

Employee / Worker privacy notice (GDPR compliant)

The Company is aware of its obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and is committed to processing your data securely and transparently. This privacy notice sets out, in line with GDPR, the types of data that we hold on you as an Employee / Worker of the Company. It also sets out how we use that information, how long we keep it for and other relevant information about your data.

This notice applies to current and former Employee / Workers, workers and contractors.

Data controller details

The Company is a data controller, meaning that it determines the processes to be used when using your personal data. Our contact details are as follows:

Mercury Personnel Solutions Ltd, Morgan House, Gilbert Drive, Boston, Lincolnshire PE21 7TQ

Data protection principles

In relation to your personal data, we will:

- process it fairly, lawfully and in a clear, transparent way
- collect your data only for reasons that we find proper for the course of your employment / engagement in ways that have been explained to you
- only use it in the way that we have told you about
- ensure it is correct and up to date
- keep your data for only as long as we need it
- process it in a way that ensures it will not be used for anything that you are not aware of or have consented to (as appropriate), lost or destroyed

Types of data we process

We hold many types of data about you, including:

- your personal details including your name, address, date of birth, email address, phone numbers
- your photograph
- gender
- marital status
- dependants, next of kin and their contact numbers
- medical or health information including whether or not you have a disability
- information used for equal opportunities monitoring about your sexual orientation, religion or belief and ethnic origin
- information included on your CV including references, education history and employment history
- documentation relating to your right to work in the UK
- driving licence
- bank details
- tax codes
- National Insurance number
- current and previous job titles, job descriptions, pay grades, pension entitlement, hours of work and other terms and conditions relating to your employment / engagement with us
- letters of concern, formal warnings and other documentation with regard to any disciplinary proceedings
- internal performance information including measurements against targets, formal warnings and related documentation with regard to capability procedures, appraisal forms
- leave records including annual leave, family leave, sickness absence etc
- details of your criminal record
- training details
- CCTV footage
- Magistrates Courts and HMRC documentation

How we collect your data

We collect data about you in a variety of ways and this will usually start when we undertake a recruitment exercise where we will collect the data from you directly. This includes the information you would normally include in a CV or a recruitment cover letter, or notes made by our recruiting officers during a recruitment interview. Further information will be collected directly from you when you complete forms at the start of your employment / engagement, for example, your bank and next of kin details. Other details may be collected directly from you in the form of official documentation such as your driving licence, passport or other right to work evidence.

In some cases, we will collect data about you from third parties, such as customers, former employers when gathering references or credit reference agencies.

Personal data is kept in personnel files or within the Company's HR and IT systems.

Why we process your data

The law on data protection allows us to process your data for certain reasons only:

- in order to perform the employment contract / contract for services that we are party to
- in order to carry out legally required duties
- in order for us to carry out our legitimate interests
- to protect your interests and
- where something is done in the public interest.

All of the processing carried out by us falls into one of the permitted reasons. Generally, we will rely on the first three reasons set out above to process your data. For example, we need to collect your personal data in order to:

- carry out the employment contract / contract for services that we have entered into with you and
- ensure you are paid.

We also need to collect your data to ensure we are complying with legal requirements such as:

- ensuring tax and National Insurance is paid
- carrying out checks in relation to your right to work in the UK and
- making reasonable adjustments for disabled Employee / Workers.

We also collect data so that we can carry out activities which are in the legitimate interests of the Company. We have set these out below:

- making decisions about who to offer initial employment / engagement to, and subsequent internal appointments, promotions etc
- making decisions about salary and other benefits
- providing contractual benefits to you
- maintaining comprehensive up to date personnel records about you to ensure, amongst other things, effective correspondence can be achieved and appropriate contact points in the event of an emergency are maintained
- effectively monitoring both your conduct and your performance and to undertake procedures with regard to both of these if the need arises
- offering a method of recourse for you against decisions made about you via a grievance procedure
- assessing training needs
- implementing an effective sickness absence management system including monitoring the amount of leave and subsequent actions to be taken including the making of reasonable adjustments
- gaining expert medical opinion when making decisions about your fitness for work
- managing statutory leave and pay systems such as maternity leave and pay etc
- business planning and restructuring exercises
- dealing with legal claims made against us
- preventing fraud
- ensuring our administrative and IT systems are secure and robust against unauthorised access

Special categories of data

Special categories of data are data relating to your:

health	sexual orientation	race
ethnic origin	political opinion	religion
trade union membership	genetic and biometric data.	

We must process special categories of data in accordance with more stringent guidelines. Most commonly, we will process special categories of data when the following applies:

- you have given explicit consent to the processing
- we must process the data in order to carry out our legal obligations
- we must process data for reasons of substantial public interest
- you have already made the data public.

We will use your special category data:

- for the purposes of equal opportunities monitoring
- in our sickness absence management procedures
- to determine reasonable adjustments
- Audits

We do not need your consent if we use special categories of personal data in order to carry out our legal obligations or exercise specific rights under employment law. However, we may ask for your consent to allow us to process certain particularly sensitive data. If this occurs, you will be made fully aware of the reasons for the processing. As with all cases of seeking consent from you, you will have full control over your decision to give or withhold consent and there will be no consequences where consent is withheld. Consent, once given, may be withdrawn at any time. There will be no consequences where consent is withdrawn.

Criminal conviction data

We will only collect criminal conviction data where it is appropriate given the nature of your role and where the law permits us. This data will usually be collected at the recruitment stage, however, may also be collected during your employment / engagement. We use criminal conviction data in the following ways:

- To discuss only if contacted by the authorities.
- We process this data because of our legal obligation to comply with client requirements and in assistance with the authorities if necessary.

If you do not provide your data to us

One of the reasons for processing your data is to allow us to carry out our duties in line with your employment contract / contract for services. If you do not provide us with the data needed to do this, we will be unable to perform those duties e.g. ensuring you are paid correctly. We may also be prevented from confirming, or continuing with, your employment / engagement with us in relation to our legal obligations if you do not provide us with this information e.g. confirming your right to work in the UK or, where appropriate, confirming your legal status for carrying out your work via a criminal records check.

Sharing your data

Your data will be shared with colleagues within the Company where it is necessary for them to undertake their duties. This includes, for example, your line manager for their management of you, for maintaining personnel records and the payroll department for administering payment under your employment contract / contract for services.

We share your data with third parties in order to comply with audit requirements; processing of wages by Sage50 Payroll and on request of the authorities.

We may also share your data with third parties as part of a Company sale or restructure, or for other reasons to comply with a legal obligation upon us.

We do not share your data with bodies outside of the European Economic Area.

Protecting your data

We are aware of the requirement to ensure your data is protected against accidental loss or disclosure, destruction and abuse. We have implemented processes to guard against such.

- Internet Security Software Installed.
- Fireproof & locked Storage Cabinets.

Where we share your data with third parties, we provide written instructions to them to ensure that your data are held securely and in line with GDPR requirements. Third parties must implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the security of your data.

How long we keep your data for

In line with data protection principles, we only keep your data for as long as we need it for, which will be at least for the duration of your employment / engagement with us though in some cases we will keep your data for a period after your employment / engagement has ended. Retention periods can vary depending on why we need your data, as set out below:

- 7 years retention period for all documents relating to HMRC payroll.
- 2 years retention period for all personal data files.

Automated decision making

No decision will be made about you solely on the basis of automated decision making (where a decision is taken about you using an electronic system without human involvement) which has a significant impact on you.

Your rights in relation to your data

The law on data protection gives you certain rights in relation to the data we hold on you. These are:

- the right to be informed. This means that we must tell you how we use your data, and this is the purpose of this privacy notice

- the right of access. You have the right to access the data that we hold on you. To do so, you should make a subject access request.
- the right for any inaccuracies to be corrected. If any data that we hold about you is incomplete or inaccurate, you are able to require us to correct it
- the right to have information deleted. If you would like us to stop processing your data, you have the right to ask us to delete it from our systems where you believe there is no reason for us to continue processing it
- the right to restrict the processing of the data. For example, if you believe the data we hold is incorrect, we will stop processing the data (whilst still holding it) until we have ensured that the data is correct
- the right to portability. You may transfer the data that we hold on you for your own purposes
- the right to object to the inclusion of any information. You have the right to object to the way we use your data where we are using it for our legitimate interests
- the right to regulate any automated decision-making and profiling of personal data. You have a right not to be subject to automated decision making in way that adversely affects your legal rights.

Where you have provided consent to our use of your data, you also have the unrestricted right to withdraw that consent at any time. Withdrawing your consent means that we will stop processing the data that you had previously given us consent to use. There will be no consequences for withdrawing your consent. However, in some cases, we may continue to use the data where so permitted by having a legitimate reason for doing so.

If you wish to exercise any of the rights explained above, please contact:

Mercury Personnel Solutions, Morgan House, Gilbert Drive, Boston, Lincolnshire. PE21 7TQ

Making a complaint

The supervisory authority in the UK for data protection matters is the Information Commissioner (ICO). If you think your data protection rights have been breached in any way by us, you are able to make a complaint to the ICO.

Data Protection Officer

The Company's Data Protection Officer is Mr Gary Turner. He can be contacted at Mercury Personnel Solutions Ltd Morgan House, Gilbert Drive, Boston, Lincolnshire PE21 7TQ