

# PRIVACY AND COOKIE POLICY

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## 1 Introduction

Welcome to Grant McGregor Limited's privacy notice.

Grant McGregor Limited respects your privacy and is committed to protecting your personal data. This privacy notice will inform you as to how we look after your personal data and tell you about your privacy rights and how the law protects you.

This privacy notice is provided in a layered format so you can click through to the specific areas set out below. Please also use the Glossary to understand the meaning of some of the terms used in this privacy notice.

## 2 Important information and who we are

### 2.1 Purpose of this privacy notice

This privacy notice aims to give you information on how we collect and process your personal data through your use of our website or otherwise, including any data you may provide when you are contacting us.

It is important that you read this privacy notice together with any other privacy notice or fair processing notice we may provide on specific occasions when we are collecting or processing personal data about you so that you are fully aware of how and why we are using your data. This privacy notice supplements the other notices and is not intended to override them.

### 2.2 Controller

Grant McGregor Limited is the controller and responsible for your personal data (collectively referred to as "we", "us" or "our" in this privacy notice). We have appointed a data privacy manager who is responsible for overseeing questions in relation to this privacy notice. If you have any questions about this privacy notice, including any requests to exercise *your legal rights*, please contact the data privacy manager using the details set out below.

### 2.3 Contact details

Our full details are:  
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Data Privacy Manager: David Lawrence  
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Telephone number: 0808 164 4142

You have the right to make a complaint at any time to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues ([www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)). We would, however, appreciate the chance to deal with your concerns before you approach the ICO so please contact us in the first instance.

### 2.4 Changes to the privacy notice and your duty to inform us of changes

This version was last updated on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 and historic versions are archived here can be obtained by contacting us. It is important that the personal data we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your personal data changes during your relationship with us.

## 2.5 Third-party links

Our website may include links to third-party websites, plug-ins and applications. Clicking on those links or enabling those connections may allow third parties to collect or share data about you. We do not control these third-party websites and are not responsible for their privacy statements. When you leave our website, we encourage you to read the privacy notice of every website you visit.

## 2.6 Cookie Policy

This section explains how we use cookies and similar technologies on our website in compliance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR).

### What Are Cookies?

Cookies are small data files that are placed on your computer or mobile device when you visit a website. They are used to make websites work more efficiently, as well as to provide information to the site owners.

### How We Use Cookies

We use cookies to:

- Ensure the proper functioning of our website.
- Remember your preferences and settings.
- Understand how visitors use our site.
- Provide relevant advertising and content.

### Types of Cookies We Use

- Strictly Necessary Cookies – Essential for website functionality; do not require your consent.
- Performance Cookies – Help us improve our website by collecting anonymous usage data.
- Functionality Cookies – Remember your settings and preferences to enhance your experience.
- Targeting/Advertising Cookies – Track your browsing to deliver tailored ads (used only with your consent).

### Third-Party Cookies

We may allow third-party services to set cookies on our site (e.g., Google Analytics, social media plugins, or advertising partners). These cookies are subject to the respective third parties' cookie and privacy policies.

### Your Consent and Choices

Upon your first visit to our website, you will be presented with a cookie consent banner. You can accept or reject non-essential cookies at that time. You can also manage your cookie preferences or withdraw consent at any time by accessing our [cookie settings tool] or changing your browser settings.

### Managing Cookies in Your Browser

Most browsers allow you to manage cookies through their settings. You can usually:

- See what cookies are set.
- Delete cookies.
- Block cookies from specific sites.
- Block all cookies.

To find out how to manage cookies in your browser, visit [www.allaboutcookies.org](http://www.allaboutcookies.org) or the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

### 3 The data we collect about you

Personal data, or personal information, means any information about an individual from which that person can be identified. It does not include data where the identity has been removed (anonymous data).

We may collect, use, store and transfer different kinds of personal data about you which we have grouped together as follows:

- **Identity Data** includes first name, maiden name, last name, username or similar identifier, marital status, title.
- **Contact Data** includes billing address, delivery address, email address and telephone numbers.
- **Transaction Data** includes details about payments to and from you and other details of products and services you have purchased from us.
- **Technical Data** includes internet protocol (IP) address and your login data.
- **Usage Data** includes information about how you use our website, products and services. This information includes (but is not limited to):
  - how many support requests you have logged.
  - the nature of those support requests and
  - the time taken by us to respond and resolve those support requests.
- **Marketing and Communications Data** includes your preferences in receiving marketing from us and our third parties and your communication preferences.

We also collect, use and share **Aggregated Data** such as statistical or demographic data for any purpose. Aggregated Data may be derived from your personal data but is not considered personal data in law as this data does **not** directly or indirectly reveal your identity. For example, we may aggregate your Usage Data to calculate the percentage of users accessing a specific website feature. However, if we combine or connect Aggregated Data with your personal data so that it can directly or indirectly identify you, we treat the combined data as personal data which will be used in accordance with this privacy notice.

We do not collect any **Special Categories of Personal Data** about you (this includes details about your race or ethnicity, religious or philosophical beliefs, sex life, sexual orientation, political opinions, trade union membership, information about your health and genetic and biometric data). Nor do we collect any information about criminal convictions and offences.

We do not knowingly collect data relating to children.

### 4 How is your personal data collected?

We use different methods to collect data from and about you, including through:

- **Direct interactions.** You may give us your Identity and Contact Data by filling in forms or by corresponding with us by post, phone, email, text, social media, live / web chat or otherwise. This includes personal data you provide when you:
  - order our products or services.
  - subscribe to our services.
  - create an account on our portal.
  - request marketing to be sent to you.
  - give us some feedback.
- **Automated technologies or interactions.** As you interact with our website, we may automatically collect Technical Data about your equipment, browsing actions and patterns. We collect this personal data by using server logs and other similar technologies.
- **Third parties or publicly available sources.** We may receive personal data about you from various third parties and public sources as set out below:
  - Technical Data from the following parties:
    - analytics providers (such as Google),
    - advertising networks based and
    - search information providers.

- Identity and Contact Data from data brokers or aggregators such as such as Corpdata Limited and Creditsafe Business Solution Limited.
- Contact and Transaction Data from providers of technical, payment and delivery services and
- Identity and Contact Data from publicly available sources such as Companies House.

## 5 How we use your personal data

We will only use your personal data when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your personal data in the following circumstances:

- Where we need to perform the contract, we are about to enter into or have entered into with you.
- Where it is necessary for our legitimate interests (or those of a third party) and your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests.
- Where we need to comply with a legal or regulatory obligation.

Generally, we do not rely on consent as a legal basis for processing your personal data other than in relation to sending third party direct marketing communications to you via email or text message. You have the right to withdraw consent to marketing at any time by contacting us.

### 5.1 Purposes for which we will use your personal data

We have set out below, in a table format, a description of all the ways we plan to use your personal data, and which of the legal bases we rely on to do so. We have also identified what our legitimate interests are where appropriate.

Note that we may process your personal data for more than one lawful ground depending on the specific purpose for which we are using your data. Please contact us if you need details about the specific legal ground we are relying on to process your personal data where more than one ground has been set out in the table below.

Purpose/Activity	Type of data	Lawful basis for processing including basis of legitimate interest
To register you as a new customer	(a) Identity (b) Contact	Performance of a contract with you
To process and deliver your order including: (a) Manage payments, fees and charges (b) Collect and recover money owed to us	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Transaction (d) Marketing and Communications	(a) Performance of a contract with you (b) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to recover debts due to us)
To manage our relationship with you which will include: (a) Notifying you about changes to our terms or privacy policy (b) Asking you to leave a review or take a survey	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Profile (d) Marketing and Communications	(a) Performance of a contract with you (b) Necessary to comply with a legal obligation. (c) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to keep our records updated and to study how customers use our products/services)
To administer and protect our business and our website (including troubleshooting, data analysis, testing, system maintenance, support, reporting and hosting of data)	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Technical	Necessary for our legitimate interests (for running our business, provision of administration and IT services, network security, to prevent fraud and in the context of a business reorganisation or group restructuring exercise)
To deliver relevant electronic content/blogs and advertisements	(a) Identity (b) Contact	Necessary for our legitimate interests (to study how customers use our

to you and measure or understand the effectiveness of the advertising we serve to you	(c) Profile (d) Usage (e) Marketing and Communications (f) Technical	products/services, to develop them, to grow our business and to inform our marketing strategy)
To use data analytics to improve our website, products/services, marketing, customer relationships and experiences	(a) Technical (b) Usage	Necessary for our legitimate interests (to define types of customers for our products and services, to keep our website updated and relevant, to develop our business and to inform our marketing strategy)
To make suggestions and recommendations to you about goods or services that may be of interest to you	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Technical (d) Usage (e) Profile	Necessary for our legitimate interests (to develop our products/services and grow our business)

## 5.2 Marketing

We may use your Identity, Contact, Technical and Usage Data to form a view on what we think you may want or need, or what may be of interest to you. This is how we decide which products, services and offers may be relevant for you.

You will receive marketing communications from us if you have requested information from us or purchased services from us and you have not opted out of receiving that marketing.

## 5.3 Third-party marketing

We will get your express opt-in consent before we share your personal data with any company outside Grant McGregor Limited for marketing purposes.

## 5.4 Opting out

You can ask us or third parties to stop sending you marketing messages at any time by logging into our website and checking or unchecking relevant boxes to adjust your marketing preferences or by following the opt-out links on any marketing message sent to you or by contacting us at any time.

Where you opt out of receiving these marketing messages, this will not apply to personal data provided to us as a result of a product/service purchase, warranty registration, product/service experience or other transactions.

## 5.5 Change of purpose

We will only use your personal data for the purposes for which we collected it, unless we reasonably consider that we need to use it for another reason and that reason is compatible with the original purpose. If you wish to get an explanation as to how the processing for the new purpose is compatible with the original purpose, please contact us.

If we need to use your personal data for an unrelated purpose, we will notify you and we will explain the legal basis which allows us to do so.

Please note that we may process your personal data without your knowledge or consent, in compliance with the above rules, where this is required or permitted by law.

## 6 Disclosures of your personal data

We may have to share your personal data with the parties set out below for the purposes set out in the table in paragraph 4 above to External Third Parties as set out in the *Glossary*.

We require all third parties to respect the security of your personal data and to treat it in accordance with the law. We do not allow our third-party service providers to use your personal data for their own purposes and only permit them to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

## 7 International transfers

We do not transfer your personal data outside the European Economic Area (EEA).

## 8 Data security

We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent your personal data from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed. In addition, we limit access to your personal data to those employees, agents, contractors and other third parties who have a business need to know. They will only process your personal data on our instructions and they are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

We have put in place procedures to deal with any suspected personal data breach and will notify you and any applicable regulator of a breach where we are legally required to do so.

## 9 Data retention

### 9.1 How long will you use my personal data for?

We will only retain your personal data for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting, or reporting requirements.

To determine the appropriate retention period for personal data, we consider the amount, nature, and sensitivity of the personal data, the potential risk of harm from unauthorised use or disclosure of your personal data, the purposes for which we process your personal data and whether we can achieve those purposes through other means, and the applicable legal requirements.

In some circumstances you can ask us to delete your data: see *Request erasure* below for further information.

In some circumstances we may anonymise your personal data (so that it can no longer be associated with you) for research or statistical purposes in which case we may use this information indefinitely without further notice to you.

## 10 Your legal rights

Under certain circumstances, you have rights under data protection laws in relation to your personal data such as:

- *Request access to your personal data* - This enables you to receive a copy of the personal data we hold about you and to check that we are lawfully processing it.
- *Request correction of your personal data* - This enables you to have any incomplete or inaccurate data we hold about you corrected, though we may need to verify the accuracy of the new data you provide to us.
- *Request erasure of your personal data* - This enables you to ask us to delete or remove personal data where there is no good reason for us continuing to process it. You also have the right to ask us to delete or remove your personal data where you have successfully exercised your right to object to processing (see below), where we may have processed your information unlawfully or where we are required to erase your personal data to comply with local law. Note, however, that we may not always be able to comply with your request of erasure for specific legal reasons which will be notified to you, if applicable, at the time of your request.

- *Object to processing of your personal data* – You have the right to object where we are relying on a legitimate interest (or those of a third party) and there is something about your particular situation which makes you want to object to processing on this ground as you feel it impacts on your fundamental rights and freedoms. You also have the right to object where we are processing your personal data for direct marketing purposes. In some cases, we may demonstrate that we have compelling legitimate grounds to process your information which override your rights and freedoms.
- *Request restriction of processing your personal data* - This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of your personal data in the following scenarios: (a) if you want us to establish the data's accuracy; (b) where our use of the data is unlawful but you do not want us to erase it; (c) where you need us to hold the data even if we no longer require it as you need it to establish, exercise or defend legal claims; or (d) you have objected to our use of your data but we need to verify whether we have overriding legitimate grounds to use it.
- *Request transfer of your personal data* - We will provide to you, or a third party you have chosen, your personal data in a structured, commonly used, machine-readable format. Note that this right only applies to automated information which you initially provided consent for us to use or where we used the information to perform a contract with you.
- *Right to withdraw consent* - where we are relying on consent to process your personal data. However, this will not affect the lawfulness of any processing carried out before you withdraw your consent. If you withdraw your consent, we may not be able to provide certain products or services to you. We will advise you if this is the case at the time you withdraw your consent.

If you wish to exercise any of the rights set out above, please contact us.

### 10.1 No fee usually required

You will not have to pay a fee to access your personal data (or to exercise any of the other rights). However, we may charge a reasonable fee if your request is clearly unfounded, repetitive or excessive. Alternatively, we may refuse to comply with your request in these circumstances.

### 10.2 What we may need from you

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access your personal data (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is a security measure to ensure that personal data is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it. We may also contact you to ask you for further information in relation to your request to speed up our response.

### 10.3 Time limit to respond

We try to respond to all legitimate requests within one month. Occasionally it may take us longer than a month if your request is particularly complex or you have made a number of requests. In this case, we will notify you and keep you updated.

## 11 Glossary

“Comply with a legal or regulatory obligation” means processing your personal data where it is necessary for compliance with a legal or regulatory obligation that we are subject to.

“**Legitimate Interest**” means the interest of our business in conducting and managing our business to enable us to give you the best service/product and the best and most secure experience. We make sure we consider and balance any potential impact on you (both positive and negative) and your rights before we process your personal data for our legitimate interests. We do not use your personal data for activities where our interests are overridden by the impact on you (unless we have your consent or are otherwise required or permitted to by law). You can obtain further information about how we assess our legitimate interests against any potential impact on you in respect of specific activities by contacting us.

**“Performance of Contract”** means processing your data where it is necessary for the performance of a contract to which you are a party or to take steps at your request before entering into such a contract.

**“External Third Parties” means**

- Service providers based in the United Kingdom who provide administration services;
- Professional advisers acting as processors or joint controllers including lawyers, bankers, auditors and insurers based in the United Kingdom who provide consultancy, banking, legal, insurance and accounting services;
- HM Revenue & Customs, regulators and other authorities acting as processors or joint controllers based in the United Kingdom who require reporting of processing activities in certain circumstances.

## 12 Compliance and Monitoring

- Compliance with this and all other policies and procedures is mandatory.
- Any breach of policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.
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### 12.1 Monitoring

Compliance with the processes and guidance contained within this policy will be highlighted through notification of any Information Security and other Governance breaches whereby an investigation will identify non-compliance and then seek to understand and address the reasons for non-compliance.

### 12.2 Audit and Review

#### 12.2.1 Internal Review

Compliance with this policy will be monitored through Information Security Internal Audits, and by other management checks as required.

#### 12.2.2 External Review

Inspections by external auditors may be carried out from time to time.

As part of these activities, external inspectors may ask to view internal records. Supervised access to such records must be provided where requested.

Copies of records must not be removed from site by or emailed to an inspector unless this has been specifically approved by a Director or the Operations Manager.

#### 12.2.3 Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed by the Operations Manager or their delegate at regular intervals, not exceeding 1 year, or when business changes warrant it as part of the continual improvement process.

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