

GOOGLE VAULT COVERS GEMINI APP, NOT EMBEDDED GEMINI

OPERATIONAL SIGNAL

DOMAIN: DATA — Data Handling and Retention | **CONFIDENCE LEVEL:** High

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CAPABILITY SHIFT

Google Vault is Google Workspace's tool for retaining, searching and placing legal holds on organisational data. Vault now supports retention rules and litigation holds for the Gemini app on web and mobile. This applies to the standalone Gemini app. It does not apply to embedded Gemini features in Workspace apps, such as "Help me write" in Gmail or Docs.

ORGANISATIONAL CONSEQUENCE

Organisations now have a split retention boundary for Gemini use. Gemini app conversations can be retained, held, searched and exported through Vault. Embedded Gemini interactions in Workspace apps are not covered by this update. Teams may assume "Vault covers Gemini" when coverage only applies to the standalone app.

WHAT TO WATCH

- Staff using both the Gemini app and embedded Gemini features
- Assumptions that Vault covers all Gemini interactions
- Gemini app retention rules that have not been updated
- Legal hold processes that do not distinguish Gemini surfaces

WHY THIS MATTERS NOW

Vault retention and litigation holds for the Gemini app are generally available for eligible Google Workspace editions. Organisations using Gemini may need to confirm which AI interactions are covered by Vault.

WHAT TO REVIEW

- Whether Vault rules include Gemini app data
- Whether eDiscovery and legal hold processes include Gemini app conversations
- Whether policy distinguishes standalone Gemini app use from embedded Gemini features
- Whether staff guidance explains the retention boundary
- Whether Workspace retention assumptions need updating

GOVERNANCE CONTEXT

This is a data retention and eDiscovery issue. Governance controls now depend on where Gemini is used. The standalone app has Vault coverage. Embedded Gemini features in Workspace apps do not have the same coverage.

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