

Cookie Policy

When you first enter our site, you can choose to accept all cookies or choose which are stored on your device using our cookie notice.

Introduction

In order for our site to operate correctly, and to allow us to monitor its performance, we sometimes need to collect non-personally identifiable information about you which is collected in the form of cookies. We explain below what cookies are and what types of cookie we use on our website.

What is a cookie?

Cookies are small text files that are placed on your computer by websites that you visit. They are widely used to make websites work, or work more efficiently, as well as to provide information to the owners of the site. The information below explains the categories of cookies we use and why.

Strictly necessary cookies

These cookies are necessary for you to use our website and cannot be switched off. They are usually set by actions you take such as creating privacy preferences, logging in or filling in forms. You can set your browser to block or alert you about these cookies, but if you do this, some parts of our site will not work. These cookies do not store any personally identifiable information.

Performance cookies

These cookies let us look at numbers of visitors to our site, which pages are the most and least popular and understand how visitors move around the site. The information collected by these cookies is always anonymous. Performance cookies help us to improve the performance of our site. If you choose to block them, we will not know when you have visited our site, and will not be able to monitor its performance.

Functional cookies

Functional cookies remember preferences set by visitors and allow us to offer enhanced functionality, such as personalisation. These cookies may be set by us or by third party providers. If you choose to block these cookies, then some, or all, of this functionality may not work properly.

Targeting cookies

These cookies are set by third party providers such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter whose services we may link to on our website. If you reject these cookies, information cannot be collected by these third-party providers.

Most web browsers allow some control of most cookies through the browser settings. To find out more about cookies, including how to see what cookies have been set, visit www.aboutcookies.org or www.allaboutcookies.org

Find out how to manage cookies on popular browsers:

- [Google Chrome](#)
- [Microsoft Edge](#)
- [Mozilla Firefox](#)
- [Opera](#)
- [Apple Safari](#)
- [Microsoft Internet Explorer](#)

For information relating to other browsers, visit the browser developer's website. To opt out of being tracked by Google Analytics across all websites, visit <http://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout>.

Protecting information

We are committed to safeguarding your personal information. When you provide personal information, we are obliged to use this information in line with all the laws concerning the protection of personal information including the Data Protection Act 1998 (see also our [Privacy Policy](#)) and the General Data Protection Regulation 2016.

Through hyperlinks, we may direct you to websites owned and operated by third parties. These third-party sites will have their own privacy policies, including how they manage the use of cookies. We urge you to review their policies. They will govern the use of personal information you submit, or is collected by cookies.

We cannot accept any responsibility or liability for the privacy practices of any third-party websites or how they manage the use of their cookies. The use of third-party websites is at your own risk.

If you need further advice, please contact info@professionalstandards.org.uk

Version Control

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1.0		Cookie Policy	19 April 2012
2.0		Changed from the CHRE to The Authority and house style formatting applied	23 Sept 2013
3.0		Updated to reflect changes made following the introduction of the GDPR in May 2018	31 May 2018
4.0		Updated following best practice review	24 Nov 2021