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# **General Data Protection Regulation Policy**

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## Policy Statement

London Vocational College is committed to a policy of protecting the rights and privacy of all stakeholders. We aim to ensure that all are fully aware of and comply with their duties and responsibilities under the [Data Protection Act 2018](#).

## How to Contact Us

To obtain a copy of your personal data, to correct inaccuracies or if you have any queries, complaints or concerns about how we handle your personal data, you can contact us via email to [info@londonvocationalcollege.com](mailto:info@londonvocationalcollege.com); or by writing to **London Vocational College, 2nd Floor Heraldic House, 160-162 Cranbrook Road, Ilford, IG1 4PE**; or call us at telephone **02086170065**.

## Your Rights and Choices Relating to Personal Data

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) strengthens your rights over how the College uses your Data. Your personal data is also protected by UK Data Protection Law. You can find the details for the UK Information Commissioner Office (ICO) at <https://ico.org.uk>. As a stakeholder your rights are protected by ensuring that:

- **You can request a copy of the personal data** we hold about you and check that we are fairly and lawfully processing it.
- **You can request the correction of inaccurate or incomplete Personal Data** that we hold about you.
- **You can request erasure of your personal data.** This right enables you to request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing by the College.
- **You can object to processing of your personal data.** You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data where there is no overriding legitimate interest for continuing the processing. You also have the right to object where we are processing your personal data for direct marketing purposes.
- **You can request the restriction and suspension of 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** (*in a commonly used, machine readable format*) to a third party you have selected or one we have provided to you.
- **You can Withdraw your consent to process your Personal Data** only in cases where we are relying on consent. Please note that if you withdraw your consent, we may not be able to provide you with access to the certain specifics. We will inform you if this is the case when you withdraw your consent.

## How to exercise your rights

If you want to exercise any of the rights described above, please contact us using the details located in the How to Contact Us above.

Typically, you will not have to pay a fee to access your Personal Data (or to exercise any of the other rights). However, except in relation to Consent Withdrawal, we may charge a reasonable fee if your request is clearly unfounded, repetitive or excessive, or we may refuse to comply with your request in these circumstances.



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.

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.

## Marketing Communications Preferences

You can ask us to stop sending you marketing messages or modify your email preferences at any time through any of the following methods:

- by following the opt-out links on any marketing message sent to you; or
- through your account settings those who are using the e-systems i.e., E-portfolios.
- by contacting us at any time using the contact details in How to Contact Us.

Where you opt out of receiving these marketing messages, this will not apply to Personal Data provided to us as a result of emails relating to existing or pending hires, purchases or investments using the Services or consent to direct marketing communications.

## What Personal Data we collect

London Vocational College (LVC) uses Personal Data we collect to provide the Services, personalise content, remember information to help you efficiently access your account, analyze how the Services are used, diagnose service or technical problems, maintain security, monitor aggregate metrics such as total number of clients enrolled on a particular course, destination and progression, information, advice and guidance, ethnicity, gender, and demographic patterns.

## Information You Directly Provide to Us

There are many occasions when you provide information that may enable us to identify you personally ("Personal Data") while using the Services. The Personal Data we may collect from you is outlined in the below.

| Category of Personal Data collected | What this means  |
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| Identity Data                       | First name, surname, maiden name, last name, username or similar identifier, marital status, title, date of birth and gender, picture, social security number and/or tax identification number, password, copies of ID cards or other forms of identification. |



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| Contact Data                      | Your home address, work address, billing address, email address and telephone numbers.   |
| Professional Background Data      | Educational and professional history, interests and accomplishments, job and salary preferences, third party recommendations, projects completed, professional resumes and CVs, information about Next of Kin. Copy of DBS those in the health and social Care, and childcare sectors. |
| Online Presence Data              | Links to your public account pages at social media websites, links to personal websites, and other online materials related to you.  |
| Financial Data                    | Contracted hours of work and ensuring the payment is equal or more than Minimum wage to meet funding guidelines.   |
| Transaction Data                  | Any details about payments to and from you and other details of subscriptions and services you have purchased from us. Data in respect of your transactions  |
| Content Data                      | Any content you post to the Services not already included in another category, including without limitation, your profiles, questions, preference settings, answers, messages, comments, and other contributions on the Services.  |
| Marketing and Communications Data | Your preferences in receiving marketing from us and our third parties and your communication preferences. If you correspond with us by email or messaging through the Services, we may retain the content of such messages and our responses.  |

### Personal Data from Third Party Sources

In addition to the Personal Data that we collect directly from you (as described in the section immediately above this one), we may also collect certain of your Personal Data from third party sources, some of which may not be publicly available. Examples of these sources are information from your employers or professional bodies you subscribe to allow us to assess your eligibility for public funding and also for RPL for your intended qualifications.



## How We Use Your Personal Data and Why

We generally use Personal Data for the following:

- to deliver and improve our Services.
- To secure government funding.
- To register you with appropriate external agencies to obtain your qualifications.
- to manage your account and provide you with customer support.to perform research and analysis about your use of the Services.
- to develop, display, and track Content and advertising tailored to your interests on the Services.
- to diagnose or fix technology problems; to automatically update the Services on your device.
- to verify you identify and prevent fraud or other unauthorized or illegal activity; to enforce or exercise any rights in our terms of service- (Service level agreement)

In respect of each of the purposes for which we use your Personal Data, the GDPR requires us to ensure that we have a legal basis for that use if you are within the UK. The legal bases depend on the Services you use and how you use them. This means we collect and use your Personal Data only where:

- We need it to provide you the Services, including to operate the Services, provide customer support and personalized features and to protect the safety and security of the Services.
- It satisfies a legitimate interest (which is not overridden by your data protection interests), such as for research and development, to market and promote the Services and to protect our legal rights and interests; or
- We need to process your data to comply with a legal or regulatory obligation.

We may also rely on your consent as a legal basis for using your Personal Data where we have expressly sought it for a specific purpose. If we do rely on your consent to a use of your Personal Data, you have the right to change your mind at any time (but this will not affect any processing that has already taken place). We have set out below, in a table format, more detailed examples of relevant purposes for which we may use your Personal Data.



| Purpose  | Why do we do this   |
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| <p>providing, updating, and maintaining our Services, e-learning systems, and general businesses we offer.</p> | <p>To deliver the Services you have requested, including, for example, registering you with a funder to secure public funding for your chosen course, managing your account and profile, and authenticating you when you log in for those using e-learning systems. For our Job securing-related Services, this also includes, for example, surfacing relevant jobs, including you in candidate search results, and effectively matching your skillset and interests with available jobs on the Site.</p> |
| <p>Research and development</p>  | <p>To enable us to improve the Services and better understand our users and the progression they wish to make. For example, we may conduct or facilitate research and use learnings about how people use our Services</p>   |
|  | <p>and feedback provided directly to us to troubleshoot and to identify trends, usage, activity patterns, areas for additional features and improvement of the Services.</p>  |



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| <p>Communicating with users about the Services</p> | <p>To send communications via email and within the Services, including, for example, responding to your comments, questions and requests, providing customer support, and sending you technical notices, product updates, security alerts, and administrative, billing and account management related messages. We may also provide tailored communications based on your activity and interactions with us. For example, we may provide you with updates regarding new courses being introduced, government changes that affect your sector, notify you of other training opportunities, and providing information regarding your progress or that of your staff. These communications are part of the Services and in most cases, you cannot opt out of them. If an opt out is available, you will find that option within the communication itself or in your account settings.</p> |
| <p>Providing customer support</p>                  | <p>To resolve technical issues you encounter, to respond to your requests for assistance, comments and questions, to analyze crash information, to repair and improve the Services and provide other customer support.</p>   |
| <p>Enhancing security</p>                          | <p>To keep our, E-Systems, website, e-portfolios, partners portals, our Services and associated systems operational and secure, including, for example, verifying accounts and activity, monitoring and investigating suspicious or fraudulent activity and to identify violations of our terms and policies.</p>  |





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| <p>Marketing, promoting and driving engagement with the Services and third-party products and services</p>    | <p>To send promotional communications that may be of specific interest to you, including, for example, by email and by displaying products and services offerings, job listing, candidates, events, promotions and other information on our Site or other companies' websites and materials. These communications may be aimed at driving engagement and maximizing what you get out of the Services or promoting third-party products and services. You generally can control whether you receive these communications as described in this policy under Marketing Communications Preferences.</p> |
| <p>To comply with applicable law, legal process and regulations and protect legitimate business interests</p> | <p>As we believe is reasonably necessary to comply with a law, regulation, order, subpoena, rule of a self-regulatory organization or audit or to protect the safety of any person, to address fraud, security or technical issues, or to protect our legal rights, interests and the interests of others, such as, for example, in connection with Prime contract holders (e.g., due diligence requirements).</p>  |

### What happens when you do not provide necessary Personal Data?

Where we need to process your Personal Data either to comply with law, or to perform 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 with you (for example, to provide you with the functionalities of the Services). In this case, we may have to stop you using our Services.

We may share your Personal with third parties in the ways that are described below. We consider this information to be a vital part of our relationship with you.

| Recipients | Why we share it |
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| Our Affiliates and Partners   | Our affiliates and Partners may access your Personal Data to help us develop, maintain and provide our Services and help manage our customer relationships (including providing  |
|   | customer support, customer liaison, funding advisory services, etc). For example, Prime funders and Contract holders.  |
| Service Providers   | Our service providers provide us support for our Services, including, for example, website and application development, hosting, maintenance, backup, storage, virtual infrastructure, payment processing, analysis, identity verification, background and compliance reviews, E-learning providers for administration, awarding bodies, Accountants and Legal service providers and other services for us, which may require them to access or use Personal Data about you.     |
| Professional Advisers   | Our lawyers, accountants, bankers, auditors and insurers, Brokers and Recruitment consultants may need to review your personal data to provide consultancy, compliance, legal, insurance, recruitment, accounting, and similar services.   |
| Legal and Taxing Authorities, Regulators and Participants in Judicial Proceedings | LVC may disclose your Personal Data if we believe it is reasonably necessary to comply with a law, regulation, order, subpoena, rule of a self-regulatory organization or audit or to protect the safety of any person, to address fraud, security or technical issues, or to protect our legal rights, interests and the interests of others, such as, for example, in connection with government changes and education funding and strategy for business (e.g. due diligence). |



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| Advertisers | For the purpose of Professional development, Certain users of the Services may have access to your Personal Data for the purpose of enabling them to interact with you and more effectively offer opportunities through the LVC that are targeted towards your background and preferences. We may also allow third parties, including ad servers or ad networks, to serve advertisements on our literature or website, and such third parties may be provided with access to your Personal Data to provide advertising tailored to your interests. |
| Researchers | To enhance the public understanding of patterns and trends in the markets served by or Services, eg Trailblazers, we may provide Personal Data to third parties under confidentiality obligations such as, for example, academics or contractors for research purposes.  |

### How long we store your Personal Data

We will retain your information for as long as your account is active, or it is reasonably needed for the purposes set out in How We Use Your Personal Data and Why unless you request that we remove your Personal Data as described in Your Rights Relating to Your Personal Data. We will only retain your Personal Data for so long as we reasonably need to use it for these purposes unless a longer retention period is required by law (for example for regulatory purposes). This may include keeping your Personal Data after you have deactivated your account for the period needed for us to pursue legitimate business interests, conduct audits, comply with (and demonstrate compliance with) legal obligations, resolve disputes and enforce our agreements.

### Where We Store Your Personal Data

The Services are maintained in the United Kingdom at our head office in Leytonstone address as described above on the organisations main server. Personal Data that you provide us may be stored, processed, and accessed by us, our staff, sub-contractors and third parties with whom we share Personal Data in the UK or elsewhere inside or outside of the EU for the purposes described in this policy. We may also store Personal Data in locations outside the direct control of LVC (for instance, on servers or databases co-located with hosting providers). Although we welcome users from all over the world, by accessing the Services and providing us with your Personal Data, you consent to and authorize the export of Personal Data to our hosting organisations and its storage and use as specified in this Privacy Policy.

Because the Services are maintained in the United Kingdom, we do not transfer your Personal Data from the EU to any parties located outside the EU other than Personal Data relating to webhosting in or out of the United Kingdom. When information is transferred to us from the EU by our affiliate, we use specific contracts approved by the European Commission, which



give Personal Data the same protection it has in the EU. For further details, see European Commission: Model contracts for the transfer of Personal Data to third countries.

## How We Protect Your Personal Data

LVC uses industry-standard physical, managerial, and technical safeguards to preserve the integrity and security of your personal information. We limit access to your Personal Data to those employees and other staff who have a business need to have such access. All such people are subject to a contractual duty of confidentiality we carry out DBS checks in line with the [Data Protection Act 2018](#) and the Safeguarding and Prevent Policy. We cannot, however, ensure or warrant the security of any information you transmit to us or guarantee that your information on the Services may not be accessed, disclosed, altered, or destroyed by a breach of any of our physical, managerial, or technical safeguards.

We have put in place procedures to deal with any actual or suspected Personal Data breach. In the event that personal information is compromised because of such a breach of security, LVC will promptly notify those persons whose personal information has been compromised, in accordance with the notification procedures set forth in this Privacy Policy, or as otherwise required by applicable law.

LVC cannot ensure that your Personal Data will be protected, controlled or otherwise managed pursuant to this Privacy Policy if you share your login and password information with any third party, including any third party operating a website or providing other services.

## What happens when you do not provide necessary Personal Data?

Where we need to process your Personal Data either to comply with law, or to perform 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 (for example, to provide you with the functionalities of the Services). In this case, we may have to stop you using our Services.

## Who We Share Your Personal Data With

We may share your Personal with third parties in the ways that are described in the table below. We consider this information to be a vital part of our relationship with you.

| Recipients                  | Why we share it  |
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| Our Affiliates and Partners | Our affiliates and Partners may access your Personal Data to help us develop, maintain, and provide our Services and help manage our customer relationships (including providing customer support, customer liaison, funding advisory services, etc). For example, Prime funders and Contract holders. |



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| <p>Service Providers</p>   | <p>Our service providers provide us support for our Services, including, for example, website and application development, hosting, maintenance, backup, storage, virtual infrastructure, payment processing, analysis, identity verification, background and compliance reviews, E- learning providers for administration, awarding bodies, Accountants and Legal service providers and other services for us, which may require them to access or use Personal Data about you.</p>    |
| <p>Professional Advisers</p>   | <p>Our lawyers, accountants, bankers, auditors and insurers, Brokers and Recruitment consultants may need to review your personal data to provide consultancy, compliance, legal, insurance, recruitment, accounting, and similar services.</p>   |
| <p>Legal and Taxing Authorities, Regulators and Participants in Judicial Proceedings</p> | <p>LVC may disclose your Personal Data if we believe it is reasonably necessary to comply with a law, regulation, order, subpoena, rule of a self-regulatory organization or audit or to protect the safety of any person, to address fraud, security or technical issues, or to protect our legal rights, interests and the interests of others, such as, for example, in connection with government changes and education funding and strategy for business (e.g. due diligence).</p> |




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| Advertisers | For the purpose of Professional development, Certain users of the Services may have access to your Personal Data for the purpose of enabling them to interact with you and more effectively offer opportunities through the LVC that are targeted towards your background and preferences. We may also allow third-parties, including ad servers or ad networks, to serve advertisements on our literature or website, and such third parties may be provided with access to your Personal Data to provide advertising tailored to your interests. |
| Researchers | To enhance the public understanding of patterns and trends in the markets served by or Services, eg Trailblazers, we may provide Personal Data to third parties under confidentiality obligations such as, for example, academics or contractors for research purposes.  |

## Review of Policy

This policy was last reviewed in December 2022. The next review date is December 2023, and this will be completed by the Centre Manager supported by the Apprenticeship Operations Manager. The plan will then be approved by the Board of Directors and signed by one of the two directors.

## Policy Approval

**Director's Name:** Beatrice Nanteza



**Director's Signature**

**Date:** 05/12/2022



