

Privacy Policy

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Our privacy obligations

Every student is provided with access to this privacy policy via our student handbook and on our website.

This privacy policy is to be made available to every student on our website and in our student handbook.

Connect Training and Education is governed by the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). The APPs regulate how personal information is handled by Connect Training and Education.

'Personal information' means information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable. Connect Training and Education's Privacy Policy applies to personal information collected and/or held by Connect Training and Education.

This Privacy Policy also explains how we process 'personal data' about people in the European Union (EU), as required under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

We will review this policy regularly, and we may update it from time to time.

The types of personal information we collect and hold

We collect personal information about our clients, as part of our routine activities.

We also collect personal information about our staff, contractors and suppliers, as well as the contact details of individuals who work for current, past and prospective customers, suppliers, and other types of professional associates and personal contacts.

How we collect personal information

Information that you specifically give us

We may ask you to provide us with certain types of personal information if you wish to obtain a particular service or product from us. This might happen over the telephone, through our website, by filling in a paper form, or meeting with us face-to-face. You might also provide your personal information to us, without us directly asking for it, for example if you engage with us on social media.

Information that we collect from others

If you apply for a job or contract with us, we will collect personal information about you from your referees. We may also check some details about our suppliers from publicly available sources, such as the Australian Business Register and ASIC databases. If you enrol in a course with us we may collect personal information about you from the USI Registry System.

Information that we generate ourselves

We maintain records of the interactions we have with our clients, including the products and services we have provided to you.

We collect limited information about users of our websites, for diagnostic and analytic purposes. We use cookies and gather IP addresses to do so, but we do not trace these back to individual users.

The types of personal information we collect

The types of personal information we collect about our clients includes:

- Name and contact details
- USI information
- AVETMISS data

Links to other sites

On our website, we may provide links to third party websites. These linked sites are not under our control, and we cannot accept responsibility for the conduct of companies linked to our website. Before providing your personal information via any other website, we advise you to examine the terms and conditions of using that website and its privacy policy.

How we use personal information

We may use your personal information for the following purposes:

- to provide the service or product you have requested
- to provide technical or other support to you
- to answer your enquiry about our services, or to respond to a complaint
- to manage our employment or business relationship with you
- to promote our other programs, products or services which may be of interest to you (unless you have opted out from such communications)
- to comply with legal and regulatory obligations
- if otherwise permitted or required by law, or
- for other purposes with your consent, unless you withdraw your consent.

The 'lawful processing' grounds on which we will use personal information about you are 'legitimate interests', specifically the necessity to answer an enrolment-related question, process your enrolment or provide student support. Such services are requested by our clients; hence, our clients' privacy interests do not override the organisation's interests.

We do not use automated decision-making.

We will keep personal information about you, to use for the above purposes, for 10 years.

We will keep records of qualifications and statements of attainment issued to you for 30 years. This includes full Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS) data. We retain this data to be able to reissue your qualification or statement of attainment during this 30-year period. If Connect Training ceases being an RTO, we will be required to provide this information to ASQA in digital form.

When we disclose personal information

Our third party service providers

The personal information of our clients, staff, suppliers and other contacts may be held on our behalf outside Australia, including 'in the cloud', by our third party service providers including but not limited to Xero, Knack, Microsoft, and Axcelerate. Our third party service providers are bound by contract to only use your personal information on our behalf, under our instructions.

Other disclosures and transfers

We may also disclose your personal information to third parties for the following purposes:

- if necessary to provide the service or product you have requested
- if otherwise permitted or required by law; or
- for other purposes with your consent.

Disclosure to the National Centre for Vocational Education Research Ltd (NCVER)

Under the *Data Provision Requirements 2012*, Connect Training and Education is required to collect personal information about you and to disclose that personal information to the National Centre for Vocational Education Research Ltd (NCVER).

Your personal information (including the personal information contained on this enrolment form), may be used or disclosed by Connect Training and Education for statistical, administrative, regulatory and research purposes. Connect Training and Education may disclose your personal information for these purposes to:

- Commonwealth and State or Territory government departments and authorised agencies; and
- NCVER.

Personal information that has been disclosed to NCVER may be used or disclosed by NCVER for the following purposes:

- populating authenticated VET transcripts;
- facilitating statistics and research relating to education, including surveys and data linkage;

- pre-populating RTO student enrolment forms;
- understanding how the VET market operates, for policy, workforce planning and consumer information; and
- administering VET, including program administration, regulation, monitoring and evaluation.

You may receive a student survey which may be administered by a government department or NCVER employee, agent or third party contractor or other authorised agencies. Please note you may opt out of the survey at the time of being contacted.

NCVER will collect, hold, use and disclose your personal information in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth), the National VET Data Policy and all NCVER policies and protocols (including those published on NCVER's website at www.ncver.edu.au).

Accessing or correcting your personal information

You have the right to request access to the personal information Connect Training and Education holds about you. Unless an exception applies, we must allow you to see the personal information we hold about you, within a reasonable time period, and without unreasonable expense.

You also have the right to request the correction of the personal information we hold about you. We will take reasonable steps to make appropriate corrections to personal information so that it is accurate, complete and up-to-date. Unless an exception applies, we must update, correct, amend or delete the personal information we hold about you within a reasonable time period. We do not charge for making corrections.

To seek access to, or correction of, your personal information, please contact our Privacy Officer.

Exercising your other rights

You have a number of other rights in relation to the personal data Connect Training and Education holds about you. You have the right to:

- opt-out of direct marketing, and profiling for marketing
- opt-out of processing for research / statistical purposes, or processing on the grounds of 'public interest' or 'legitimate interest'
- erasure
- data portability, and
- temporary restriction of processing.

To seek to exercise any of those rights, please contact our Privacy Officer.

To contact our Privacy Officer

If you have an enquiry or a complaint about the way we handle your personal information, or to seek to exercise your privacy rights in relation to the personal information we hold about you, you may contact our Privacy Officer as follows:

Our Privacy Officer is:

Mrs C Wootton
Privacy Officer

Address: Suite 47 / 30 Denison Street • Bondi Junction NSW 2022

Telephone: 1300 737 434

Email: info@connect.edu.au

For the purposes of the GDPR, our Privacy Officer is also our Data Protection Officer (DPO).

While we endeavour to resolve complaints quickly and informally, if you wish to proceed to a formal privacy complaint, we request that you make your complaint in writing to our Privacy Officer, by mail or email as above. We will acknowledge your formal complaint within 10 working days.

If we do not resolve your privacy complaint to your satisfaction, you may lodge a complaint with the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) by calling them on 1300 363 992, making a complaint online at www.oaic.gov.au, or writing to them at OAIC, GPO Box 5218, Sydney NSW 2001.

If you are in the European Union, you can choose to instead lodge a complaint with your local Data Protection Authority (DPA). The list of DPAs is at http://ec.europa.eu/justice/article-29/structure/data-protection-authorities/index_en.htm.