed probation clause from its employee contracts

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Amita Mirajkar, Co-Founder and CEO, Clairvoyant India

In yet another fascinating development around the workforce policies that companies are leveraging to manage a decent retention rate and getting a competitive edge in terms of hiring amid the changing work cultures, Clairvoyant, a data analytics solutions company, has eliminated its probation policy. The company said that new hires will now be confirmed on day one with full eligibility to several benefits.

The company has done away with the clause in all its employee contracts effective June 1, 2021. All offers will now have a confirmation clause effective the date of joining. Under the changed policy, the company is also confirming the services of all its current employees who are under probation, according to the company.

But probation policy is often considered useful for the employer as this period can be utilized by the employer for training and evaluating new hires. And even the employees get benefitted by it.

# Probation is an age-old habit and not mandatory

While probation is not imperative, most

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Asha Subramanian on companies include this as a part of their offer letters. During this period, employees are not eligible for all the benefits that regular employees get.

Amita Mirajkar, Co-Founder and CEO, Clairvoyant India, said, "The interesting thing is probation isn't mandatory in Indian corporate. It has just become an age-old habit and a matter of comfort. Companies don't want to take a chance with new employees. The notice clause also is different for those under probation and those who are confirmed. The ones on probation can sometimes be terminated without notice."

"So organisations would exercise the probation rule to save on the employee costs by relieving them early if they don't fare well after hiring. The other side of looking at it is with the fresher hiring. Freshers, once hired, are expected to learn things quickly with all seriousness. So, probation was one of the ways of instilling seriousness in them," Mirajkar added.

Taking off this clause can be a bold move in terms of engaging with the talent capital in the country.

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Mirajkar asserted, "We believe that during such pivots in working environments, the most critical factor is trust. And trust is built by demonstration. This is one of our ways of showing how much we trust our employees and our hiring process. We don't need to wait for six months to believe or not that an employee can continue as a permanent one. We want to treat all our hires equally right from day one."

"So, we welcome our employees with a confirmation of their services on their joining day. This way, they also become eligible for several benefits that confirmed employees could avail. It's a welcome move for the new hires we are talking to. Not just that. We are also confirming our existing employees who are already on probation, so we don't have any disparity in the company," he added.

In the new age, the company hiring should get more serious about its brand and its employees than ever before. The hiring process and the brand bonding that the company exudes within its work environment must evolve with the changing work environment.

On the impact of this new step on the hiring process, Mirajkar propounded, "There will be added accountability on the hiring teams, but I think there won't be any significant impact. Our hiring teams and our HR have given us the confidence to

take this step. The way they have been doing their job so far, I am confident that our effort to tear up the probation clause will only go well for Clairvoyant and all those looking to upscale their careers in the industry."

But now that the company knows that all its new employees will be on rolls from day one with most of the benefits, will it mean the hiring process will become more stringent?

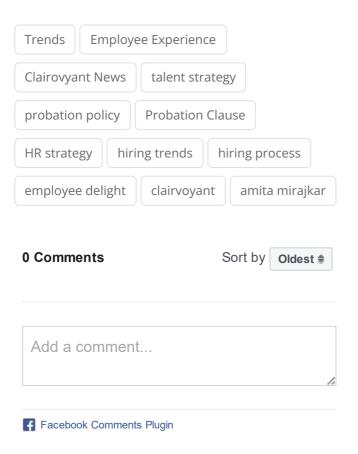
Mirajkar said, "On the contrary, we have widened our hiring programmes. I believe we have always been conscious and meticulous in our hiring. Our interview panels and hiring methodologies have ensured we work with some of the best talents in the country. We also have some training programmes that upskill new hires across several technologies and leadership best practices."

"Talking about some of our new hiring programmes, we have opened a new hiring channel for those who want to grow deservingly faster. I see many people who feel they cannot grow enough in their existing work environments. We have our ways of giving some unparalleled learning experiences as a part of the Clairvoyant journey," Mirajkar explained.

Clairvoyant has also started a new hiring program focused on women. "I think we have some great talent that is mainly

untapped across the country. We are out here to make a difference," Mirajkar added.

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