

## Privacy Policy

### Introduction

MACclean (ni) Ltd respects your privacy and is committed to protecting your personal data. This Privacy Policy will inform you about how we look after your personal data, tell you about your privacy rights and how the law protects you. It applies to information we collect in relation to:

- Users of our website.
- People who register to use MACclean (ni) Ltd services.
- People who use our online system to make an inquiry, create a membership or make a purchase with the Organisation.
- Employees or representatives of organisations who use our services or supply us with goods or services.
- People who contact us via any medium (e.g. by post, email, telephone or social media).

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

## 1. IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND WHO WE ARE

### Controller and contact information

MACclean (ni) Ltd is the controller and responsible for your personal data (collectively referred to as "MACclean (ni) Ltd", "we", "us" or "our" in this Privacy Policy).

We have appointed a data privacy owner who is responsible for overseeing questions in relation to this Privacy Policy. If you have any questions about this Privacy Policy, please email us on [denise@macclean-ni.com](mailto:denise@macclean-ni.com).

### Complaints

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 email us on [denise@macclean-ni.com](mailto:denise@macclean-ni.com) in the first instance.

### Changes to the Privacy Policy and your duty to inform us of changes

We reserve the right to update this Privacy Policy at any time.

It is important that the personal data we hold about you is accurate and current. Please use our online tools to keep us informed if your personal data changes during your relationship with us.

### **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 Policy of every website you visit.

## **2. 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 follows:

- **Identity Data** includes first name, last name.
- **Contact Data** includes contact address, email address and telephone numbers.
- **Financial Data** includes details about payments to and from you.
- **Technical Data** includes internet protocol (IP) address, your login data, browser type and version, time zone setting and location, browser plug-in types and versions, operating system and platform and other technology on the devices you use to access this website.
- **Usage Data** includes information about how you use our website, products and services.
- **Marketing and Communications Data** includes your preferences in receiving marketing from us and our third parties and your communication preferences.

We may 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 Policy.

### **If you fail to provide personal data**

Where we need to collect personal data by law, or under the terms of a contract we have with you and you fail to provide that data when requested, we may not be able to perform the contract we have or are trying to enter into with you. In this case, we may have to cancel a service you have with us but we will notify you if this is the case at the time.

### 3. HOW IS YOUR PERSONAL DATA COLLECTED?

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

- **Direct interactions.** You will give us your Identity, Contact, Financial, by completing and submitting a form through our website or by corresponding with us by email, phone or post. This includes personal data you provide when you:
  - a) apply for our services.
  - b) engage our services.
  - c) submit a paper-based payment form.
  - d) request marketing to be sent to you.
  - e) 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 cookies, server logs and other similar technologies. Please see our Cookie declaration pop-up on our web site for further details.
- **Third parties.** We may receive personal data about you from various third parties as set out below:
- **Technical Data** from the following parties:
  - a) analytics providers such as Google based outside the EU.
- **Contact, Financial and Transaction Data** from providers of technical, payment and delivery services such as BACS based inside the EU.

### 4. 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) by which we mean the interest of our business in conducting and managing our business to enable us to give you the best service 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 emailing us on [denise@macclean-ni.com](mailto:denise@macclean-ni.com).
- Where we need to comply with a legal or regulatory obligation we are subject to.

### **Consent and withdrawal of consent**

Generally, we do not rely on consent as a legal basis for processing your personal data other than in relation to sending direct marketing communications to you via email.

You have the right to withdraw consent to marketing at any time by:

- making use of the “unsubscribe” link in emails; and/or
- emailing us at [denise@macclean-ni.com](mailto:denise@macclean-ni.com).

### **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 may 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 email us on [denise@macclean-ni.com](mailto:denise@macclean-ni.com) 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.

<b>Purpose/Activity</b>	<b>Type of data</b>	<b>Lawful basis for processing including basis of legitimate interest</b>
To register you as a new customer	(a) Identity (b) Contact	Performance of a contract with you
To process and deliver your request including: (a) Manage payments, fees and charges (b) Collect and recover money owed to us	(c) Identity (d) Contact (e) Financial (f) Transaction (g) Marketing and Communications (h) Performance	(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) Contacting you with regard to a contract between you (or your organisation) and us	(i) Identity (j) Contact (k) Profile (l) 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 services)
To administer and protect our business and this website (including troubleshooting, data analysis, testing, system maintenance, support, reporting	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Technical	(a) 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

and hosting of data)		business reorganisation or group restructuring exercise)  (b) Necessary to comply with a legal obligation
To deliver relevant website content and advertisements to you and measure or understand the effectiveness of the advertising we serve to you	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Profile (d) Usage (e) Marketing and Communications (f) Technical	Necessary for our legitimate interests (to study how customers use our 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 pass on your data to Organisations supplying services, or the purchased goods.	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Transaction (d) Performance (e) Medical Data	(a) Performance of a contract with you  (b) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to keep our records updated and to study how customers use our services)  (c) Necessary for our legitimate interests in performing a contract between ourselves and the Organisation on whose behalf we provide our services to you as agent
To make suggestions and recommendations to you about goods or services that may be of interest to you	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Technical	Necessary for our legitimate interests (to develop our services and grow our business)



	(d) Usage (e) Profile	
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**Promotional offers from us**

We strive to provide you with choices regarding certain personal data uses, particularly around marketing and advertising.

We may use your Identity, Contact, Technical, Usage and Profile 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 (we call this marketing).

You will receive marketing communications from us if you have requested information or purchased services from us or if you provided us with your details when you registered with us and, in each case, you have not opted out of receiving that marketing.

**Third-party marketing**

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

**Opting out**

You can ask us or third parties to stop sending you marketing messages at any time by following the opt-out links on any marketing message sent to you or by emailing us on [denise@macclean-ni.com](mailto:denise@macclean-ni.com) 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 or other transactions.

**Cookies**

<https://maccleanni.com/> web site is currently not using cookies.

**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 email us on [denise@macclean-ni.com](mailto:denise@macclean-ni.com).

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.

## **5. DISCLOSURES OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

We require all third parties to whom we disclose your data in accordance with this policy to respect the security of your personal data and to treat it in accordance with the law.

### **Third Party Service Providers**

We may transfer your personal data to the following specific processors, or they will have access to MACclean (ni) Ltd data as part of delivering their services:

- Right Click IT - which provides IT technical support services to MACclean (ni) Ltd.
- Barclays Communications – which provides mobile phone services to MACclean (ni) Ltd.
- Rycoweb - which provides Web site development support services to MACclean (ni) Ltd
- Peninsula - which provides HR support services to MACclean (ni) Ltd.
- AIB - which provides Banking services to MACclean (ni) Ltd.
- Nest and Navigate - which provide Pension services to MACclean (ni) Ltd.
- MHL Accounts - which provide Accountancy services to MACclean (ni) Ltd.
- Towergate Dawson Whyte – which provide insurance services to MACclean (ni) Ltd.
- NiJobs.com – which provide recruitment services to MACclean (ni) Ltd.
- Uk.Indeed.com — which provide recruitment services to MACclean (ni) Ltd.

We may also have to share your personal data with the parties set out below for the purposes set out in the “Purposes for which we will use your personal data” section above.

- Service providers acting as processors based within the EU who provide webhosting, back-up and other IT and system 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.
- Third parties to whom we may choose to sell, transfer, or merge parts of our business or our assets. Alternatively, we may seek to acquire other businesses or merge with them. If a change happens to our business, then the new owners may use your personal data in the same way as set out in this Privacy Policy.

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.

## 6. INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS

None of our current external third parties are based outside the UK or European Economic Area (**EEA**) so their processing of your personal data will not involve a transfer of data outside the UK or EEA.

If this changes and we transfer your personal data out of the UK or EEA, we will ensure a similar degree of protection is afforded to it by ensuring at least one of the following safeguards is implemented:

- We will only transfer your personal data to countries that have been deemed to provide an adequate level of protection for personal data by the European Commission. For further details, see [European Commission: Adequacy of the protection of personal data in non-EU countries](#).
- Where we use certain service providers, we may use specific contracts approved by the European Commission which give personal data the same protection it has in Europe. For further details, see [European Commission: Model contracts for the transfer of personal data to third countries](#).
  - Where we use providers based in the US, we may transfer data to them if they are part of the Privacy Shield which requires them to provide similar protection to personal data shared between the UK, Europe and the US. For further details, see [UK-US Data Bridge](#).

Please email us on [denise@macclean-ni.com](mailto:denise@macclean-ni.com) if you want further information on the specific mechanism used by us when transferring your personal data out of the UK or EEA.

## 7. 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.

## 8. DATA RETENTION

### 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.

By law we have to keep basic information about our customers (including Contact, Identity, Financial and Transaction Data) for six years after they cease being customers for tax purposes.

Any data we are not required to hold for tax or other legal purposes will be held for no more than 3 years following the delivery of services for which it was gathered.

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.

## 9. YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

Under certain circumstances, you have rights under data protection laws in relation to your personal data. You have the right to:

- **Request access** to your personal data (commonly known as a "data subject access request"). 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 the personal data that we hold about you. 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 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** of 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 the transfer** of your personal data to you or to a third party. 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.
- **Withdraw consent at any time** 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 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 email us on [denise@macclean-ni.com](mailto:denise@macclean-ni.com).

## 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.

### **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.

### **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.

If a Data Protection complaint is received we will acknowledge receipt of the complaint within the period of 30 days beginning when the complaint is received (as defined in Data (Use and Access) Act 2025).