



GDPR Privacy Notice for Employees, Workers and Contractors

What is the purpose of this document?

Owens Group is committed to protecting the privacy and security of your personal information.

This privacy notice describes how we collect and use personal information about you during and after your working relationship with us, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

It applies to all employees, workers and contractors.

Owens Group is a "data controller". This means that we are responsible for deciding how we hold and use personal information about you. We are required under data protection legislation to notify you of the information contained in this privacy notice.

This notice applies to current and former employees, workers and contractors. This notice **does not** form part of any contract of employment or other contract to provide services. We may update this notice at any time.

The Company has appointed a Data Protection Officer to oversee compliance with this privacy notice. If you have any questions about this privacy notice please contact Sue Collyer, Human Resources Manager (contact details available at the end of this notice).

It is important that you read this notice, together with any other privacy notice 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.

Data Protection Principles

We will comply with Data Protection Law. This says that the personal information we hold about you must be:

1. Used lawfully, fairly and in a transparent way.
2. Collected only for valid purposes that we have clearly explained to you and not used in any way that is incompatible with those purposes.
3. Relevant to the purposes we have told you about and limited only to those purposes.
4. Accurate and kept up to date.
5. Kept only as long as necessary for the purposes we have told you about.
6. Kept securely.

The Kind of Information We Hold About You

Personal data, or personal information, means any information about an individual from which that person can be directly or indirectly identified. It does not include data where the identity has been removed (anonymous data).

There are "special categories" of more sensitive personal data which require a higher level of protection.

We will collect, store and use the following categories of personal information about you. This is inclusive but not limited to:

- Personal contact details such as name, title, address, telephone numbers, and personal email addresses.
- Date of birth.
- Gender.
- Marital status.
- Next of kin and emergency contact information.
- The start and end dates of your employment or engagement.
- National Insurance number.
- Bank account details, payroll records, tax code and tax status information.
- Salary, annual leave and pension information.
- Location of employment or workplace.
- Copy of driving licence.
- Recruitment information (including copies of right to work documentation, references and other information included in a CV or cover letter or as part of the application process).
- Employment records (including job titles, timesheets, work history, working hours, training records and professional memberships).
- The terms and conditions of your employment or engagement as set out in a job offer letter, employment contract, written statement of employment particulars, casual worker agreement, service level agreement, consultancy agreement, pay review, statements of changes to employment or engagement terms and related correspondence.
- Compensation history.
- Performance information.
- Any disciplinary, grievance and capability information, including investigation reports, collated evidence, minutes of hearings and appeal hearings, warning letters, performance improvement plans and related correspondence.
- Annual leave and other leave records, including details of the types of and reasons for leave being taken and related correspondence.
- Any termination of employment or engagement documentation, including resignation letters, dismissal letters, redundancy letters, minutes of meetings, settlement agreements and related correspondence.
- CCTV footage and other information obtained through electronic means such as clock card records, tachograph reports and dashcam footage.
- Information you have voluntarily made public to the Company, such as information posted via any of the Company's social networking accounts.
- Information about your use of our information and communications systems.

We may also collect, store and use the following "special categories" of more sensitive personal information:

- Information about your race or ethnicity, religious beliefs and sexual orientation.
- Trade union membership.
- Information about your health, including any medical condition, health and sickness records.
- Genetic information and biometric data.
- Information about criminal convictions and offences.
- Location data.

How is Your Personal Information Collected?

We collect personal information about employees, workers and contractors through the application and recruitment process, either directly from candidates or sometimes from an employment agency or job board. We may sometimes collect additional information from third parties including background check agencies and the DVLA.



We will collect additional personal information in the course of job-related activities throughout the period of you working for us. This may be collected in the course of your work related activities. Whilst some of the personal information you provide us is mandatory and/or is a statutory or contractual requirement, some of it may be on a voluntary basis.

How We Will Use Information about You

We will only use your personal information when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your personal information in the following circumstances:

1. Where we need to perform the contract we have entered into with you.
2. Where we need to comply with a legal obligation.
3. Where it is necessary for our legitimate interests (or those of a third party) and your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests.

We may also use your personal information in the following situations, which are likely to be rare:

1. Where we need to protect your interests (or someone else's interests).
2. Where it is needed in the public interest or for official purposes.

Situations in Which We Will Use Your Personal Information

We need all the categories of information in the list above (see The Kind of Information We Hold About You) primarily to allow us to perform our contract with you* and to enable use to comply with our legal obligations**. In some cases we may use your personal information to pursue legitimate interests of our own or those of third parties***, provided your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests. The situations in which we will process your personal information are listed below. We have indicated by asterisks the purpose or purposes for which we are processing or will process your personal information, as well as indicating which categories of data are involved. Other situations may exist that may not be explicitly listed here.

- Making a decision about your recruitment or appointment.*
- Determining the terms on which you work for us.**
- Checking you are legally entitled to work in the UK.**
- Paying you and, if you are an employee, deducting tax and National Insurance contributions.**
- Liaising with your pension provider.**
- Administering the contract we have entered into with you.*
- Business management and planning, including accounting and auditing.*
- Conducting performance reviews, managing performance and determining performance requirements.***
- Making decisions about salary reviews and compensation.***
- Assessing qualifications for a particular job or task, including decisions about promotions.***
- Gathering evidence for possible grievance or disciplinary hearings.*
- Making decisions about your continued employment or engagement.*
- Ensuring compliance with your statutory or contractual rights.**
- Making arrangements for the termination of our working relationship.**
- Education, training and development requirements.***
- Dealing with legal disputes involving you, or other employees, workers and contractors, including accidents at work.**
- Ascertaining your fitness to work.**
- Managing sickness absence.***
- Complying with Health & Safety obligations.**
- To prevent fraud.**
- To prevent crime.***
- To monitor your use of our information and communication systems to ensure compliance with our IT policies.*
- To ensure network and information security, including preventing unauthorised access to our computer and electronic communications systems and preventing malicious software distribution.**
- To conduct data analytics studies to review and better understand driving style and behaviour for monitoring and economical purposes.
- Ensuring adherence to Company rules, policies and procedures.*
- To carry out core business activities essential to operations management and implementation, including monitoring and planning.*
- To comply with the business requirements of our third party providers and/or customers.***
- Equal opportunities monitoring.**

Some of the above grounds for processing will overlap and there may be several grounds which justify our use of your personal information.

If You Fail to Provide Personal Information

If you fail to provide certain information when requested or required, we may not be able to perform the contract we have entered into with you (such as paying you), or we may be prevented from complying with our legal obligations (such as to ensure the Health & Safety of our workers).

Change of Purpose

We will only use your personal information 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 we need to use your personal information 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 information without your knowledge or consent, in compliance with the above rules, where this is required or permitted by law.

How we use particularly sensitive personal information

"Special categories" of particularly sensitive personal information require higher levels of protection. We need to have further justification for collecting, storing and using this type of personal information. We may process special categories of personal information in the following circumstances:

1. In limited circumstances, with your explicit written consent.
2. Where we need to carry out our legal obligations and in line with our data protection policy.
3. Where it is needed in the public interest, such as for equal opportunities monitoring and in line with our data protection policy.
4. Where it is needed to assess your working capacity on health grounds, subject to appropriate confidentiality safeguards.

Less commonly, we may process this type of information where it is needed in relation to legal claims or where it is needed to protect your interests (or someone else's interests) and you are not capable of giving your consent, or where you have already made the information public.

We may also process such information about members or former members in the course of legitimate business activities with the appropriate safeguards.

Our obligations as an employer

We will use your particularly sensitive personal information in the following ways:



- We will use information relating to leaves of absence, which may include sickness absence or family related leaves, to comply with employment and other laws.
- We will use information about your physical or mental health, or disability status, to ensure your Health and safety in the workplace and to assess your fitness to work, to provide appropriate workplace adjustments, to monitor and manage sickness absence and to administer benefits.
- We will use information about your race or national or ethnic origin, religious, philosophical or moral beliefs, or your sexual life or sexual orientation, to ensure meaningful equal opportunity monitoring and reporting.
- We will use trade union membership information to pay trade union premiums, register the status of a protected employee and to comply with employment law obligations.
- We will use information about any disability you may have notified us of to comply with the duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled employees and workers and with other disability discrimination obligations.

Do we need your consent?

We do not need your consent if we use special categories of your personal information in accordance with our written policy to carry out our legal obligations or exercise specific rights in the field of employment law. In limited circumstances, we may approach you for your written consent to allow us to process certain particularly sensitive data. If we do so, we will provide you with full details of the information that we would like and the reason we need it, so that you can carefully consider whether you wish to consent. You should be aware that it is not a condition of your contract with us that you agree to any request for consent from us.

Information about Criminal Convictions*

We may only use information relating to criminal convictions where the law allows us to do so. This will usually be where such processing is necessary to carry out our obligations and provided we do so in line with our data protection policy.

Less commonly, we may use information relating to criminal convictions where it is necessary in relation to legal claims, where it is necessary to protect your interests (or someone else's interests) and you are not capable of giving your consent, or where you have already made the information public. We may also process such information about members or former members in the course of legitimate business activities with the appropriate safeguards.

We do not envisage that we will hold information about criminal convictions.

We will only collect information about criminal convictions if it is appropriate given the nature of the role and where we are legally able to do so. Where appropriate, a third party will collect information about criminal convictions with your explicit consent as part of the recruitment process or we may be notified of such information directly by you in the course of you working for us. We will use information about criminal convictions and offences in the following ways:

- To determine whether you meet customer requirements in terms of your history of criminal convictions before we enter into a working relationship with you.

We are allowed to use your personal information in this way to carry out our obligations set out by our customer. Please see the contact details at the end of this notice if you have any questions.

*The above section applies to contractors only. Such information is not collected from employees or workers.

Data sharing

We may have to share your data with third parties, including third-party service providers and other entities in the group. We require third parties to respect the security of your data and to treat it in accordance with the law.

We may transfer your personal information outside the EU. If we do, you can expect a similar degree of protection in respect of your personal information.

Why might you share my personal information with third parties?

We will share your personal information with third parties where required by law, where it is necessary to administer the working relationship with you or where we have another legitimate interest in doing so.

Which third-party service providers process my personal information?

"Third parties" includes third-party service providers (including contractors and designated agents) and other entities within our group.

The following activities are carried out by third-party service providers: bank payments, pension administration, insurance services, location tracking, tachograph data collection, legal action, CCTV, background checks, auditing, IT support/security, licence checking, recruitment CV portal, and driving duties recording.

Third party service providers will be updated in line with business changes. Any or all new providers will be required to abide by the Owens Group Data Policy and will be required to demonstrate GDPR before becoming affiliated with the Company.

How secure is my information with third-party service providers and other entities in our group?

All our third-party service providers and other entities in the group are required to take appropriate security measures to protect your personal information in line with our policies. We do not allow our third-party service providers to use your personal data for their own purposes. We only permit them to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

When might you share my personal information with other entities in the group?

We will share your personal information with other entities in our group as part of our regular reporting activities on company performance, in the context of a business reorganisation or group restructuring exercise, for system maintenance support and hosting of data.

What about other third parties?

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

Data Security

We have put in place measures to protect the security of your information. Details of these measures are available upon request.

Third parties will only process your personal information on our instructions and where they have agreed to treat the information confidentially and to keep it secure.

We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent your personal information from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed. In addition, we limit access to your personal information to those employees, agents, contractors and other third parties who have a business need to know. They will only process your personal information on our instructions and they are subject to a duty of confidentiality. Details of these measures may be obtained from the data compliance manager.

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.



Data retention

How long will you use my information for?

We will only retain your personal information for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, tax, health and safety, accounting, or reporting requirements.

The company will generally hold your personal information for the duration of your employment or engagement. The exceptions are, any personal information supplied as part of the recruitment process will not be retained if it has no bearing on the ongoing working relationship.

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.

Once you have left our employment or your engagement has been terminated, we will generally hold your personal information for a reasonable time after the termination of your employment or engagement, but this is subject to: (a) any minimum statutory or other legal, tax, health and safety, reporting or accounting requirements for particular data or records, and (b) the retention of some types of personal information for up to seven years to protect against legal risk, e.g. if they could be relevant to a possible legal claim in a tribunal, County Court or High Court. We will hold payroll, wage and tax records (including salary, overtime, expenses and pension information) for seven years after the termination of your employment or engagement. Overall, this means we will reduce the file of personal information we hold on you within a reasonable time after the termination of your employment or engagement, so that we only retain for a longer period what is strictly necessary.

In some circumstances we may anonymise your personal information so that it can no longer be associated with you, in which case we may use such information without further notice to you. Once you are no longer an employee, worker or contractor of the company we will retain and securely destroy your personal information in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Rights of Access, Correction, Erasure, and Restriction

Your duty to inform us of changes

It is important that the personal information we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your personal information changes during your working relationship with us. The Company cannot be held responsible for any errors in your personal information in this regard unless you have notified the Company of the relevant change.

Your rights in connection with personal information

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

- **Request access** to your personal information (commonly known as a "data subject access request"). This enables you to receive a copy of the personal information we hold about you and to check that we are lawfully processing it.
- **Request correction** of the personal information that we hold about you. This enables you to have any incomplete or inaccurate information we hold about you corrected.
- **Request erasure** of your personal information. This enables you to ask us to delete or remove personal information 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 information where you have exercised your right to object to processing (see below).
- **Object to processing** of your personal information 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. 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 information. This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of personal information about you, for example if you want us to establish its accuracy or the reason for processing it.
- **Request the transfer** of your personal information to another party.

If you want to review, verify, correct or request erasure of your personal information, object to the processing of your personal data, or request that we transfer a copy of your personal information to another party, please contact Human Resources, in writing.

No fee usually required

You will not have to pay a fee to access your personal information (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.

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 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.

Right to Withdraw Consent

In the limited circumstances where you may have provided your consent to the collection, processing and transfer of your personal information for a specific purpose, you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time. To withdraw your consent, please contact the data compliance manager. Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your information for the purpose or purposes you originally agreed to, unless we have another legitimate basis for doing so in law.

Data Protection Officer

We will be appointing an internal authority on Data Protection to oversee compliance with this privacy notice. If you have any questions about this privacy notice or how we handle your personal information in the meantime, please contact Sue Collyer, Human Resources Manager using the details provided at the end of this notice. 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.

Changes to this privacy notice

We reserve the right to update this privacy notice at any time, and we will provide you with a new privacy notice when we make any substantial updates. We may also notify you in other ways from time to time about the processing of your personal information.

If you have any questions about this privacy notice, please contact the following:

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