

Culture Perth and Kinross

Job Applicant Privacy Notice (compliant with GDPR)

As part of our recruitment processes, Culture Perth and Kinross collects and processes personal data relating to job applicants. The organisation is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses that data and to meeting its data protection obligations.

What information do we collect?

Culture Perth and Kinross collects a range of information about you. This includes:

- your name, address and contact details, including email address and telephone number;
- details of your qualifications, skills, experience and employment history;
- information about your current level of remuneration
- information about your health and whether or not you have a disability for which the organisation needs to make reasonable adjustments during the recruitment process; and
- information about your entitlement to work in the UK.

This information may be collected in a variety of ways. Data might be contained in application forms, CVs or resumes, obtained from your passport or other identity documents, or collected through interviews or other forms of assessment.

We may also collect personal data about you from third parties, such as references supplied by former employers. We will seek information from third parties only once a job offer to you has been made and will inform you that we are doing so.

Data will be stored in a range of different places, including on your application record, in our HR files and on other systems (including email).

Why does Culture Perth and Kinross process personal data?

We need to process data to enable us to carry out the recruitment process prior to entering into a contract with you. We may also need to process your data to enter into a contract with you.

In some cases, we need to process data to ensure that we are complying with its legal obligations. For example, it is mandatory to check a successful applicant's eligibility to work in the UK before employment starts.

Culture Perth and Kinross has a legitimate interest in processing personal data during the recruitment process and for keeping records of the process. Processing data from job applicants allows us to manage the recruitment process, assess and confirm a candidate's suitability for employment and decide to whom to offer a job. We may also need to process data from job applicants to respond to and defend against legal claims.

Culture Perth and Kinross may process special categories of data, such as information about ethnic origin, sexual orientation or religion or belief, to monitor recruitment statistics. We also collect information about applicants' health and any disabilities to be able to make reasonable adjustments for candidates who have a disability. We process this information to carry out its obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

Who has access to data?

Your information may be shared internally for the purposes of the recruitment exercise. This includes members of the Admin and recruitment team and interviewers involved in the recruitment process. We sometimes use external parties in the recruitment process to provide expert advice and input and information would be shared with them only for the purposes of managing the recruitment process.

We may on occasion use a recruitment agency who will also have access to the data.

We will not share your data with third parties, unless your application for employment is successful and we make you an offer of employment. We will then share your data with former employers to obtain references for you and Disclosure Scotland to obtain necessary background checks.

How does Culture Perth and Kinross protect data?

We take the security of your data seriously. We have internal policies and controls in place to ensure that your data is not lost, accidentally destroyed, misused or disclosed, and is not accessed except by our employees in the proper performance of their duties.

For how long does Culture Perth and Kinross keep data?

If your application for employment is unsuccessful, the organisation will hold your data on file for 6 (six) months after the end of the relevant recruitment process. At the end of that period your data is deleted or destroyed.

If your application for employment is successful, personal data gathered during the recruitment process will be transferred to your Staffing file (electronic and paper based) and retained during your employment. The periods for which your data will be held will be provided to you in a new privacy notice.

Your rights

As a data subject, you have a number of rights. You can:

- access and obtain a copy of your data on request;
- require the organisation to change incorrect or incomplete data;
- require the organisation to delete or stop processing your data, for example where the data is no longer necessary for the purposes of processing; and
- object to the processing of your data where Culture Perth and Kinross is relying on its legitimate interests as the legal ground for processing.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact Ishbel MacKinnon at imackinnon@culturepk.org.uk. If you believe that the organisation has not complied with your data protection rights, you can complain to the Information Commissioner.

What if you do not provide personal data?

You are under no statutory or contractual obligation to provide data to Culture Perth and Kinross during the recruitment process. However, if you do not provide the information, we may not be able to process your application properly or at all.