

Job Applicant Privacy Notice

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As part of any recruitment process, the organisation collects and processes personal data relating to job applicants. The organisation is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses that data and to meeting its data protection obligations.

What information does the organisation collect?

The organisation collects a range of information about you. This includes:

- your name, address and contact details, including email address and telephone number/s;
- details of your qualifications, skills, experience and employment history;
- information about your current level of remuneration, including benefit entitlements;
- whether or not you have a disability for which the organisation needs to make reasonable adjustments during the recruitment process; and
- information about your entitlement to work in the UK.

The organisation may collect this information in a variety of ways. For example, data might be contained in application forms and/or CVs, obtained from your passport or other identity documents, or collected through interviews or other forms of assessment.

The organisation may also collect personal data about you from third parties, such as references supplied by former employers and information from criminal records checks.

Data will be stored in a range of different places, including on your application record, in HR management systems and on other IT systems (including email).

Why does the organisation process personal data?

The organisation needs to process data to take steps at your request prior to entering into a contract with you. It may also need to process your data to enter into a contract with you. In some cases, the organisation needs to process data to ensure that it is complying with its legal obligations. For example, it is required to check a successful applicant's eligibility to work in the UK before employment starts.

The organisation has a legitimate interest in processing personal data during the recruitment process and for keeping records of the process. Processing data from job applicants allows the organisation to manage the recruitment process, assess and confirm a candidate's suitability for employment and decide to whom to offer a job. The organisation may also need to process data from job applicants to respond to and defend against legal claims.

The organisation may process special categories of data, such as information about ethnic origin, sexual orientation or religion or belief, to monitor recruitment statistics. It may also collect information about whether or not applicants are disabled to make reasonable adjustments for candidates who have a disability. The organisation processes such information to carry out its obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

For some roles, the organisation is obliged to seek information about criminal convictions and offences. Where the organisation seeks this information, it does so because it is necessary for it to carry out its obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

If your application is unsuccessful, the organisation may keep your personal data on file in case there are future employment opportunities for which you may be suited. You are free to withdraw your consent for the organisation doing this at any time

Who has access to personal data?

Your information may be shared internally for the purposes of the recruitment exercise. This includes members of the HR team, managers in the business area with a vacancy who are involved in the recruitment, and IT staff if access to the data is necessary for the performance of their roles.

The organisation will not share your data with third parties, unless your application for employment is successful and it is considering making you an offer of employment. The organisation will then share your data with former employers to obtain references for you and the Disclosure and Barring Service to obtain necessary criminal records checks (if required for your role).

HDST will not transfer your data outside the European Economic Area.

How does the organisation protect personal data?

The organisation takes the security of your data seriously. It has internal policies and controls in place to ensure that your personal data is not lost, accidentally destroyed, misused or disclosed, and is not accessed except by our employees in the proper performance of their duties.

For how long does the organisation keep personal data?

If your application for employment is unsuccessful, the organisation will hold your data on file for six months after the end of the relevant recruitment process. If you agree to allow the organisation to keep your personal data on file, the organisations will hold your data on file for a further six months for consideration for future employment opportunities. At the end of that period, or once you withdraw your consent, your data is deleted (electronic data) or destroyed (hard copy data).

If your application for employment is successful, personal data gathered during the recruitment process will be transferred to your personnel file and retained during your employment. The periods for which your data will be held will be provided to you in a new privacy notice for employees.

Your rights

As a data subject, you have a number of rights. You can:

- request to access and obtain a copy of your personal data;
- require the organisation to change incorrect or incomplete personal data;
- require the organisation to delete or stop processing your personal data, for example where the data is no longer necessary for the purposes of processing; and
- object to the processing of your personal data where the organisation is relying on its legitimate interests as the legal ground for processing.

If you feel you have a complaint regarding the processing of your personal data, please contact privacy@harlowleisurezone.co.uk to request a form for you to complete.

If you believe that the organisation has not complied with your data protection rights, you can complain to the Information Commissioner.

What if you do not provide personal data?

You are under no statutory or contractual obligation to provide data to the organisation during the recruitment process. However, if you do not provide the information, the organisation may not be able to process your application properly, or at all.

Automated decision-making

Recruitment processes are not based on automated decision-making.