



## **Data Protection Policy**

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All organisations that process *personal data* are required to comply with data protection legislation. This includes in particular the Data Protection Act 2018 (or its successor) and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (together the 'Data Protection Laws'). The Data Protection Laws give individuals (known as 'data subjects') certain rights over their *personal data* whilst imposing certain obligations on the organisations that process their data.

As a recruitment business the Company collects and processes both *personal data* and *sensitive personal data*. It is required to do so to comply with other legislation. It is also required to keep this data for different periods depending on the nature of the data.

This policy sets out how the Company implements the Data Protection Laws.

In this policy the following terms have the following meanings:

**'consent'** means any freely given, specific, informed and unambiguous indication of an individual's wishes by which he or she, by a statement or by a clear affirmative action, signifies agreement to the *processing* of personal data relating to him or her;

**'data controller'** means an individual or organisation which, alone or jointly with others, determines the purposes and means of the *processing of personal data*;

**'data processor'** means an individual or organisation which processes *personal data* on behalf of the *data controller*;

**'personal data'**\* means any information relating to an individual who can be identified, such as by a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person.

**'personal data breach'** means a breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, *personal data*;

**'processing'** means any operation or set of operations performed on *personal data*, such as collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage (including archiving), adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction.

**'profiling'** means any form of automated *processing of personal data* consisting of the use of *personal data* to evaluate certain personal aspects relating to an individual, in particular to analyse or predict aspects concerning that natural person's performance at work, economic situation, health, personal preferences, interests, reliability, behaviour, location or movements;

**'pseudonymisation'** means the *processing of personal data* in such a manner that the *personal data* can no longer be attributed to an individual without the use of additional information, provided that such additional information is kept separately and is subject to technical and organisational measures to ensure that the *personal data* are not attributed to an identified or identifiable individual;

***'sensitive personal data'***\* means *personal data* revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the *processing* of genetic data, biometric data, data concerning health, an individual's sex life or sexual orientation and an individual's criminal convictions.

\* For the purposes of this policy we use the term '*personal data*' to include '*sensitive personal data*' except where we specifically need to refer to *sensitive personal data*.

***'Supervisory authority'*** means an independent public authority which is responsible for monitoring the application of data protection. In the UK the *supervisory authority* is [the Information Commissioner's Office](#) (ICO).

**All of these definitions are italicised throughout this policy to remind the reader that they are defined terms.**

The Company processes *personal data* in relation to its own staff, work-seekers and individual client contacts and is a *data controller* for the purposes of the Data Protection Laws. The Company has registered with the ICO and its registration number is ZA054700.

The Company may hold *personal data* on individuals for the following purposes:

- The provision of recruitment services
- Staff administration
- Advertising, marketing and public relations
- Accounts and records
- Administration and *processing* of work-seekers' *personal data* for the purposes of providing work-finding services, including *processing* using software solution providers and back office support
- Administration and *processing* of clients' *personal data* for the purposes of supplying/introducing work-seekers

## **1. The data protection principles**

The Data Protection Laws require the Company acting as either *data controller* or *data processor* to process data in accordance with the principles of data protection. These require that *personal data* is:

1. Processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner;
2. Collected for specified and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes;
3. Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed;
4. Accurate and kept up to date; every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that *personal data* that is inaccurate, having regard to the purposes for which it is processed, is erased or rectified without delay;
5. Kept for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the *personal data* is processed;
6. Processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the *personal data*, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful *processing* and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures; and that
7. The *data controller* shall be responsible for, and be able to demonstrate, compliance with the principles.

## **2. Legal bases for processing**

The Company will only process *personal data* where it has a legal basis for doing so (see Annex A). Where the Company does not have a legal reason for *processing personal data* any processing will be a breach of the Data Protection Laws.

The Company will review the *personal data* it holds on a regular basis to ensure it is being lawfully processed and it is accurate, relevant and up to date and those people listed in the Appendix shall be responsible for doing this.

Before transferring *personal data* to any third party (such as past, current or prospective employers, suppliers, customers and clients, intermediaries such as umbrella companies, persons making an enquiry or complaint and any other third party (such as software solutions

providers and back office support)), the Company will establish that it has a legal reason for making the transfer.

### **3. Privacy by design and by default**

The Company has implemented measures and procedures that adequately protect the privacy of individuals and ensures that data protection is integral to all *processing* activities. This includes implementing measures such as:

- data minimisation (i.e. not keeping data for longer than is necessary)
- *pseudonymisation*
- anonymization
- cyber security

Staff are fully trained on the handling of personal data to limit the risk of personal data breaches.

### **The rights of the individual**

The Company shall provide any information relating to data *processing* to an individual in a concise, transparent, intelligible and easily accessible form, using clear and plain language. The information shall be provided in writing, or by other means, including, where appropriate, by electronic means. The Company may provide this information orally if requested to do so by the individual.

#### **1. Privacy notices**

Where the Company collects *personal data* from the individual, the Company will give the individual a privacy notice at the time when it first obtains the *personal data*.

Where the Company collects *personal data* other than from the individual directly, it will give the individual a privacy notice within a reasonable period after obtaining the *personal data*, but at the latest within one month. If the Company intends to disclose the *personal data* to a third party, then the privacy notice will be issued when the *personal data* is first disclosed (if not issued sooner).

Where the Company intends to further process the *personal data* for a purpose other than that for which the data was initially collected, the Company will give the individual information on that other purpose and any relevant further information before it does the further *processing*.

## 2. Subject access requests

The individual is entitled to access their *personal data* on request from the *data controller*.

An individual will be entitled to the following information:

- Confirmation that their personal data is or is not being processed;
- Access to the personal data undergoing processing;
- The purposes of the processing;
- The categories of personal data concerned;
- The recipients or categories of recipient to whom the personal data has been or will be disclosed, in particular recipients in third countries or international organisations;
- Where possible, the envisaged period for which the personal data will be stored, or, if not possible, the criteria used to determine that period;
- The existence of the right to request from the Company rectification or erasure of personal data or restriction of processing of personal data concerning the individual or to object to such processing;
- The right to lodge a complaint with the ICO or any other relevant supervisory authority;
- Where the personal data is not collected from an individual, any available information as to the source of that information;
- The existence of automated decision-making, including profiling, based on a public interest or a legitimate interest and, at least in those cases, meaningful information about the logic involved, as well as the significance and the envisaged consequences of such processing for the individual.

A reference provided in confidence will be exempt from the individual's right of access, which means that should an individual make a subject access request, the data to be disclosed does not have to include a reference.

If the Company transfers the individual's personal data to a third country or to an international organisation, the individual shall have the right to be informed of the appropriate safeguards in place relating to the transfer.

If the Company processes a large quantity of information concerning the individual making the request, the Company might request that the individual specify the information or processing activities to which the request relates to specifically before the information is delivered. If such a request is required by the Company then it shall be delivered promptly to the individual, taking into consideration the timeframes that subject access requests must be completed.

The individual's right to access their information shall not adversely affect the rights and freedoms of others and they will not be able to access the personal data of third parties without the explicit consent of that third party or if it is reasonable in all the circumstances to comply with the request without that third party's consent, taking into consideration any means to redact the personal data of any third party. Persons listed in the Appendix will decide whether it is appropriate to disclose the information to the individual on a case by case basis. This decision will involve balancing the individual's right of access of their personal data against the third party's rights in respect of their own personal data.

Exemptions may apply to this principle in relation to crime, taxation, information required by law or in connection with legal proceedings.

### 3. Rectification

The individual or another *data controller* at the individual's request, has the right to ask the Company to rectify any inaccurate or incomplete *personal data* concerning an individual.

If the Company has given the personal data to any third parties it will tell those third parties that it has received a request to rectify the *personal data* unless this proves impossible or involves disproportionate effort. Those third parties should also rectify the *personal data* they hold - however the Company will not be in a position to audit those third parties to ensure that the rectification has occurred. The Company shall inform the individual about those recipients if he or she requests it.

In circumstances where the Company is unable to comply with the request as it proves impossible or involves disproportionate effort, the Company will document this in a privacy impact assessment or similar.

### 4. Erasure

The individual or another *data controller* at the individual's request, has the right to ask the Company to erase an individual's *personal data*. The Company will be obliged to erase the individual's personal data without undue delay where one of the following grounds apply:

- The personal data is no longer necessary in relation to the purposes for which they were collected or otherwise processed;
- An individual withdraws consent on which the processing is based, and where there is no other legal ground for the processing;
- An individual objects to the processing (based on either a public interest or a legitimate interest) and there are no overriding legitimate grounds for the processing, or an individual objects to the processing for direct marketing purposes (including profiling related to direct marketing);
- The personal data has been unlawfully processed;
- The personal data has to be erased for compliance with a legal obligation; or
- The personal data has been collected in relation to the offer of information society services to a child.

If the Company receives a request to erase it will ask the individual if s/he wants his or her *personal data* to be removed entirely or whether s/he is happy for his or her details to be kept on a list of individuals who do not want to be contacted in the future (for a specified period or otherwise). The Company cannot keep a record of individuals whose data it has erased so the individual may be contacted again by the Company should the Company come into possession of the individual's *personal data* at a later date.

If the Company has made the data public, it shall take reasonable steps to inform other *data controllers* and *data processors* processing the *personal data* to erase the *personal data*, taking into account available technology and the cost of implementation.

If the Company has given the *personal data* to any third parties it will tell those third parties that it has received a request to erase the *personal data*, unless this proves impossible or involves disproportionate effort. Those third parties should also rectify the *personal data* they hold - however the Company will not be in a position to audit those third parties to ensure that the rectification has occurred.



## **5. Restriction of processing**

The individual or a *data controller* at the individual's request, has the right to ask the Company to restrict its *processing* of an individual's *personal data* where:

- The individual challenges the accuracy of the *personal data*;
- The *processing* is unlawful, and the individual opposes its erasure;
- The Company no longer needs the *personal data* for the purposes of the *processing*, but the *personal data* is required for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims; or
- The individual has objected to *processing* (on the grounds of a public interest or legitimate interest) pending the verification whether the legitimate grounds of the Company override those of the individual.

Where processing has been restricted, such personal data shall, with the exception of storage, only be processed with the individual's consent or for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims or for the protection of the rights of another natural or legal person or for reasons of important public interest.

Where an individual who has successfully asked for their personal data to be restricted, then the Company will inform the individual before such a restriction is lifted.

If the Company has given the *personal data* to any third parties it will tell those third parties that it has received a request to restrict the *personal data*, unless this proves impossible or involves disproportionate effort. Those third parties should also rectify the *personal data* they hold - however the Company will not be in a position to audit those third parties to ensure that the rectification has occurred.

## **6. Data portability**

The individual shall have the right to receive *personal data* concerning him or her, which he or she has provided to the Company, in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format and have the right to transmit those data to another *data controller* in circumstances where:

- The *processing* is based on the individual's *consent* or a contract; and
- The *processing* is carried out by automated means.

Where feasible, the Company will send the *personal data* to a named third party on the individual's request.

## **7. Object to processing**

The individual has the right to object to their *personal data* being processed based on a public interest or a legitimate interest. The individual will also be able to object to the *profiling* of their data based on a public interest or a legitimate interest.

The Company shall cease *processing* unless it has compelling legitimate grounds to continue to process the *personal data* which override the individual's interests, rights and freedoms or for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.

The individual has the right to object to their *personal data* for direct marketing.

## **8. Enforcement of rights**

All requests regarding individual rights should be sent to the person whose details are listed in the Appendix.

The Company shall act upon any subject access request, or any request relating to rectification, erasure, restriction, data portability or objection or automated decision-making processes or profiling within one month of receipt of the request. The Company may extend this period for two further months where necessary, taking into account the complexity and the number of requests.

Where the Company considers that a request under this section is manifestly unfounded or excessive due to the request's repetitive nature the Company may either refuse to act on the request or may charge a reasonable fee taking into account the administrative costs involved.

## **9. Automated decision making**

The Company will not subject individuals to decisions based on automated *processing* that produce a legal effect or a similarly significant effect on the individual, except where the automated decision:

- Is necessary for the entering into or performance of a contract between the *data controller* and the individual;
- Is authorised by law; or
- The individual has given their explicit *consent*.

The Company will not carry out any automated decision-making or *profiling* using the *personal data* of a child.

### **Reporting *personal data* breaches**

All data breaches should be referred to the persons whose details are listed in the Appendix.

#### **1. *Personal data* breaches where the Company is the *data controller*:**

Where the Company establishes that a *personal data breach* has taken place, the Company will take steps to contain and recover the breach. Where a *personal data breach* is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of any individual the Company will notify the ICO.

Where the *personal data breach* happens outside the UK, the Company shall alert the relevant *supervisory authority* for data breaches in the affected jurisdiction.

#### **2. *Personal data* breaches where the Company is the *data processor*:**

The Company will alert the relevant *data controller* as to the *personal data breach* as soon as they are aware of the breach.

#### **3. Communicating *personal data* breaches to individuals**

Where the Company has identified a *personal data breach* resulting in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of any individual, the Company shall tell all affected individuals without undue delay.

The Company will not be required to tell individuals about the *personal data breach* where:

- The Company has implemented appropriate technical and organisational protection measures to the *personal data* affected by the breach, in particular to make the *personal data* unintelligible to any person who is not authorised to access it, such as encryption.
- The Company has taken subsequent measures which ensure that the high risk to the rights and freedoms of the individual is no longer likely to materialise.
- It would involve disproportionate effort to tell all affected individuals. Instead, the Company shall make a public communication or similar measure to tell all affected individuals.

### **The Human Rights Act 1998**

All individuals have the following rights under the Human Rights Act 1998 (HRA) and in dealing with *personal data* these should be respected at all times:

- Right to respect for private and family life (Article 8).
- Freedom of thought, belief and religion (Article 9).
- Freedom of expression (Article 10).
- Freedom of assembly and association (Article 11).
- Protection from discrimination in respect of rights and freedoms under the HRA (Article 14).

### **Complaints**

If you have a complaint or suggestion about the Company's handling of *personal data*, then please contact the person whose details are listed in the Appendix to this policy.

Alternatively you can contact the ICO directly on 0303 123 1113 or at <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/email/>

## Appendix

- Authorised employees will be responsible for the adding or amending of personal data
- Compliance & IT teams will be responsible for the deleting of personal data
- Compliance team will be responsible for responding to subject access requests/requests for rectification, erasure, restriction data portability, objection, automated decision making processes and profiling and withdrawal of consent;
- Chief Operating Officer will be responsible for reporting data breaches/dealing with complaints

Should you wish to exercise any of these rights, please fill out our [online form](#).

If you have any questions concerning your rights, please email [dataprotection@tpp.co.uk](mailto:dataprotection@tpp.co.uk)

## Annex A

### a) The lawfulness of *processing conditions for personal data* are:

1. *Consent* of the individual for one or more specific purposes.
2. *Processing* is necessary for the performance of a contract with the individual or in order to take steps at the request of the individual to enter into a contract.
3. *Processing* is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation that the controller is subject to.
4. *Processing* is necessary to protect the vital interests of the individual or another person.
5. *Processing* is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the *data controller*.
6. *Processing* is necessary for the purposes of legitimate interests pursued by the controller or a third party, except where such interests are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights or freedoms of the individual which require protection of *personal data*, in particular where the individual is a child.

### b) The lawfulness of *processing conditions for sensitive personal data* are:

1. Explicit *consent* of the individual for one or more specified purposes, unless reliance on *consent* is prohibited by EU or Member State law.
2. *Processing* is necessary for carrying out data controller's obligations under employment, social security or social protection law, or a collective agreement, providing for appropriate safeguards for the fundamental rights and interests of the individual.
3. *Processing* is necessary to protect the vital interests of the individual or another individual where the individual is physically or legally incapable of giving *consent*.
4. In the course of its legitimate activities, *processing* is carried out with appropriate safeguards by a foundation, association or any other not-for-profit body, with a political, philosophical, religious or trade union aim and on condition that the *processing* relates only to members or former members (or those who have regular contact with it in connection with those purposes) and provided there is no disclosure to a third party without the *consent* of the individual.
5. *Processing* relates to *personal data* which are manifestly made public by the individual.

6. *Processing* is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims or whenever courts are acting in their judicial capacity.
7. *Processing* is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest on the basis of EU or Member State law which shall be proportionate to the aim pursued, respects the essence of the right to data protection and provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and interests of the individual.
8. *Processing* is necessary for the purposes of preventative or occupational medicine, for assessing the working capacity of the employee, medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services on the basis of EU or Member State law or a contract with a health professional and subject to the necessary conditions and safeguards.
9. *Processing* is necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health, such as protecting against serious cross-border threats to health or ensuring high standards of quality and safety of healthcare and of medicinal products or medical devices, on the basis of EU or Member State law which provides for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the rights and freedoms of the individual, in particular professional secrecy.
10. *Processing* is necessary for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes, which shall be proportionate to the aim pursued, respect the essence of the right to data protection and provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard fundamental rights and interests of the individual.