

Data controller: Built Environment Communications Group (BECG Ltd), The Pump House, Garnier Road, Winchester SO23 9QG

Introduction

During the recruitment process, BECG Ltd ('the Company' or 'We') collects and processes personal data relating to job applicants.

The Company is a "data controller". This means that we are responsible for deciding how we hold and use personal information about you. You are being sent a copy of this privacy notice because you are applying for work with us (whether as an employee, worker or contractor). It makes you aware of how and why personal data will be used, namely for the purposes of the recruitment exercise, and how long it will usually be retained for. It provides you with certain information that must be provided under the General Data Protection Regulation ((EU) 2016/679) (GDPR).

The Company is committed to being clear and transparent about how it collects and uses that data and to meeting its data protection obligations.

Data Protection Principles

The Company will comply with data protection law. This means that the personal information we hold about you must be:

- Used lawfully, fairly and in a transparent way;
- Collected only for valid purposes that we have explained to you clearly and not used in any way that is incompatible with these purposes;
- Relevant to the purposes we have told you about and limited to those purposes only;
- Accurate and kept up to date;
- Kept only for such time as is necessary for the purposes we have told you about; and
- Kept securely.

What information does the Company collect and process?

The Company collects and processes a range of personal information (personal data) about you. It does not include data where the identity has been removed (anonymous data). We will collect, store, and use the following categories of personal information about you:

- Personal contact details, such as your name, title, address and contact details, including email address and telephone number;
- details of your qualifications, skills, experience and employment history, including start and end dates, with previous employers;
- information about your remuneration, including entitlement to benefits such as pensions;
- information about your entitlement to work in the UK; and

The Company collects this information in a variety of ways during the application and recruitment process. For example, data may be contained in application forms and CVs, obtained from identity documents, such as your passport and collected through interviews and assessment tests.

In some cases, the Company collects personal data about you from third parties, such as references supplied by former employers.

Data is stored in a range of different places, including on your application record, in the Company's HR management systems and in other IT systems (including the Company's email system and Office 365).

Why does the Company process personal data?

The Company needs to process data prior to entering into a contract with you. We also need to process data to enter into an employment contract with you and to meet our obligations under that employment contract.

In addition, the Company needs to process data to ensure that we are complying with our legal obligations. For example, we are required to check an employee's entitlement to work in the UK before employment begins.

The Company has a legitimate interest in processing personal data during the recruitment process and in keeping records of that process. Processing such data from job applicants enables the Company to manage the recruitment process, assess the suitability of candidates and make informed decision as to whom we wish to recruit. The Company may also have to process data from job applicants in order to defend legal claims.

The Company processes health information if we need to make reasonable adjustments to the recruitment process for candidates with a disability.

If you fail to provide personal information

You are under no obligation to provide the Company with data during the recruitment process. However, if you do not provide certain information when requested, the Company may not be able to process your application for employment properly or at all.

You are under no obligation to provide information for equal opportunities monitoring purposes and there are no consequences for you if this information is not provided.

Criminal convictions

We do not envisage that we will hold information about criminal convictions.

Automated decision-making

Our employment decisions are not based solely on automated decision-making.

For how long do you keep data?

The Company will only hold your personal data for as long as is necessary to fulfil the purposes for which we collected it. If your application for employment is unsuccessful, the Company will hold your data on file for up to 6 months after the end of the recruitment process. At the end of that period, your data is deleted or destroyed.

If we wish to retain your personal information on file, on the basis that a further opportunity may arise in the future and we may wish to consider you for that, we will write to you separately, seeking your explicit consent to retain your personal information for a fixed period on that basis.

If your application for employment is successful, personal data gathered during the recruitment process will be transferred to your personnel file and we shall issue a new privacy notice which sets down the periods for which your data will be held.

Who has access to data?

Your information will be shared internally for the purposes of the recruitment process, including with members of the HR team and the hiring manager.

The Company will not share your data with third parties unless we make you an offer of employment. In those circumstances, the Company shall share your data with third parties where required by law and where it is necessary in order to administer the working relationship with you or where we have another legitimate interest in doing so. The Company will then share your data with former employers to obtain references for you, pension provider.

The Company will not transfer your data to countries outside the European Economic Area.

How does the Company protect data?

The Company takes the security of your data seriously. The Company has internal policies and controls in place to prevent your data being lost, accidentally destroyed, misused or disclosed, and is not accessed except by its employees in the performance of their duties.

Your rights

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

- access and obtain a copy of your data on request (known as a “data subject access request”);
- require the Company to change incorrect or incomplete data;
- request erasure of your personal information. This enables you to ask the Company to delete or stop processing your data, for example where the data is no longer necessary for the purposes of processing;
- object to the processing of your data where the Company is relying on its legitimate interests as the legal ground for processing;
- ask the Company to suspend the processing of your personal data for a period of time if data is inaccurate or there is a dispute about its accuracy or the reason for processing it; and
- request the transfer of your personal information to another party.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, or you have any questions about the privacy notice, please contact Head of HR.

If you believe that the Company has not complied with your data protection rights, you have the right to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner’s Office.