

PUBLIC PRIVACY NOTICE AND POLICY

- 1 Welcome to the WaterRegsUK's privacy notice.
- 2 WaterRegsUK and WIAPS are trading name of Water Regs UK Limited (Company No.06663930), whose registered office is at 6D Lowick Close, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 5ED.
- 3 WaterRegsUK respects your privacy and is committed to protecting your personal data. This privacy notice will inform you as to how we look after your personal data when you visit our websites (regardless of where you visit it from) or use our services and tell you about your privacy rights and how the law protects you.
- 4 This privacy notice is provided in a layered format so you can click through to the specific areas set out below. Please also use the Glossary to understand the meaning of some of the terms used in this privacy notice.

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- 5 This privacy notice aims to give you information on how WaterRegsUK and WIAPS collects and processes your personal data through your use of the website www.waterregsuk.co.uk, the website www.WIAPS.org.uk and our services. This includes any data you may provide through these websites when you sign up to newsletters or alerts, purchase a product or service or take part in a competition.
- 6 Our websites are not intended for children and we do not knowingly collect data relating to children.
- 7 It is important that you read this privacy notice together with any other privacy notice or fair processing notice we may provide on specific occasions when we are collecting or processing personal data about you so that you are fully aware of how and why we are using your data. This privacy notice supplements the other notices and is not intended to override them.

Controller

- 8 Water Regs UK Limited is the controller and responsible for your personal data and is responsible for these websites (collectively referred to as "WaterRegsUK", "we", "us" or "our" in this privacy notice).
- 9 If you have any questions about this privacy notice, including any requests to exercise your legal rights, please contact us using the details set out below.

Contact details

- 10 Our full details are:

Full name of legal entity: Water Regs UK Limited

Email address: info@WaterRegsUK.co.uk.

Title of Responsible Manager: Managing Director

Postal address: Unit 13 Willow Road, Pen-y-Fan Industrial Estate, Crumlin, NP11 4EG

Telephone number: 01495 983 010

- 11 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 (www.ico.org.uk). We would, however, appreciate the chance to deal with your concerns before you approach the ICO so please contact us in the first instance.

Changes to the privacy notice and your duty to inform us of changes

- 12 This version was last updated on 09/07/2025 and historic versions can be obtained by contacting us.
- 13 It is important that the personal data we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your personal data changes during your relationship with us.

Third-party links

- 14 Our websites may include links to third-party websites, plug-ins and applications. Clicking on those links or enabling those connections may allow third parties to collect or share data about you. We do not control these third-party websites and are not responsible for their privacy statements. When you leave our websites, we encourage you to read the privacy notice of every website you visit.

The data we collect about you

- 15 Personal data, or personal information, means any information about an individual from which that person can be identified. It does not include data where the identity has been removed (anonymous data).
- 16 We may collect, use, store and transfer different kinds of personal data about you which we have grouped together follows:
- **Identity Data** includes first name, last name, username or similar identifier, title, date of birth, national insurance number, photograph and gender.
 - **Contact Data** includes billing address, delivery address, email address and telephone numbers.
 - **Financial Data** includes bank account and payment card details.

- **Transaction Data** includes details about payments to and from you and other details of products and services you have purchased from us.
 - **Technical Data** includes internet protocol (IP) address, your login data, browser type and version, time zone setting and location, browser plug-in types and versions, operating system and platform and other technology on the devices you use to access these website.
 - **Profile Data** includes your username and password, purchases or orders made by you, your contact preferences, feedback, survey responses (where you have chosen not to be anonymised), outcome of audits, numbers of work completed certificated submitted to water companies and a record of your qualifications.
 - **Usage Data** includes information about how you use our websites, products and services.
 - **Marketing and Communications Data** includes your preferences in receiving in newsletters and updates from us and your communication preferences.
- 17 We also collect, use and share **Aggregated Data** such as statistical or demographic data for any purpose. Aggregated Data may be derived from your personal data but is not considered personal data in law as this data does **not** directly or indirectly reveal your identity. For example, we may aggregate your Usage Data to calculate the percentage of users accessing a specific website feature. However, if we combine or connect Aggregated Data with your personal data so that it can directly or indirectly identify you, we treat the combined data as personal data which will be used in accordance with this privacy notice.
- 18 We do not collect any **Special Categories of Personal Data** about you (this includes details about your race or ethnicity, religious or philosophical beliefs, sex life, sexual orientation, political opinions, trade union membership, information about your health and genetic and biometric data). Nor do we collect any information about criminal convictions and offences.

If you fail to provide personal data

- 19 Where we need to collect personal data by law, or under the terms of a contract we have with you and you fail to provide that data when requested, we may not be able to fulfil the contract we have, or are trying to enter into, with you (for example, to provide you with goods or services). In this case, we may have to cancel a product or service you have with us but we will notify you if this is the case at the time.

How is your personal data collected?

- 20 We use different methods to collect data from and about you including through:
- **Direct interactions.** You may give us your identity, contact and financial Data by filling in forms or by corresponding with us by post, phone, email or otherwise. This includes personal data you provide when you:
 - apply for our products or services;
 - create an account on our website(s);
 - subscribe to our service or publications;
 - request newsletters, alerts or updates to be sent to you;
 - enter a competition, promotion or survey; or
 - give us some feedback.

- **Automated technologies or interactions.** As you interact with our websites, we may automatically collect Technical Data about your equipment, browsing actions and patterns. We collect this personal data by using cookies and other similar technologies. We may also receive Technical Data about you if you visit other websites employing our cookies. Please see our cookie policy for further details.
- **Third parties or publicly available sources.** We may receive personal data about you from various third parties and public source as set out below:
 - **Technical Data** from the following parties:
 - analytics providers (such as Google based outside the EU)
 - Identity and Contact Data from publicly available sources such as Companies House and the Electoral Register based inside the EU.
 - The outcome of audits or disciplinary actions from other Approved Contractor Schemes' who are members of WaterSafe Installers Scheme Limited, which may affect membership of WIAPS and WaterSafe members administered by WaterRegsUK

How we use your personal data

- 21 We will only use your personal data when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your personal data in the following circumstances:
- Where we need to fulfil the contract we are about to enter into or have entered into with you.
 - Where it is necessary for our legitimate interests (or those of a third party) and your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests.
 - Where we need to comply with a legal or regulatory obligation.
- 22 See the glossary included in the Water Regs UK Privacy Policy (available on the WaterRegsUK website) for more information about the types of lawful basis that we will rely on to process your personal data.
- 23 Generally, we do not rely on consent as a legal basis for processing your personal data. You have the right to withdraw consent to marketing at any time by contacting us.

Purposes for which we will use your personal data

- 24 We have set out below, in a table format, a description of all the ways we plan to use your personal data, and which of the legal bases we rely on to do so. We have also identified what our legitimate interests are where appropriate.
- 25 Note that we may process your personal data for more than one lawful ground depending on the specific purpose for which we are using your data. Please contact us if you need details about the specific legal ground we are relying on to process your personal data where more than one ground has been set out in the tables below.

Purpose/Activity	Type of data	Lawful basis for processing including basis of legitimate interest	Retention
To register you as a new customer	(a) Identity (b) Contact	(a) Performance of a contract with you	Contact details should be kept for no longer than 12 months once a service or contract has ended. For example, water company member login details are kept during the contract but removed when notified that an employee has left the company or if subscription is discontinued.
To process and deliver your order including: (a) Manage payments, fees and charges (b) Collect and recover money owed to us	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Financial (d) Transaction (e) Marketing and Communications	(a) Performance of a contract with you (b) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to recover debts due to us)	Invoices which contain identity, contact, financial and transaction data are retained for six years for tax purposes. Card payment details are destroyed as soon as a payment has been processed.
To manage our relationship with you which will include: (a) Notifying you about changes to our terms or privacy policy (b) Asking you to leave a review or take a survey (c) Reminding you that a service or membership will expire and how to renew or seek a new approval (d) Asking you to check that your details are up to date	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Profile (d) Marketing and Communications	(a) Performance of a contract with you (b) Necessary to comply with a legal obligation (c) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to keep our records updated and to study how customers use our products/services)	Personal data should be kept for no longer than 12 months once a service or contract has ended.
To enable you to partake in a prize draw, competition or complete a survey	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Profile (d) Usage	(a) Performance of a contract with you (b) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to study how customers use our	Contact details should be kept for no longer than 12 months once a service or contract has ended.

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	(e) Marketing and Communications	products/services, to develop them and grow our business)	
To administer and protect our business and these websites (including troubleshooting, data analysis, testing, system maintenance, support, reporting and hosting of data).	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Technical	(a) Necessary for our legitimate interests (for running our business, provision of administration and IT services, network security, to prevent fraud and in the context of a business reorganisation or group restructuring exercise) (b) Necessary to comply with a legal obligation	Information should not be kept for no longer than 12 months after a service is ended, unless anonymised.
To deliver relevant website content and advertisements to you and measure or understand the effectiveness of the advertising we serve to you	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Profile (d) Usage (e) Marketing and Communications (f) Technical	(a) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to study how customers use our products/ services, to develop them, to grow our business and to inform our marketing strategy)	Information should be kept for no longer than 12 months after a service is ended, unless anonymised.
To use data analytics to improve our websites, products/services, marketing, customer relationships and experiences	(a) Technical (b) Usage	(a) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to define types of customers for our products and services, to keep our websites updated and relevant, to develop our business and to inform our marketing strategy)	Information is anonymised
To make suggestions and recommendations to you about goods or services that may be of interest to you	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Technical (d) Usage (e) Profile	(a) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to develop our products/ services and grow our business)	Information should be kept for no longer than 12 months after a service is ended.

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To process applications to become a member of WIAPS and WaterSafe	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Profile (d) Marketing and Communications	(a) Performance of a contract with you	Applications are kept during your membership and then detailed information is retained for no longer than 24 months if you leave. Some personal information is retained indefinitely to enable validation checks on work completed certificates (see below) Unsuccessful applications are kept for no longer than 24 months, including email correspondence.
To provide a publicly available list of WIAPS and WaterSafe members	(a) Identity (b) Contact	(a) Performance of a contract with you	Publicly available information will be removed as soon as possible if you ask us to remove it or your membership lapses. Our internal records should not be kept for no longer than 24 months after a service is ended. WaterSafe member information is uploaded to the WaterSafe Installers' Scheme Limited website at least monthly.
To ensure that WIAPS and WaterSafe members are meeting the terms and conditions of the scheme, this includes audits,	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Profile	(a) Performance of a contract with you	Information is retained in accordance with the audit and disciplinary policies.

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managing complaints and monitoring the issue of work completed certificates			
To provide a service to consumers, to validate whether an individual was a member of WIAPS and that a work completed certificate was issued by a valid WIAPS member	a) Identity (b) Profile	(a) Necessary for our legitimate interests to help consumers or water companies check that a work completed certificate was lawfully issued by an 'APPROVED CONTRACTOR' who was a member at the time of issue. (b) Necessary to comply with a legal obligation	Information must be kept indefinitely as a work completed certificate may be used as a legal defence at any time after installation work is carried out. However, retained information is limited to name, membership number and identifiers for work completed certificate books issued to a member.
To provide a publicly available list of RPZ accredited testers, who are then able seek approval/recognition by the local water undertaker	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Profile (d) Marketing and Communications	(a) Performance of a contract with you (b) Necessary for our legitimate interests to help consumers or water companies check that a RPZ valve test report was lawfully issued by an accredited RPZ valve tester (c) Necessary to comply with a legal obligation.	Publicly available information will be removed as soon as possible if you ask us to remove it. Our detailed internal records should be kept for no longer than 24 months after a service is ended. Information must be kept indefinitely as a RPZ valve test report may be used to verify a RPZ valve's compliance. However, retained information is limited to name, RPZ tester number, the company the tester was last employed by, date of qualification and type of test method.
To provide training in Water Regulations Knowledge	(a) Identity (b) Contact	(a) Performance of a contract with you (b) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to ensure we can validate any claim that an individual has successfully completed a course).	Information about those successfully completing a course is kept indefinitely to be able to validate claims that an individual has successfully completed a course. This could be to the relevant delegate at a later date or if WaterRegsUK receives a query from a third party about whether a training certificate is legitimate.

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To provide advice in response to technical enquiries about the water fittings regulations	(a) Identity (b) Contact	(a) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to retain information about advice given to ensure consistency)	Some personal information is retained indefinitely to enable WaterRegsUK to confirm the advice previously given to a specific enquirer.
To visit us at the WaterRegsUK offices	Identity Company	(a) Confirmation of visitor credentials (b) H&S record of meeting attendees.	Yellow carbon copy of visitor book retained for two years once page is completed

Marketing

- 26 We strive to provide you with choices regarding certain personal data uses, particularly around marketing and advertising.
- 27 For newsletter updates we will always give the option to unsubscribe from our lists, so that you no longer receive newsletters.
- 28 For WIAPS members, we will check your preferences when you apply or on annual renewal.

Promotional offers from us

- 29 We may use your Identity, Contact, Technical, Usage and Profile Data to form a view on what we think you may want or need, or what may be of interest to you. This is how we decide which products, services and offers may be relevant for you (we call this marketing).
- 30 You will receive marketing communications from us if you have requested information from us or purchased goods or services from us or if you provided us with your details when you entered a competition or registered for a promotion and indicated that you were willing to receive marketing.

Third-party marketing

- 31 We will get your express opt-in consent before we share your personal data with any company outside WaterRegsUK for marketing purposes.
- 32 From time to time the Scheme may announce promotional offers available to members as offered by third parties, subject to any third-party terms and conditions applying to such offer.

Opting out

- 33 You can ask us to stop sending you marketing messages at any time by contacting us at any time or by following the opt-out links on any newsletter or marketing message sent to you or changing your information when renewing your membership.
- 34 Where you opt out of receiving these marketing messages, this will not apply to personal data provided to us as a result of a product/service purchase, product/service experience or other transactions.

Cookies

- 35 You can set your browser to refuse all or some browser cookies, or to alert you when websites set or access cookies. If you disable or refuse cookies, please note that some parts of these websites may become inaccessible or not function properly. For more information about the cookies we use, please see our cookie policy.

Change of purpose

- 36 We will only use your personal data for the purposes for which we collected it, unless we reasonably consider that we need to use it for another reason and that reason is compatible with the original purpose. If you wish to get an explanation as to how the processing for the new purpose is compatible with the original purpose, please contact us.
- 37 If we need to use your personal data for an unrelated purpose, we will notify you and we will explain the legal basis which allows us to do so.

- 38 Please note that we may process your personal data without your knowledge or consent, in compliance with the above rules, where this is required or permitted by law.

Disclosures of your personal data

- 39 We may have to share your personal data with the parties set out below for the purposes set out in the table in paragraph 4 above.
- Internal Third Parties as set out in the Glossary.
 - External Third Parties as set out in the Glossary.
 - Specific third parties listed in the table in paragraph 4 above
 - Third parties to whom we may choose to sell, transfer, or merge parts of our business or our assets. Alternatively, we may seek to acquire other businesses or merge with them. If a change happens to our business, then the new owners may use your personal data in the same way as set out in this privacy notice.
- 40 We require all third parties to respect the security of your personal data and to treat it in accordance with the law. We do not allow our third-party service providers to use your personal data for their own purposes and only permit them to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

International transfers

- 41 We do not transfer your personal data outside the European Economic Area (EEA), although anonymised information about the use of our websites are collected through third party cookies such as by google and passed to us. Please see our cookie policy for further details.

Data security

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

Data retention

How long will you use my personal data for?

- 44 We will only retain your personal data for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting, or reporting requirements.
- 45 To determine the appropriate retention period for personal data, we consider the amount, nature, and sensitivity of the personal data, the potential risk of harm from unauthorised use or disclosure of your personal data, the purposes for which we process your personal

data and whether we can achieve those purposes through other means, and the applicable legal requirements.

- 46 Details of retention periods for different aspects of your personal data are set out in the table in paragraph 4 above.

Your legal rights

- 47 You have certain rights under data protection laws in relation to your personal data. More details on your rights of access, correction and erasure, your right to object to, or restrict processing and your right to request your data be transferred or withdrawn, may be found in the glossary of terms below.

If you wish to exercise any of the rights set out above, please contact us.

No fee usually required

- 48 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 if your request is clearly unfounded, repetitive or excessive. Alternatively, we may refuse to comply with your request in these circumstances.

What we may need from you

- 49 We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access your personal data (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is a security measure to ensure that personal data is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it. We may also contact you to ask you for further information in relation to your request to speed up our response.

Time limit to respond

- 50 We try to respond to all legitimate requests within one month. Occasionally it may take us longer than a month if your request is particularly complex or you have made a number of requests. In this case, we will notify you and keep you updated.