

ATIL Job Applicant Privacy Notice

Introduction

This Job Applicant Privacy Notice sets out what personal data we, ATIL, hold about you and how we collect and use it during and after the recruitment process. It applies to anyone who is applying to work for us, whether as an employee, worker, *contractor*, *consultant*, together referred to as 'Job Applicant' or 'you'.

Please note that we will not necessarily hold, use or share *all* of the types of personal data described in this Privacy Notice in relation to you. The specific types of data that we will hold, use and share will depend on the role for which you are applying, the nature of the recruitment process, how far you progress in the recruitment process and your individual circumstances.

We are required by Data Protection law to give you the information in this Privacy Notice. It is important that you read the Privacy Notice carefully, together with any other similar or additional information that we might give you from time to time about how we collect and use your personal data. Should your application be successful, when you start work for us, we will provide you with another privacy notice that explains how we deal with your personal data whilst you are working for us.

This Privacy Notice does not give or imply any contractual rights.

What is Personal Data?

Personal data means any information relating to a living individual who can be identified (directly or indirectly) in particular by reference to an identifier (e.g. name, NI number, email address, physical features). It can be factual (e.g. contact details or date of birth), an opinion about an individual's actions or behaviour, or information that may otherwise impact that individual in a personal or business capacity.

Data Protection law divides personal data into two categories: ordinary personal data and special category data. Any personal data that reveals racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership, physical or mental health conditions, sexual life or sexual orientation, or biometric or genetic data that is used to identify an individual is known as **special category** data. (The rest is **ordinary personal data**).

Who is the Controller?

ATIL is the "Controller" for the purposes of Data Protection law. This means that the Company is responsible for deciding how we hold and use personal data about you.

What ordinary personal data do we gather/ask for?

At the initial stages of recruitment, we collect, hold and use the following types of ordinary personal data about you:

- Information contained in your application form/CV/covering letter, including your name, title, contact details, [photograph], employment history, experience, skills, qualifications/training (including educational, vocational, driving licences where appropriate), referees' names and contact details, etc.;
- Publicly available information about you, such as your business social media presence;
- Selection information, including correspondence, interview notes, internal notes, the results of selection tests.

If you are shortlisted for a position, or you receive a conditional offer of employment, we may collect, hold and use the following additional types of ordinary personal data about you:

- Pre-employment check information, including references and verification of qualifications;
- Right to work checks and related documents;

We hold and use this personal data so that we can:

- Process your application and correspond with you about it;
- Assess whether you have the required skills, experience, qualifications and training for a role within the company;
- Make informed recruitment decisions;
- Verify information provided by you;
- Check and demonstrate that you have the legal right to work in the UK;
- Keep appropriate records of our recruitment process and decisions;

What are our legal grounds for holding ordinary personal data?

Data Protection law specifies the legal grounds on which we can hold and use personal data.

We rely on one or more of the following legal grounds when we process your ordinary personal data:

- We need it to take steps at your request in order to enter into a contract with you (**entry into a contract**), because by applying for a job with us you are effectively asking us to enter into a contract with you [whether this is an employment contract, a contract for services or another type of contract];
- We need it to comply with a legal obligation (**legal obligation**), e.g. the obligation not to discriminate during our recruitment process, or the obligation not to employ someone who does not have the legal right to work in the UK;
- It is necessary for our legitimate interests (or those of a third party) and your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests (**legitimate interest**). For example, it is in our legitimate interests to review and consider your personal data (as listed above) so that we can select the most appropriate candidate for the job.

What special category data do we gather/ask for and on what legal grounds?

We will only collect, hold and use limited types of special category data about you during the recruitment process, as described below.

Since special category data is usually more sensitive than ordinary personal data, we need to have an additional legal ground (as well as the legal grounds set out in the section on ordinary personal data, above) to collect, hold and use it. The additional legal grounds that we rely on to collect, hold and use your special category data are explained below for each type of special category data.

At the initial stages of recruitment, we collect, hold and use the following special category data about you:

Adjustments for disability/medical conditions

Information relevant to any request by you for adjustments to the recruitment process as a result of an underlying medical condition or disability. We use this information to enable us to carry out a fair, non-discriminatory recruitment process by considering/making reasonable adjustments to our process as appropriate. Our additional legal ground for using this information is that we need it to comply with a legal obligation/exercise a legal right in relation to employment – namely, the obligation not to discriminate, and to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate a disability – and such use is in line with our Data Protection Business Instruction.

If you are shortlisted for a position, or you receive a conditional offer of employment, we may collect, hold and use the following additional types of special category personal data about you:

Pre-employment health questionnaires

We collect information about your health in a pre-employment medical questionnaire as well as any information about underlying medical conditions and adjustments that you have brought to our attention. We use this information to assess whether you are fit to do the job with adjustments, to consider/arrange suitable adjustments and to comply with health and safety requirements. Our additional legal grounds for using this information are that: we need it to comply with a legal obligation/exercise a legal right in relation to employment – namely, the obligation to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate a disability – and such use is in line with our Data Protection Business Instruction; and it is needed to assess your working capacity on health grounds, subject to appropriate confidentiality safeguards.

Security clearance information

You will be required to be security cleared to the level appropriate i.e. Baseline Personnel Security Standard (BPSS) or Security Clearance (SC), for the role you have been employed to carry out. The level of clearance determines the information you will need to supply in order to be cleared. Due to ATIL's contract with the Ministry of Defence (MoD), the need to security clear employees is to ensure we comply with a Contractual Obligation – namely, the obligation to manage the security of the Company and to appropriately manage MoD Data and such use is in line with our Data Protection Business Instruction.

How do we collect your personal data?

You provide us with most of the personal data about you that we hold and use, for example in your written application, supporting documentation and during any interviews.

Some of the personal data we hold and use about you is generated from internal sources during the recruitment process. For example, the person interviewing you may score your suitability for the role and we record the reasons for decisions made about whether or not your application is successful.

Some of the personal data about you that we hold and use may come from external sources. For example, a recruitment agency provides us with a shortlist of candidates. If we offer you a role, we will carry out pre-employment checks, such as taking up references from past employers or education providers, if applicable. Successful applicants will be required to be security cleared with the level depending upon the role with information passed to ATIL from Vero Screening for BPSS clearances and UK Security Vetting for SC clearances regarding your application success. Both levels of clearance require an employee to complete a criminal declaration form. In some circumstances, we may ask the Home Office for information about your immigration status to verify your right to work in the UK.

Who can access my personal data within ATIL?

Personal data will be restricted to only those who require it to fulfil a contractual or legislative requirement on behalf of the Company and/or support a business need.

Do we share personal data?

Recruitment agencies

We engage recruitment agencies to provide us with the details of suitable candidates for our available vacancies, to communicate with those candidates and to handle administration in connection with the recruitment process. If we have received your initial application details from a recruitment agency, we will share with them any of your personal data that is necessary to enable them to fulfil their functions for us. Our legal grounds for doing so are that: it is necessary for entry into a contract; and it is in our legitimate interest to engage service providers to assist us with the recruitment process.

Medical/occupational health professionals

We may share information relevant to any request by you as a result of an underlying medical condition or disability with medical/occupational health professionals to enable us to identify what, if any, adjustments are needed in the recruitment process and, if you are successful, once you start work. We may also share details of disclosed medical conditions and/or answers to pre-employment health questionnaires with medical/occupational health professionals to seek a medical report about you to enable us to assess your fitness for the job and whether any adjustments are needed once you start work. This information may also be used by the medical/occupational health professionals to carry out assessments required by health and safety legislation. Our legal grounds for sharing this personal data are that: it is necessary for entry into a contract; it is in our legitimate interests to

consider adjustments to enable Job Applicants to participate fully in the recruitment process and it is necessary to comply with our legal obligations/exercise legal rights in the field of employment (obligations not to discriminate, to make reasonable adjustments, to comply with health and safety requirements).

Legal/professional advisers

We share any of your personal data that is relevant, where appropriate, with our legal and other professional advisers, in order to obtain legal or other professional advice about matters related to you or in the course of dealing with legal disputes with you or other Job Applicants. Our legal grounds for sharing this personal data are that: it is in our legitimate interests to seek advice to clarify our rights/obligations and appropriately defend ourselves from potential claims; it is necessary to comply with our legal obligations/exercise legal rights in the field of employment; and it is necessary to establish, exercise or defend legal claims.

Home Office

We may share your right to work documentation with the Home Office, where necessary, to enable us to verify your right to work in the UK. Our legal ground for sharing this personal data is to comply with our legal obligation not to employ someone who does not have the right to work in the UK.

Vero Screening

For roles that require a BPSS clearance, successful applicants will be required to complete a Disclosure Scotland application to confirm their identity. Our legal ground for doing so is that: it is requirement for entry into a contract.

UK Security Vetting Service

For roles that require a SC clearance, successful applicants will be required to complete an online application which is assessed by the UKSVS. Our legal ground for doing so is that: it is requirement for entry into a contract.

How is personal data stored?

Security of personal data is of paramount importance and is assured by the controls applied to the ATIL Business System and/or physical data repositories. The storage controls of the personal data will be managed and maintained by the data owner.

How long do we retain the personal data and what happens to it at the end of the retention period?

We will keep your personal data throughout the recruitment process.

If your application is successful, when you start work for us you will be issued with an Employee Privacy Notice which will include information about what personal data we keep from the recruitment process and how long we keep your personal data whilst you are working for us and after you have left.

If your application is unsuccessful, we will normally keep your personal data for up to 6 months from the date we notify you of our decision. Note, we may keep your personal data for longer than 6 months if you have asked us to consider you for future vacancies – see ‘Will we keep your application on file?’ below.

In all cases, we will not keep your personal data for longer than we need it for our legitimate purposes.

At the end of the retention period the data will be deleted or overwritten when retained on the business system or if it is in hard copy, it will be securely destroyed by cross shredding or via an approved third-party shredding company.

Will we keep your application on file?

If you are unsuccessful for the role for which you have applied, or you have sent us a speculative application, then, if you have consented to us doing so, we will keep your personal data on file to identify your suitability for any other vacancies that may arise in the coming 24 months and will contact you if we believe this is the case. We will not keep your personal data for this purpose for longer than 24 months.

If during the period that we have your personal data on file, you wish to apply for any particular vacancy that we have open, please do contact us to make us aware of this – particularly if it is not a close match with your previous experience or is in a different area of our business from a vacancy you applied for previously, as we may not otherwise realise that the vacancy would be of interest to you.

When applying for a particular role, there is no obligation for you to consent to us keeping your personal data on file for consideration for other roles if you do not want to. Your application for the particular role you are putting yourself forward for will not be affected.

If you change your mind about us keeping your personal data on file, you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time – see ‘Your Rights’, below.

Consequences of not providing personal data

We only ask you to provide personal data that we need to enable us to make a decision about whether or not to offer you a role. If you do not provide particular information to us, then we will make a decision on whether or not to offer you a role without that information, which in some cases could result in us deciding not to offer you a position. For example, if you do not provide us with names of referees or a reference when asked, we will not usually be able to offer you the role. In addition, some of the personal data you provide to us is required by law. For example, if you do not provide us with the documentation we need to check your right to work in the UK, then we cannot by law employ you.

If you choose not to provide us with personal data requested, we will tell you about the implications of any such decision at the relevant time.

References

If you give us details of referees, we require you to inform them what personal data of theirs you are giving to us. You must also give them our contact details and let them know that they should contact us if they have any queries about how we will use their personal data.

How do I update or amend my personal data held by ATIL?

To maintain your personal data, you will need to confirm any changes in writing to the HR Manager.

What choices do I have?

You have a number of legal rights relating to your personal data, which are outlined here:

- **The right to request that we correct incomplete or inaccurate** personal data that we hold about you.
- **The right to request that we delete or remove personal data** that we hold about you 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 data where you have exercised your right to object to processing (see below).
- **The right to make a subject access request.** This enables you to receive certain information about how we use your personal data, as well as to receive a copy of it and to check that we are lawfully processing it.
- **The right to object to our processing** your personal data where we are relying on our legitimate interest (or those of a third party), where we cannot show a compelling reason to continue the processing.
- **The right to request that we restrict our processing** of your personal data. This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of personal data about you, for example if you want us to establish its accuracy or the reason for processing it.
- **The right to request that we transfer** your personal data to you or to another party, in a structured format. This right applies in respect of data that you have provided where our legal ground for using it is necessary for the performance of a contract or that you have consented to us using it (this is known as the right to “data portability”).

If you would like to exercise any of the above rights or have any questions or concerns about how your personal data is being used by ATIL, please contact the Data Protection Lead (HR Manager) in writing. Note that these rights are not absolute and in some circumstances, we may be entitled to refuse some or all of your request.

Note too that 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. Details of how to contact the ICO can be found on their website: <https://ico.org.uk>

Updating this privacy notice

This privacy notice will be updated from time to time to reflect internal and external changes as to how personal data is managed. If a significant change to this notice occurs all job applicants affected will be notified.