



**LEADING TREASURY  
PROFESSIONALS**

**THE ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE  
TREASURERS /  
ACT (ADMINISTRATION) LIMITED  
PRIVACY POLICY**

We take your privacy very seriously and we are committed to protecting it. Please read this privacy policy carefully as it contains important information on who we are and how and why we collect, store, use and share your personal information. It also explains your rights in relation to your personal information and how to contact us or supervisory authorities if you have a complaint.

We collect and use certain personal information about you. When we do so we are subject to the [General Data Protection Regulation](#), which applies across the European Union (including in the United Kingdom) and the Data Protection Act 2018, which applies in the United Kingdom only, and we are responsible as ‘controller’ of that personal information for the purposes of those laws.

## Key terms

It would be helpful to start by explaining some key terms used in this policy:

ACT, we, us, our	<p>The Association of Corporate Treasurers, a body incorporated in England and Wales by Royal Charter, under registration number RC000859;</p> <p>ACT (Administration) Limited, the wholly owned subsidiary of The Association of Corporate Treasurers, incorporated in England and Wales, under registration number 01713927;</p> <p>and</p> <p>The ACT Educational Trust, a charity registered under number 288859.</p> <p>All three entities are registered at 69 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 2BG, UK.</p>
Our representative	<p>Ria Robinson</p> <p>Director of Membership &amp; Governance</p>
Data Protection Panel	<p>The ACT panel consisting of the Director of Membership &amp; Governance, Director of Finance, Head of ICT, Business Data Analyst, Assistant Company Secretary and ACT’s in-house lawyer, responsible for all aspects of data protection within ACT</p>
Personal information	<p>Any information relating to an identified or identifiable individual</p>
Special category personal information	<p>Personal information revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious beliefs, philosophical beliefs or trade union membership</p> <p>Genetic and biometric data</p> <p>Data concerning health, sex life or sexual orientation</p> <p>Information concerning any offences (including alleged offences), criminal proceedings, outcomes and sentences.</p>

## Personal information we collect about you

We may collect and use the following personal information about you:

- your name and contact information, including email address and telephone number and company details
- information to enable us to check and verify your identity, e.g. your date of birth
- your gender information, if you choose to give this to us
- location data, if you choose to give this to us
- your billing information, transaction and payment card information

- your personal or professional interests
- your professional online presence, e.g. LinkedIn profile
- your contact history, purchase history and saved items
- information you make available on our social media accounts e.g. ‘likes’, posts and responses to our LinkedIn groups, Facebook pages and YouTube videos
- information to enable us to undertake credit or other financial checks on you
- Information about how you use our website, IT, communication and other systems
- your responses to surveys, competitions and promotions
- your education, training and professional development details
- your attendance at ACT events

This personal information is required to provide products and services to you. If you do not provide personal information we ask for it may delay or prevent us from providing products and services to you.

## How your personal information is collected

We collect most of this personal information directly from you—in person, by telephone, text or email and/or via our website and apps. However, we may also collect information:

- from publicly accessible sources, e.g. Companies House or social media (e.g. LinkedIn, Facebook)
- directly from a third party, e.g.:
  - sanctions screening providers
  - credit reference agencies
  - customer due diligence providers
  - education or training providers
  - managed service providers
  - ACT volunteers
  - your employer
- from a third party with your consent
- from cookies on our website—for more information on our use of cookies, please see our cookies policy
- via our IT systems, e.g.:
  - door entry systems and reception logs;
  - automated monitoring of our websites and other technical systems, such as our computer networks and connections, CCTV and access control systems, communications systems, assessment applications, remote proctoring applications, webinar applications, email and instant messaging systems.

## How and why we use your personal information

Under data protection law, we can only use your personal information if we have a proper reason for doing so, e.g.:

- to comply with our legal and regulatory obligations;
- for the performance of our contract with you or to take steps at your request before entering into a contract;
- for our legitimate interests or those of a third party; or

- where you have given consent.

A legitimate interest is when we have a business or commercial reason to use your information, so long as this is not overridden by your own rights and interests.

The table below explains what we use (i.e. ‘process’) your personal information for and our reasons for doing so:

<b>What we use your personal information for</b>	<b>Our reasons</b>
Membership administration purposes	For the performance of our contract with you or to take steps at your request before entering into a contract
To provide products and services (e.g. learning and assessment products and services) to you	For the performance of our contract with you or to take steps at your request before entering into a contract
To provide your information (name, job title, department (if known), membership category, work location, qualification(s) completed or undertaking) to your employer	For our legitimate interests (i.e. in supporting the development of the treasury profession) or those of third parties (i.e. of your employer in verifying your professional information)  To comply with our legal and regulatory obligations i.e. to keep your information updated
To verify your membership and/or qualification(s) to prospective employers and agencies	For the legitimate interests of those third parties i.e. in verifying your information, and for the legitimate interests of ACT as the representative of the treasury profession
To prevent and detect fraud against you or ACT	For our legitimate interests or those of a third party, i.e. to minimise fraud that could be damaging for us and for you
Conducting checks to identify our customers and verify their identity  Screening for financial and other sanctions or embargoes (e.g. ACT Council members)  Other processing necessary to comply with professional, legal and regulatory obligations that apply to our business, e.g. under health and safety regulation	To comply with our legal and regulatory obligations
Gathering and providing information required by or relating to audits, enquiries or investigations by regulatory bodies	To comply with our legal and regulatory obligations
Ensuring business policies are adhered to, e.g. policies covering security and internet use	For our legitimate interests or those of a third party, i.e. to make sure we are following our own internal procedures so we can deliver the best service to you
Operational reasons, such as improving efficiency, training and quality control	For our legitimate interests or those of a third party, i.e. to be as efficient as we can so we can deliver the best service for you at the best price
Ensuring the confidentiality of commercially sensitive information	For our legitimate interests or those of a third party, i.e. to protect trade secrets and other commercially valuable information

<b>What we use your personal information for</b>	<b>Our reasons</b>
	To comply with our legal and regulatory obligations
Statistical analysis to help us manage our business, e.g. in relation to our financial performance, customer base, product range or other efficiency measures	For our legitimate interests or those of a third party, i.e. to be as efficient as we can so we can deliver the best service for you at the best price
Preventing unauthorised access and modifications to systems	For our legitimate interests or those of a third party, i.e. to prevent and detect criminal activity that could be damaging for us and for you  To comply with our legal and regulatory obligations
Updating and enhancing customer records	For the performance of our contract with you or to take steps at your request before entering into a contract  To comply with our legal and regulatory obligations  For our legitimate interests or those of a third party, e.g. making sure that we can keep in touch with our customers about existing orders and new products
Statutory returns	To comply with our legal and regulatory obligations
Ensuring safe working practices, staff administration and assessments	To comply with our legal and regulatory obligations  For our legitimate interests or those of a third party, e.g. to make sure we are following our own internal procedures and working efficiently so we can deliver the best service to you
Marketing our services and those of selected third parties to: —existing and former customers; —third parties who have previously expressed an interest in our services; —third parties with whom we have had no previous dealings.	For our legitimate interests or those of a third party, i.e. to promote our business to existing and former customers
Credit reference checks via external credit reference agencies	For our legitimate interests or those of a third party, i.e. to ensure our customers are likely to be able to pay for our products and services
External audits and quality checks, e.g. for ISO or Investors in People accreditation and the audit of our accounts	For our legitimate interests or those of a third party, i.e. to maintain our accreditations so we can demonstrate we operate at the highest standards  To comply with our legal and regulatory obligations
Disciplinary investigations	For our legitimate interests or those of a third party, i.e. to maintain the standards of the treasury profession so we can demonstrate it operates at the highest standards  To comply with our legal and regulatory obligations, in carrying out investigations and judicial processes in

What we use your personal information for	Our reasons
	accordance with natural justice

The above table does not apply to special category personal information, which we will only process with your explicit consent.

## Promotional communications

We may use your personal information to send you updates (by email, text message, telephone or post) about our products and services, including exclusive offers, promotions or new products and services.

We have a legitimate interest in processing your personal information for promotional purposes (see above ‘**How and why we use your personal information**’) and it is in your legitimate interests and those of the wider treasury profession for you to receive those updates. This means we do not usually need your consent to send you promotional communications. However, where consent is needed, we will ask for this consent separately and clearly.

We will always treat your personal information with the utmost respect and never sell or share it with other organisations outside the ACT for marketing purposes.

You have the right to opt out of receiving promotional communications at any time by:

- contacting us at [customer@treasurers.org](mailto:customer@treasurers.org)
- using the ‘unsubscribe’ link in emails or a ‘STOP’ reply in texts
- updating your marketing preferences on your ACT student or membership account.

We may ask you to confirm or update your marketing preferences if you instruct us to provide further products and services in the future, or if there are changes in the law, regulation, or the structure of our business.

## Disclosures of your personal information

We routinely share personal information with:

- companies within the ACT group;
- third parties we use to help deliver our products and services to you, e.g.
  - payment service providers,
  - warehouses and delivery companies,
  - Education, training establishments and examining bodies
  - Business associates and other professional advisers
  - Employees, temps, volunteers and agents of ACT
  - Data processors (i.e. those requiring your information in order to provide a service to ACT)
  - Healthcare, social and welfare advisers or practitioners
  - Financial organisations and advisers
  - Credit reference agencies
  - Trade, employer associations and professional bodies
  - Voluntary and charitable organisations
  - Ombudsmen and regulatory authorities
- other third parties we use to help us run our business, e.g. marketing agencies or website hosts;
- third parties approved by you, e.g. social media sites;

- your employer(s)
- our banks.

We only allow our service providers to handle your personal information if we are satisfied they take appropriate measures to protect your personal information. We also impose contractual obligations on service providers to ensure they may only use your personal information to provide services to us and to you. We may also share personal information with external auditors.

We may disclose and exchange information with law enforcement agencies and regulatory bodies to comply with our legal and regulatory obligations.

We may also need to share some personal information with other parties, such as potential buyers of some or all of our business or during a re-structuring. Usually, information will be anonymised but this may not always be possible. The recipient of the information will be bound by confidentiality obligations.

We will not share your personal information with any other third party.

## Where your personal information is held

Information may be held at our offices and those of our third party agencies, service providers, representatives and agents as described above (see above: '**Who we share your personal information with**').

Some of these third parties may be based outside the European Economic Area. For more information, including on how we safeguard your personal information when this occurs, see below: '**Transferring your personal information out of the EEA**'.

## How long your personal information will be kept

We will keep your personal information while you have an account with us or we are providing products and services to you. Thereafter, we will keep your personal information for as long as is necessary:

- to respond to any questions, complaints or claims made by you or on your behalf;
- to show that we treated you fairly;
- to keep records required by law.

We will not retain your personal information for longer than necessary for the purposes set out in this policy. Different retention periods apply for different types of personal information.

When it is no longer necessary to retain your personal information, we will delete or anonymise it.

## Transferring your personal information out of the EEA

To deliver services to you it is sometimes necessary for us to share your personal information outside the European Economic Area (EEA), e.g.:

- with our offices, networks and volunteers outside the EEA;
- with your and our service providers located outside the EEA;
- if you are based outside the EEA;
- where there is an international dimension to the services we are providing to you.

These transfers are subject to special rules under European and UK data protection law.

The following countries to which we may transfer personal information have been assessed by the European Commission as providing an adequate level of protection for personal information:

Andorra, Argentina, Canada (commercial organisations), Faroe Islands, Guernsey, Israel, Isle of Man, Jersey, New Zealand, Switzerland, Uruguay and the United States of America (limited to the Privacy Shield framework).

Except for the countries listed above, non-EEA countries do not have the same data protection laws as the United Kingdom and EEA. We will, however, ensure the transfer complies with data protection law and all personal information will be secure. Our standard practice is to use standard data protection contract clauses that have been approved by the European Commission. You can see a copy of those clauses at: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32010D0087>.

If you would like further information please contact our Data Protection Panel (see ‘**How to contact us**’ below).

## Your rights

You have the following rights, which you can usually exercise free of charge:

Access	The right to be provided with a copy of your personal information (the right of access)
Rectification	The right to require us to correct any mistakes in your personal information
To be forgotten	The right to require us to delete your personal information—in certain situations
Restriction of processing	The right to require us to restrict processing of your personal information—in certain circumstances, e.g. if you contest the accuracy of the information
Data portability	The right to receive the personal information you provided to us in a structured, commonly-used and machine-readable format and/or transmit that information to a third party—in certain situations
To object	The right to object: —at any time to your personal information being processed for direct marketing (including profiling); —in certain other situations to our continued processing of your personal information, e.g. processing carried out for the purpose of our legitimate interests.
Not to be subject to automated individual decision-making	The right not to be subject to a decision based solely on automated processing (including profiling) that produces legal effects concerning you or similarly significantly affects you

For further information on each of those rights, including the circumstances in which they apply, please contact the ACT Data Protection Panel or see the [Guidance from the UK Information Commissioner’s Office \(ICO\) on individuals’ rights under the General Data Protection Regulation](#).

If you would like to exercise any of those rights, please:

- email, call or write to the ACT Data Protection Panel—see below: ‘**How to contact us**’; and
- let us have enough information to identify you (e.g. your full name, address and customer or matter reference number);
- let us have proof of your identity and address (a copy of your driving licence or passport and a recent utility or credit card bill); and
- let us know what right you want to exercise and the information to which your request relates.

## Keeping your personal information secure

We have appropriate security measures to prevent personal information from being accidentally lost, or used or accessed unlawfully. We limit access to your personal information to those who have a genuine business



need to access it. Those processing your information will do so only in an authorised manner and are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

We also have procedures in place to deal with any suspected data security breach. We will notify you and the UK regulator (the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)), of a suspected data security breach where we are legally required to do so.

## How to complain

We hope that our Data Protection Panel can resolve any query or concern you may raise about our use of your information.

However, if we haven't been able to do so, you also have the right to lodge a complaint with the ICO, who may be contacted at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns> or telephone: 0303 123 1113.

## Changes to this privacy policy

This privacy notice was published on 26 July 2018 and last updated on 26 July 2018.

This policy may change from time to time so please check this page occasionally to ensure that you're happy with any changes.

## How to contact us

Please contact our Data Protection Panel by post, email or telephone if you have any questions about this privacy policy or the information we hold about you.

<b>Our Data Protection Panel's contact details</b>
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