

# Cookie Policy

## Our website uses cookies

When you first visit our website, we will ask you to consent to our use of cookies in accordance with the terms of this policy. If you give consent, then cookies will be stored on your device. To do this, you should click the "I Agree" button. You can find out how to manage your preferences by using the "More Info" button in the 'Cookies Pop Up'

## About cookies

A cookie is a file containing an identifier (a string of letters and numbers) that is sent by a web server to your web browser and is stored by your web browser. The next time (and subsequent times) that you visit the website, the PC checks to see if it has a cookie which relates to the website and, if the cookie is present, it is then sent back to the server. The server then recognizes the connection as one that has been made on an earlier occasion and can provide relevant information based on the content of the cookie. It is the website's way to ask you, automatically, 'have you been here before'; if you have, then the server will act accordingly.

## Types of Cookie

Cookies may be either "**persistent**" cookies or "**session**" cookies and all cookies have an expiry date and time feature.

1. a) **persistent** cookies will be stored by your web browser and will remain on your device (computer) until the cookie's expiry date, unless the cookie is deleted by you before the expiry date; b) a **session** cookie, on the other hand, will be stored by your web browser and will expire at the end of your session, such as when you log out of the website or when the web browser is closed.

Cookies do not typically contain any information that personally identifies you, but other personal information that we store about you may be linked to the information stored in and obtained from cookies.

## Cookies that we use

We use both session and persistent cookies on our website. As noted above we use persistent cookies for general access to the website, when visiting standard pages. We use session cookies for you if (and only if) you log into our website to gain access to more secure information that is not available to the general public. By log in, we mean that you will enter a username and password that is unique to you. These cookies are only valid during your logged in session and are automatically removed once you log out. We do not currently have this login option on our website/s.

## Analytics Cookies

Our analytics service provider is Google and they generate statistical and other information about website use by means of cookies.

Our analytics service provider's privacy policy is available at: <http://www.google.com/policies/privacy>

## Blocking cookies

Most browsers allow you to refuse to accept cookies; for example: Blocking all cookies may have a negative impact upon the usability of our websites. If you do block cookies, you may not be able to use all the features on our website satisfactorily. You will possibly find that certain pages fail to load or you may experience difficulties in logging in and staying logged in.

## Device information

As part of the Google Cookies interactions, we are able collect information about the device you're using to reach our website, including the location IP address, type of device, operating system, browser in use and screen resolution. We use this information to help plan ahead for new and emerging technologies and so we can devise the best services for our customers based on evidential records of historical connections. For example, different types of information are available depending on whether you're using a Mac or a PC, or an iPhone or Android phone. To learn more about what information your device makes available to us, please also check the policies of your device manufacturer or software provider. This information never identifies you personally.

### **Cookie preferences**

You can find out how to manage your preferences relating to the use of cookies by visiting this useful website : <http://www.aboutcookies.org.uk/managing-cookies>

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You can contact us: by post, using the postal address given above; by telephone, on the above number or by email, using our website contact form;

### **Policy Date and Status**

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