

## ARB Privacy Notice

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the notice is to inform you of what you can expect when the Architects Registration Board (ARB) collects personal data.

- 1.1 The Architects Registration Board ("**we**" or "**us**") take the privacy of your information very seriously. This policy explains how and for what purposes we use the information collected about you.
- 1.2 For the purpose of the General Data Protection Regulations ("**GDPR**") the Data Protection Officer of the Controller is the Governance Manager. Any enquiries relating to data protection or the use of information by ARB may contact the Data Protection Officer.
- 1.3 The Architects Registration Board is a body formed pursuant to and subject to the powers contained in the Architects Act 1997.

### 2. Data Controller

- 2.1 ARB is the data controller for any personal data provided to us. For the purpose of the Data Protection Act 2018 the data controller (the "**Controller**") is the Architects Registration Board, of 70 Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8NH.
- 2.2 Our Data Protection Officer details are below:

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Architects Registration Board  
70 Grays Inn Road  
London,  
WC1X 8NH  
[+44 \(0\) 20 7580 5861](tel:+442075805861)  
[info@arb.org.uk](mailto:info@arb.org.uk)

### 3. Personal information we hold

- 3.1 We may collect and process the following personal information or data about you:
  - (a) Information required to register with our Complaints portal or to access other services provided by us, including your name, address, date of birth;
  - (b) Your e-mail address and password;
  - (c) Other information that you provide by:
    - (i) filling in forms on the portal and/or uploading documents;

- (ii) sending hard copy forms and documents to us;

This includes any information provided in order to support an allegation of misconduct or incompetence you are making against an architect.

- (d) A record of any correspondence between you and ARB
- (e) Information we may require from you when you report a problem with our services;

#### **4. How we acquire the data**

- 4.1 Personal data is obtained from individuals to perform our regulatory functions that requires that we obtain certain personal information from you in order to fulfil our duties under section 14 of the Architects Act 1997 to investigate allegations against architects

#### **5. Use of this information**

- 5.1 The following describes the ways in which we process personal information. We process personal information to fulfil our statutory obligations in the delivery of the Architects Act 1997, to maintain our own accounts and records, and to manage our employees and service providers.

- 5.2 We will use this information to:

- (a) consider complaints received through the portal;
- (b) carry out and administer our statutory powers and obligations including:
  - (i) investigating complaints about an architect's conduct or competence;
  - (ii) maintaining the UK Register of Architects;
  - (iii) ensuring that architects meet our standards for conduct and practice;
  - (iv) making sure that only people on our Register offer their services as an architect
- (c) carry out and administer any obligations arising from any agreements entered into between you and us
- (d) allow you to participate in features of our Complaints portal
- (e) notify you about changes to our portal

#### **6. Legal basis for processing data**

- 6.1 The legal basis for processing shall be where:

- (a) processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of our official authority to deliver the provisions of the Architects Act 1997;

## 7. Sharing of Data

7.1 Where necessary or required we share personal data with third parties. Examples of this include:

- (a) A third-party or successor organisation as part of a reconstruction or transfer of our statutory powers;
- (b) Where we are under a duty to disclose or share your personal data in order to comply with any legal obligation (for example, if required to do so by a court order or for the purposes of prevention of fraud or other crime);
- (c) To protect the rights, property, or safety of ARB, our Site's users, or any other third parties. This includes exchanging information with other companies and organisations for the purposes of fraud protection and credit risk reduction;
- (d) With contracted service providers who are employed to assist us in the delivery of our statutory obligations under the Architects Act 1997, including legal firms;
- (e) With third-party IT companies employed to provide data storage services

7.2 Where information is shared with a processor, that information will be securely transferred, and the data processor contractually and legally obliged to maintain it securely, and only use it for the purposes intended

## 8. Retention of Data

8.1 Personal data will only be held for a period where there remains a legitimate purpose for its retention, as defined by ARB's retention and destruction policy (available upon request). After the expiration of that period, the data will be securely deleted.

## 9. International Transfers

As part of the services offered to you, the information you provide to us may be transferred to, and stored within, countries outside of the UK.

## 10. Your Data Protection Rights

10.1 GDPR affords you with rights, which are summarised below. In order to assert any of these rights, you may contact the Data Protection Officer.

- (a) **Right of confirmation** – you have the right for confirmation as to whether your personal data is being processed
- (b) **Right of access** – you have the right to obtain free information about any of your personal data we hold, or have transferred to a third country, and a copy of that information.
- (c) **Right to rectification** – you have the right to have any inaccurate information held about you corrected. You have the right to add information to remedy any incomplete information we hold.
- (d) **Right to erasure** – you have the right to have your personal data erased where one of the statutory grounds applies, so long as the processing of that data is no longer necessary

- (e) **Right to restrict processing** – you have the right to restrict our processing of your personal data where a statutory reason applies
- (f) **Right to data portability** – you have the right to receive a copy of your personal data in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format
- (g) **Right to object** – you have the right to object to our processing of your personal data
- (h) **Right to withdraw consent** – where the basis of our processing your data is based on consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent
- (i) **Right to complain** – you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner’s Office about our processing of your data. The contact details for the ICO are available at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

## 11. How to Complain

If you have any concerns about our use of your personal information, you can contact us at [info@arb.org.uk](mailto:info@arb.org.uk).

You can also complain to the ICO if you are unhappy with how ARB have used your data.

The ICO’s address:

Information Commissioner’s Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 1113

ICO website: <https://www.ico.org.uk>

