Privacy Policy

PROFITUTORS LLP (company number OC455099) with a registered office at: Stoney Works, 8 Stoney Lane, London, United Kingdom, SE19 3BD, herein referred to as "ProfiTutors" or "we" have created this privacy statement ("Statement") in order to demonstrate our firm commitment to the privacy of the details that you provide to us when using this website, as the data controller for the purposes of the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations EU 2016/679) and related UK legislation.

In this Statement, references to "you" and "your" are references to the User of i.e. www.profitutors.eu (the "Site") regardless of whether you are a Client or a Tutor or another user. It applies to information we collect about Users of our Site and amongst other things, this Statement describes what personally identifiable information "Personal Information" we collect from you, how and when it is used, how we protect it and who has access to it.

1. This policy

This Policy explains our processing of your personal data and your rights according to EU General Data Protection Regulation and UK data protection legislation. We reserve the right to modify this Statement at any time without notice by posting the changes on this page.

2. What information is collected?

2.1. Personal information you give us that is necessary for the use of the ProfiTutors Site

ProfiTutors processes personal data as a necessary part of entering into and performing our contract with you, which is governed by our Terms and Conditions. As part of the process of using the Site and the Services, we require you to give us certain Personal Information which we need to provide our Service. Without this information we may not be able to fulfil our contract with you. This information includes:

- ⇒ **Account information:** to enable us to create an account for you on the Site. Depending on whether you register as a parent, student, school pupil, or tutor, this information can include your name, email, telephone number, postal address, and date of birth.
- ⇒ **Tutor application details:** so we can process your application to become a Tutor. These details include your educational background and qualifications,

your tutoring subjects, your profile picture and video resume, your resume, the prices you charge, your availability and your gender.

- ⇒ **Communication history:** to enable communication with other users of the website and with the ProfiTutors team, we store details about your communication history including user messages, requests you have made, and your interactions with the ProfiTutors team (including call recordings).
- ⇒ **Booking history:** to facilitate tutorials including information on booking requests, status of bookings, booking subjects and levels, results of your set-up tests whilst using the lesson space and recordings of your bookings (bookings include tutor interviews, free meetings, lessons and written sessions.)
- ⇒ **Promotions you redeemed:** we record details of referral codes shared, redeemed and other promotions you interact with to be able to apply rewards to your account.
- ⇒ **Identity verification information:** when you apply as a Tutor we ask for verification that you study at the university you claim to, have a valid ID card and a clean DBS check (if applicable). We may also ask for information to demonstrate that you have the right to work in the UK.

2.2. Information we automatically collect from your use of the ProfiTutors Site

We collect some information from all users of the ProfiTutors Site regardless of whether you are registered with us as a Customer or Tutor, to fulfil our contract with users and to enable our legitimate interests in providing the ProfiTutors Site and services.

- ⇒ Automatically tracked information includes: Cookie information, your IP address, details of the device you use to access the Site, the pages you visit and the actions taken, the times and dates of actions you take on our website, your interactions with our email, text and in-app messages, the source of your visit and/or previous webpage before visiting our Site, and your page response times.
- ⇒ **Tutor capacity information:** If you have a profile as a Tutor on the Site, we collect information on your on-site behaviour, capacity and interactions with other users to help show you the most relevant requests and show customers the most relevant tutors.

2.3. Information we collect from third parties

⇒ **Pupil profile details:** if you register for ProfiTutors as a pupil your teacher shares information necessary to set up tutoring including your year group, target and

current grades and development areas. Your tutor from ProfiTutors may share feedback on your progress with your parents (or guardians/caregivers) and your other tutors on ProfiTutors to help tailor your learning.

- ⇒ Your reviews from other ProfiTutors users: users on ProfiTutors can rate tutors after lessons, this information is shared with you if you are a tutor and may be displayed on your public profile.
- ⇒ **Identity verification information:** if you ask MTW to sponsor you to get a DBS check our DBS partner will share outcome of your DBS check with us.
- ⇒ **Other sources:** we reserve the right, where permitted by law, to collect and use information on you from third party providers.

2.4. Financial information

We may require you to provide us with Financial Information to authorise or process payment and bill you or pay you for the Services. These details include for tutors: your nominated bank account, your invoices and your payment history, and for customers your payment history.

When you book Tutoring Services via the Site (if you are a Client) or when you receive payment for delivering Tutoring Services via the Site (if you are a Tutor), we will pass your Financial or Personal Information to those third parties necessary to process your transactions with us, such as credit card companies, payment systems and banks.

The legal basis under GDPR by which we are permitted to process this information in this way is that it is necessary for the performance of a contract to which you are a party, or to take steps prior to entering into a contract with you or where we need to comply with a legal obligation.

This includes exchanging information with other companies and organisations for fraud protection and credit risk reduction. Except as provided above, we will not share Financial Information with third parties without your prior consent.

3. How is the information used?

The Site asks you to provide various types of Personal Information to enhance the quality of the Services we can provide to you and the more accurate the information you provide, the better we are able to respond to your requirements.

Any Personal Information that is held with ProfiTutors shall be retained in accordance with the GDPR. ProfiTutors is the data controller in respect of all of the Personal

Information which ProfiTutors collects and receives about you when you use the ProfiTutors Services.

3.1. Data processing to provide and improve the ProfiTutors Site and Services

We use your information primarily to fulfil our contract to provide you with the Services that you request, and related services (this includes providing this Site, website administration and security). We run the following processes to fulfil our contract with you:

- \Rightarrow Enabling you to access the Site and create an account
- ⇒ Enabling tutors to create and promote their profile on the Site
- ⇒ Facilitating matching between customers and tutors, including personalising your experience to show you the most relevant matches
- ⇒ Enabling you to communicate with other users, and receive updates from ProfiTutors about your account
- ⇒ Enabling bookings between customers and tutors
- ⇒ Providing recordings
- ⇒ Enabling payments
- ⇒ Providing support for customers and tutors
- ⇒ Providing photos and videos to create trust and enable better connections between users

We also use your information to support our legitimate interests in developing the Site and the Services. These processes include:

- ⇒ To aid the technical administration of the Site
- ⇒ To ensure quality of service
- ⇒ To better understand how the Site is functioning for Users to inform our product development
- ⇒ To draw conclusions upon demographic information
- ⇒ Preventing fraud, spam and abusive or inappropriate behaviour
- ⇒ Fulfilling our safeguarding and legal obligations

You acknowledge that your Personal Information may be used by ProfiTutors to contact you by post, phone or by email when necessary in connection with the Services requested by you on the Site.

3.2. Data processing to provide, tailor and improve our marketing activities

We also use your information to support our legitimate interests in marketing our Site and the Services. These processes include:

⇒ Marketing activities to promote our services to registered users. These communications may be personalised to you and your interactions with the Site

- and can be delivered by email, social media advertising and other digital marketing channels
- ⇒ Notifying you about upcoming promotions, Referral Discount Codes, services or customer surveys
- ⇒ Undertaking impact reporting to understand the efficacy of our Services
- ⇒ Undertaking research to better understand our customers interests
- ⇒ Analysing your interactions to improve the efficiency of our marketing activities

3.3. Direct marketing

Sometimes ProfiTutors may contact you with information or offers related directly to the Site and the Services. When you register on the Site, you accept that your contact information may be used by ProfiTutors for direct marketing purposes relating directly to the Site and the Services.

Upon registration, you will immediately receive a welcome email which you cannot opt out of receiving, however, once this initial email has been received, you will be given an opportunity to unsubscribe i.e. opt-out, in every marketing e-mail that we send you thereafter.

3.4. Third party direct marketing

If you have given your consent when submitting your information on the Site for your Personal Information to be provided to specific categories of third parties (other than ProfiTutors), or for ProfiTutors to send you marketing communications relating to products and services from third parties, then we/they may contact you by post, telephone (which may be recorded for quality assurance purposes) or email with information or offers regarding their products and services.

Opting out: If you decide to withdraw your consent to receive communications from or regarding third party goods and services please follow the unsubscribe link in the email.

3.5. The legal grounds under GDPR for processing your personal data described above are as follows

- ⇒ It is necessary for the performance of a contract to which you are a party, or to take steps prior to entering into a contract with you, for us to provide you with our products and services. Where we require information from you for these purposes we have set out above which information it is necessary for us to process, without which we will be unable to provide you with our services.
- ⇒ It is necessary for the purposes of our legitimate interests, such as fraud prevention, child protection, maintaining quality of service, error detection and

cybersecurity, except where our interests are overridden by the interests, rights or freedoms of affected individuals (such as you). To determine this, we shall consider a number of factors, such as what you were told at the time you provided your data, what your expectations are about the processing of the data, the nature of the data, and the impact of the processing on you. In order to protect children from harassment and abuse, we may video record and store tutoring sessions if they are performed through our Site.

- ⇒ You have given us explicit opt-in consent to the processing of your personal data for one or more specific purposes, namely where you have given us consent to receive electronic Direct Marketing by us and/or by third parties as described in this notice.
- ⇒ Where we need to comply with a legal obligation; or in rare circumstances
- ⇒ Where we need to protect your interests (or someone else's interests); and/or
- ⇒ Where it is needed in the public interest or for official purposes

4. Who else has access to this information?

4.1. Other users on the ProfiTutors Site

Your Personal Information may also be viewed by Tutors (where you are a Client) or by a Client or Tutor (where you are a Tutor) for the sole purposes of enabling Tutors to deliver their Tutoring Services direct to you and to provide you with information about their Tutoring Services and access to the Tutoring Services themselves.

If you as a Client make a request for Tutoring Services with a Tutor via the Site, your Personal Information will be shared with the Tutor to enable the Tutor to deliver the Tutoring Services or to follow up on any enquiry. Such details may include: first name and initial of surname, the contents of your message, and the subject and level you requested.

If you as a Tutor submit Personal Information on the Site for example by creating a profile, Personal Information in your profile may be accessible by any User who visits the Site. The personal information shared may include: first name and surname, university details, the resume you write for ProfiTutors, your profile picture and video, your grades, your tutoring subjects and price band, your tutoring record and reviews. Releasing this Personal Data is necessary for you to make use of the Site and the Services.

If you as a user send a message to another user on the Site, you acknowledge that ProfiTutors may monitor the content of your message to fulfil our safeguarding obligations and to protect our legitimate interests.

4.2. Third party companies and service providers

We use a variety of third party companies to provide the services and we may need to pass some Personal Information to these third parties. If we pass Personal Information to third parties, we minimise as far as possible what Personal Information is shared. The categories of third party providers we share personal data with include:

- ⇒ Analytics providers
- ⇒ Payment providers
- ⇒ Communications platforms for email, text and in-app communications
- ⇒ Marketing platforms
- ⇒ Business operations tools
- ⇒ Identity verification tools
- ⇒ Surveys and research providers
- ⇒ Accounting and finance platforms
- ⇒ Customer support platforms

4.3. Disclosure of your personal information and financial information in compliance with laws

You should be aware that we may release your Personal Information or Financial Information when we believe it is necessary to comply with laws or regulations, to assist law enforcement, to enforce the terms under which you transacted with ProfiTutors, or to protect the rights, property or safety of ProfiTutors, Site Users or others. We may also share your data with the Department for Education and other governing bodies, or contractual parties for audit purposes, on request.

4.4. Transfer of your personal information and financial information outside of the EEA

We may transfer personal data to entities outside of the EEA including in the United States, which countries may not have data protection laws as strict as those in the EEA. Where we transfer your information outside the EEA we will either undertake an assessment of the level of protection in light of the circumstances surrounding the transfer or:

 \Rightarrow Only transfer it to a non-EEA country with privacy laws that give the same protection as the EEA; or

- ⇒ Ensure we have an agreement in place with the recipient under which they are under a duty to protect your data to the same standards as those in place in the EEA; or
- ⇒ We will make sure that any transfers are not repetitive and only limited to the minimum amount of information possible. In certain circumstances we may need to seek your consent unless there is an overriding legal need to transfer the information; and
- ⇒ In all cases where your information is transferred outside the EEA, you have a right to contact us for information on the measures we have put in place.

4.5. Other sites/third party vendors and their privacy policies and cookie policies

This Site may contain links to other websites. ProfiTutors is not responsible for the privacy practices or the content of such websites or for the privacy policies, cookie policies and practices of other third parties, and so you should be careful to read and understand those website policies independently.

5. How do we protect your information?

The privacy and protection of your Personal Information is important to us. You acknowledge that email messages sent over the internet are not encrypted and are not secure. Despite efforts to protect your Personal Information, we cannot ensure or warrant the security of any information you transmit to us, or to or from our online Services. You accept that ProfiTutors cannot be held liable for any breaches of confidentiality that may occur as a result of the use of email. If there is any sensitive or confidential information which you do not wish to communicate by email, please contact ProfiTutors to arrange an alternative method of communication. You transmit all such information at your own risk. However, once we receive your transmission, we use our best efforts to ensure its security on our systems.

6. Cookies

For information about cookies and how they are used on this website, visit our <u>Cookie Policy</u>.

7. Complaints or queries

ProfiTutors tries to meet the highest standards when collecting and using Personal Information. For this reason, we take any complaints we receive about this very seriously. We encourage people to bring it to our attention if they think that our collection or use of information is unfair, misleading or inappropriate. We would also welcome any suggestions for improving our procedures.

This Statement does not provide exhaustive detail of all aspects of ProfiTutors's collection and use of Personal Information. However, we are happy to provide any additional information or explanation needed. If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing your personal data not in accordance with the law you can complain to the UK data protection regulator, the Information Commissioner's Office. Further details can be found at ico.org.uk.

8. How long do we keep your information for?

We will retain your personal data for different periods depending on the service you have chosen to use us for, which may be a longer period than that for which we need to hold your data to provide those services, i.e. where we are under regulatory or statutory duties to hold your data for a longer period. Data will be held by us for the period necessary to meet the purposes for which we initially collected the information.

- ⇒ By default, we retain personal data for six years after you have last been active on the Site. This is to allow you to continue to use your ProfiTutors account for the duration of the average lifecycle of a ProfiTutors user.
- ⇒ After that period has passed, or after you request us to delete your data (whichever is earlier) we will delete your personal data except where we have specific reason which means we need to keep it for longer.
- ⇒ Records that you have shared publicly or have shared with another user, for example reviews you leave, messages you send and bookings you make, may remain on the Site after your personal information has been deleted but will no longer have identifying information which links them to you associated with them.
- ⇒ We may retain records where necessary to fulfil our regulatory or statutory duties.

9. Access to and rectifiation of personal information

ProfiTutors tries to be as open as it can be in terms of giving people access to their Personal Information. Individuals can find out if we hold any Personal Information by making a "subject access request", normally free of charge, under the data protection legislation. If we do hold information about you we will let you have a copy of that information unless a legal exception applies, in which case we will inform you of this at the time. You also have the right to request that information we hold about you which

may be incorrect, incomplete, or which has been changed since you first told us, is updated or removed.

10. Moving your personal information

In case that we process your data by automated means where you have either provided us with consent for us to use your information or where we used the information to perform a contract with you, you have the right to request that we send to you an electronic copy of the personal data we hold about you in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format, for example when you are dealing with a different service provider. If you would like us to provide you, move, copy, or transfer your information in this manner, please let us know by email. We will respond to you within one month after assessing if this is possible.

11. Deletion of your personal information

You can 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 successfully exercised your right to object to processing (see below), where you have withdrawn consent for us to process it (as explained below), where we may have processed your information unlawfully or where we are required to erase your personal data to comply with local law. Note, however, that we may not always be able to comply with your request of erasure for specific legal reasons which will be notified to you, if applicable, at the time of your request. To request that we delete your personal data please send an email with the subject line "Personal data deletion".

12. How can you restrict or object to our processing your personal information

You can object to our processing of your personal data when the processing is related to the performance of our task carried out in the public interest or the exercise of official authority vested in us. The other case is if we process your data for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by us or by a third party and you believe that such interests are overridden by your interests or fundamental rights and freedoms. If you make a request with an objection to processing, we will no longer process the personal data unless we can demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds for the processing.

We keep our Statement under regular review. This Statement was last updated on 09 January 2025.