

# PRIVACY NOTICE

## 1. PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE

This notice describes how we collect and use personal data about you, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the Data Protection Act 2018 and any other national implementing laws, regulations and secondary legislation, as amended or updated from time to time, in the UK ('Data Protection Legislation').

Please read the following carefully to understand our practices regarding your personal data and how we will treat it.

## 2. ABOUT US

Pitt Godden & Taylor LLP is an accountancy and tax advisory firm. We are registered in England and Wales as a limited liability partnership under number: OC 372482 and our registered office is at Unit 3, Ambrose House, Meteor Court, Barnett Way, Barnwood, Gloucester, GL4 3GG.

We are required under the Data Protection Legislation to notify you of the information contained in this privacy notice.

Our data protection manager is our Data Protection Point of Contact and is responsible for assisting with enquiries in relation to this privacy notice or our treatment of your personal data. Should you wish to contact our Data Protection Point of Contact you can do so using the contact details noted at paragraph 12 (Contact Us), below.

## 3. HOW WE MAY COLLECT YOUR PERSONAL DATA

We obtain personal data about you when:

- you request a proposal from us in respect of the services we provide;
- you engage us to provide our services and also during the provision of those services;
- you contact us by email, telephone or post (for example when you have a query about our services); or
- from third parties and/or publicly available resources (for example, from your employer or from Companies House).

## 4. THE KIND OF INFORMATION WE HOLD ABOUT YOU

The information we hold about you will vary depending on which services you engage us to deliver and may include the following:

- your personal details (such as your name, address, telephone number, email address, your unique Tax Reference (UTR) number, your National Insurance number or bank account details);
- details of contact we have had with you in relation to the provision, or the proposed provision, of our services;

- details of any services you have received from us;
- our correspondence and communications with you;
- information about any complaints and enquiries you make to us;
- information we receive from other sources, such as publicly available information.

## **5. HOW WE USE PERSONAL DATA WE HOLD ABOUT YOU**

We may process your personal data for purposes necessary for the performance of our contract with you and to comply with our legal obligations.

We may process your personal data for the purposes necessary for the performance of our contract with our clients. This may include processing your personal data where you are an employee, subcontractor, supplier or customer of our client.

We may process your personal data for the purposes of our own legitimate interests provided that those interests do not override any of your own interests, rights and freedoms which require the protection of personal data. This includes processing for marketing, business development, statistical and management purposes.

We may process your personal data for certain additional purposes with your consent, and in these limited circumstances where your consent is required for the processing of your personal data then you have the right to withdraw your consent to processing for such specific purposes.

Please note that we may process your personal data for more than one lawful basis depending on the specific purpose for which we are using your data.

### **Situations in which we will use your personal data**

In general terms, and depending on which services you engage us to deliver, as part of providing our agreed services we may use your information to:

- Contact you by post, email or telephone;
- Verify your identity where this is required;
- Understand your needs and how they may be met;
- Maintain our records in accordance with applicable legal and regulatory obligations;
- Process financial transactions
- Prevent and detect crime, fraud or corruption.

We are required by legislation, other regulatory requirements and our insurers to retain your data where we have ceased to act for you. The period of retention required varies with the applicable legislation but is typically five or six years. To ensure compliance with all such requirements it is the policy of the firm to retain all data for a period of 10 years from the end of the period concerned.

In some circumstances we may anonymise or pseudonymise the personal data so that it can no longer be associated with you, in which case we may use it without further notice to you.

If you refuse to provide us with certain information when requested, we may not be able to perform the contract we have entered into with you. Alternatively, we may be unable to comply with our legal or regulatory obligations.

We may also process your personal data without your knowledge or consent, in accordance with this notice, where we are legally required or permitted to do so.

### **Data retention**

We will only retain your personal data for as long as is necessary to fulfil the purposes for which it is collected.

When assessing what retention period is appropriate for your personal data, we take into consideration:

- the requirements of our business and the services provided;
- any statutory or legal obligations;
- the purposes for which we originally collected the personal data;
- the lawful grounds on which we based our processing;
- the types of personal data we have collected;
- the amount and categories of your personal data; and
- whether the purpose of the processing could reasonably be fulfilled by other means.

### **Change of purpose**

Where we need to use your personal data for another reason, other than for the purpose for which we collected it, we will only use your personal data where that reason is compatible with the original purpose.

Should it be necessary to use your personal data for a new purpose, we will notify you and communicate the legal basis which allows us to do so before starting any new processing.

## **6. DATA SHARING**

### **Why might you share my personal data with third parties?**

We will share your personal data with third parties where we are required by law, where it is necessary to administer the relationship between us or where we have another legitimate interest in doing so, (for example client identification checks, or credit reference purposes).

### **Which third-party service providers process my personal data?**

We do not use any third-party service providers to process data.

### **What about other third parties?**

We may share your personal data with other third parties, for example in the context of the possible sale or restructuring of the business. We may also need to share your personal data with a regulator or to otherwise comply with the law.

Data may be shared with or obtained from TransUnion in order to confirm an individual's identity. The privacy notice for TransUnion can be found at

<https://www.transunion.co.uk/legal-information/bureau-privacy-notice>. Further information about TransUnion's activities can also be found at that location.

### **Who has access to your information?**

We will not sell or rent your information to third parties.

We will not share your information with third parties for marketing purposes.

Any staff with access to your information have a duty of confidentiality under the ethical standards that this firm is required to follow.

## **7. TRANSFERRING PERSONAL DATA OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA (EEA)**

We will not transfer the personal data we collect about you outside of the EEA unless it is necessary for the performance of a contract between us.

## **8. DATA SECURITY**

We have put in place commercially reasonable and 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 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.

Whilst we strive to protect your personal information, we cannot guarantee the security of any information you transmit to us and you do so at your own risk.

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

## **9. RIGHTS OF ACCESS, CORRECTION, ERASURE, AND RESTRICTION**

### **Your duty to inform us of changes**

It is important that the personal data we hold about you is accurate and current. Should your personal information change, please notify us of any changes of which we need to be made aware by contacting us, using the contact details below.

### **Your rights in connection with personal data**

Under certain circumstances, by law you have the right to:

- Request access to your personal data. This enables you to receive details of the personal data we hold about you and to check that we are processing it lawfully.
- Request correction of the personal data that we hold about you.
- 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 exercised your right to object to processing (see below).

- Object to processing of your personal data 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 basis. You also have the right to object where we are processing your personal information for direct marketing purposes.
- Request the restriction of processing of your personal data. This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of personal data about you, for example if you want us to establish its accuracy or the reason for processing it.
- Request the transfer of your personal data to you or another data controller if the processing is based on consent, carried out by automated means and this is technically feasible.

If you want to exercise any of the above rights, please email our data protection point of contact [nick.bishop@pg-t.co.uk](mailto:nick.bishop@pg-t.co.uk).

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 for access is clearly unfounded or excessive. Alternatively, we may refuse to comply with the request in such circumstances.

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access the information (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is another appropriate security measure to ensure that personal information is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it.

## **10. RIGHT TO WITHDRAW CONSENT**

In the limited circumstances where you may have provided your consent to the collection, processing and transfer of your personal data for a specific purpose (for example, in relation to direct marketing that you have indicated you would like to receive from us), you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time. To withdraw your consent, please email our data protection point of contact [nick.bishop@pg-t.co.uk](mailto:nick.bishop@pg-t.co.uk).

Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your personal information (personal data) for the purpose or purposes you originally agreed to, unless we have another legitimate basis for doing so in law.

## **11. CHANGES TO THIS NOTICE**

Any changes we may make to our privacy notice in the future will be updated on our website at [www.pg-t.co.uk](http://www.pg-t.co.uk).

This privacy notice was last updated on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

## **12. CONTACT US**

If you have any questions regarding this notice or if you would like to speak to us about the manner in which we process your personal data, please email our Data Protection Point of Contact Nick Bishop at [nick.bishop@pg-t.co.uk](mailto:nick.bishop@pg-t.co.uk) or telephone him on 01452 308153.

You also have the right to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues, at any time. The ICO's contact details are as follows:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone - 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/concerns>