

PRIVACY NOTICE

1. ABOUT US AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE

Ashworth Accountancy & Bookkeeping Services is an accountancy and tax advisory firm based in Lancashire, UK. We are a firm registered with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

This notice will tell you how we look after your personal data, about your privacy rights, and about our compliance with and your protections under Data Protection Legislation.

In this notice “Data Protection Legislation” means any applicable law relating to the processing, privacy, and use of Personal Data, including the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003, as amended by The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025.

For the purpose of the Data Protection Legislation and this notice, we are the ‘data controller’. This means that we are responsible for deciding how we hold and use personal data about you. We are required under the Data Protection Legislation to notify you of the information contained in this privacy notice.

We have appointed a Data Protection Officer. Our Data Protection Officer is our Data Protection Point of Contact and is responsible for assisting with enquiries in relation to this privacy notice or our treatment of your personal data. Should you wish to contact our Data Protection Point of Contact you can do so using the contact details noted at paragraph 12 (Contact Us), below.

2. THE KIND OF INFORMATION WE HOLD ABOUT YOU

The information we hold about you may include the following:

- your personal details (such data may include your name, company name, postal address, email address, telephone numbers, date of birth, marriage status, gender, nationality, place of birth);
- your financial details (such data may include tax reference numbers, national insurance number, tax codes, earning records, bank account details, pension details, rental property details, other investment details);
- details of contact we have had with you in relation to the provision, or the proposed provision, of our services;
- details of any services you have received from us;
- our correspondence and communications with you;
- information about any complaints and enquiries you make to us;
- information we receive from other sources, such as publicly available information (for example, from Companies House) or information provided by H M Revenue & Customs and/or your employer and/or our client).



3. HOW WE MAY COLLECT YOUR PERSONAL DATA

We obtain your personal data directly from you, when:

- you request a proposal from us in respect of the services we provide;
- you engage us to provide our services and also during the provision of those services;
- you contact us by email, telephone or post (for example when you have a query about our services).

We may also obtain your personal data indirectly:

- when our client engages us to provide services and also during the provision of those services;
- from third parties (for example, from H M Revenue & Customs, from your employer) and/or publicly available resources (for example, from Companies House).

Messages that you send to us by email may not be secure. It is recommended that you do not send any confidential information by email. If you choose to send any confidential information to us via email you do so at your own risk with the knowledge that a third party may intercept this information. Instructions sent by you via email are processed exclusively at your risk.

Any email sent to us, including any attachments, may be monitored and used by us for reasons of security and for monitoring compliance with office policy. Email monitoring or blocking software may also be used. Please be aware that you have a responsibility to ensure that any email you send to us is within the bounds of the law.

4. HOW WE USE PERSONAL DATA WE HOLD ABOUT YOU

We may process your personal data for purposes necessary for the performance of our contract with you and/or your employer and/or our clients and to comply with our legal obligations. This may include processing your personal data where you are an employee, subcontractor, supplier or customer of our client.

We may receive personal data from you for the purposes of our money laundering checks, such as a copy of your passport. This data will only be processed for the purposes of preventing money laundering and terrorist financing, or as otherwise permitted by law or with your express consent.

We may also process your personal data for the purposes of our own legitimate interests provided that those interests do not override any of your own interests, rights and freedoms which require the protection of personal data. This includes processing for business development, statistical and management purposes.

Please note that we may process your personal data for more than one lawful basis depending on the specific purpose for which we are using your data.

Situations in which we will use your personal data

We may use your personal data in order to:

- carry out our obligations arising from any agreements entered into between you and/or your employer and/or our clients and us (which will most usually be for the provision of our services);



- carry out our obligations arising from any agreements entered into between our clients and us (which will most usually be for the provision of our services) where you may be a subcontractor, supplier or customer of our client;
- provide you with information related to our services or seek your thoughts and opinions on the services we provide; and
- notify you about any changes to our services.

In some circumstances we may anonymise or pseudonymise the personal data so that it can no longer be associated with you, in which case we may use it without further notice to you.

We may also process your personal data without your knowledge or consent, in accordance with this notice, where we are legally required or permitted to do so.

Data retention

We will only retain your personal data for as long as is necessary to fulfil the purposes for which it is collected.

When assessing what retention period is appropriate for your personal data, we take into consideration the requirements of our business and the services provided, any statutory or legal obligations and the purposes for which we originally collected the personal data.

Change of purpose

Where we need to use your personal data for a reason, other than the purpose for which we originally collected it, we will only use your personal data where that reason is compatible with the original purpose. If we need to use your data for a new purpose, we will notify you and communicate our legal basis for this new processing.

5. DATA SHARING

We will share your personal data with third parties where we are required by law, where it is necessary to administer the relationship between us or where we have another legitimate interest in doing so. This may include sharing your personal data with a regulator or to otherwise comply with the law.

“Third parties” includes third-party service providers. The following activities are carried out by third-party service providers: IT/cloud services and professional advisory services. We only permit our third-party service providers to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

We may share your personal data with other third parties, for example in the context of the possible sale or restructuring of the business. We may also need to share your personal data with a regulator or to otherwise comply with the law (for example, H M Revenue & Customs).

6. VISITORS TO OUR WEBSITE AND COOKIES

When you visit www.ashworthaccountancy.co.uk un-identified and non-identifiable information pertaining to the user is collected (“non-personal information”). We are not aware of the identity of a user from which the non-personal information is collected. Non-personal information which is being collected may include your aggregated usage information and technical information transmitted by your device, including certain software and hardware information (e.g. the type of browser and operating system your device uses, language preference, access time, etc.) in order to enhance the functionality of our site. We



may also collect information on your activity on the site (e.g. pages viewed, online browsing, clicks, actions, etc.).

We use cookies when you visit our site. Cookies are text files put on your computer to collect standard internet log information and visitor behaviour information. This information is then used to track visitor use of the website and to create statistical reports on website activity.

You can set your browser not to accept cookies. Please note in a few cases some of our website features may not function because of this.

7. TRANSFERRING PERSONAL DATA OUTSIDE THE UNITED KINGDOM (UK)

Some of our services are provided by companies that have servers inside and outside of the United Kingdom (UK). As part of the services offered to you, the information which you provide to us may therefore be transferred to countries outside the UK. You should be aware that these countries may not have similar data protection laws to the UK. By submitting your personal data, you're agreeing to this transfer, storing or processing. If we transfer your information outside of the UK in this way, we will take steps to ensure that appropriate security measures are taken with the aim of ensuring that your privacy rights continue to be protected as outlined in this notice.

If you use our services while you are outside the UK, your information may be transferred outside the UK in order to provide you with those services. We undertake regular reviews of who has access to information that we hold to ensure that your info is only accessible by appropriately trained staff and contractors.

Should you require further information about this, please contact us using the contact details outlined below.

8. DATA SECURITY

We have put in place commercially reasonable and appropriate security measures to prevent your personal data from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed. In addition, we limit access to your personal data to those agents, contractors and other third parties who have a business need to know. They will only process your personal data on our instructions and they are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

We have put in place procedures to deal with any suspected data security breach and will notify you and any applicable regulator of a suspected breach where we are legally required to do so.

9. RIGHTS OF ACCESS, CORRECTION, ERASURE, AND RESTRICTION

Your duty to inform us of changes

It is important that the personal data we hold about you is accurate and current. Should your personal information change, please notify us of any changes of which we need to be made aware by contacting us, using the contact details below.

Your rights in connection with personal data

Under certain circumstances, by law you have the right to:



- Request access to your personal data. This enables you to receive details of the personal data we hold about you and to check that we are processing it lawfully.
- Request correction of the personal data that we hold about you.
- Request erasure of your personal data. This enables you to ask us to delete or remove personal data 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).
- Object to processing of your personal data where we are relying on a legitimate interest (or those of a third party) and there is something about your particular situation which makes you want to object to processing on this basis. You also have the right to object where we are processing your personal information for direct marketing purposes.
- Request the restriction of 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.
- Request the transfer of your personal data to you or another data controller if the processing is based on consent, carried out by automated means and this is technically feasible.

If you want to exercise any of the above rights, please email our Data Protection Point of Contact jennifer@ashworthaccountancy.co.uk.

You will not have to pay a fee to access your personal data (or to exercise any of the other rights). However, we may charge a reasonable fee for the administrative costs of complying with the request if your request for access is manifestly unfounded or excessive. Alternatively, we may refuse to comply with the request in such circumstances.

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access the information (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is another appropriate security measure to ensure that personal information is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it.

10. RIGHT TO WITHDRAW CONSENT

In the limited circumstances where you may have provided your consent to the collection, processing and transfer of your personal data for a specific purpose, you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time. To withdraw your consent, please email our Data Protection Point of Contact jennifer@ashworthaccountancy.co.uk.

Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your personal information (personal data) for the purpose or purposes you originally agreed to, unless we have another legitimate basis for doing so in law.

11. CHANGES TO THIS NOTICE

Any changes we may make to our privacy notice in the future will be updated on our website at: www.ashworthaccountancy.co.uk.

This privacy notice was last updated on 20 May 2026.



12. CONTACT US

If you have any questions regarding this notice or if you would like to speak to us about the manner in which we process your personal data, please email our Data Protection Point of Contact Jennifer Ashworth at jennifer@ashworthaccountancy.co.uk or telephone +44(0)7595 840189.

You also have the right to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues, at any time. The ICO's contact details are as follows:

<https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/contact-us-public/public-advice/>

or

Telephone: 0303 123 1113.

The ICO's normal opening hours are Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm (excluding bank holidays).

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/data-protection-complaints/>