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Privacy policy

1. Background

Upskilled Pty Ltd (Upskilled) and every global educational institution or entity that provides courses through Upskilled's website (Upskilled Partner) is committed towards protecting the privacy of your personal information. This Privacy Policy applies to information that Upskilled collects when you interact with Upskilled, with Upskilled partners, with other users, and generally with the Upskilled Website.

Your information is received and controlled by Upskilled according to this Privacy Policy when you sign up for an Upskilled student account or otherwise use the Upskilled website.

This Privacy Policy explains how we collect, use, disclose and otherwise handle personal information. It also tells you how you can request access and/or correct the personal information we hold about you, or to complain about a suspected privacy breach.

We are required to comply with the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) in the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (Privacy Act), including amendments. The APPs regulate the way personal information is handled.

We are also required to comply with more specific privacy legislation in some circumstances, such as applicable State and Territory health privacy legislation, the Spam Act 2003 (Cth) and the Do Not Call Register Act 2006 (Cth).

Upskilled is solely and independently responsible for its own privacy practices.

If you enrol in a course offered by an Upskilled Partner, information about you and your activity in the course is received and controlled by Upskilled as described in this Privacy Policy and the Upskilled Partner's Privacy Policy. Each partner is solely and independently responsible for its own privacy practices. No partner is responsible for another partner's privacy practices.

If you do not accept the terms of this Privacy Policy or the Upskilled Partner's Privacy Policy, then please do not access, browse, or register for the Upskilled Site or enrol in any courses. If you choose not to provide certain information required to provide you with various courses and services offered on the Upskilled Site, then you may not be able to establish a user account or obtain those courses or services.

2. Personal Information Collected

2.1. Personal Information

The type of personal information that we collect and hold about you depends on the type of dealings you have with us. Where we need to identify you or verify your identity, we may collect your name, gender, date of birth, driver's licence and/or passport details, student ID number, username, password, security question and answer. Where we need to communicate with you, we may collect your email, residential and postal addresses, and telephone numbers. If you apply to enrol in a course of study or otherwise access our services, we may collect details of your educational qualifications, enrolment details, academic results, banking and payment details, Unique Student Identifier (USI) and tax file number (TFN).

To assist us in understanding your engagement with Upskilled and to ensure the communication you have with Upskilled is relevant we may also record your IP address and history of engagement with the Upskilled website and documents accessed. We use cookies on our website to collect and store data

As a prospective and current student, we will maintain your ongoing activity history as an enrolled student including assessment records, progress and completion information, enquiries, and complaints.

The Government also requires additional information be collected for students as required by AVETMISS data collection standards such as any disability, education history and English language, literacy, and numeracy proficiency. Upskilled also collects information relating to entitlements to related educational government payments, subsidies, or support.

To help us improve our services, we may collect your responses to surveys and details about how, when, and why you access our services.

If you apply for a job with us, we will collect the information you include in your application.

2.2. Sensitive information

a. 'Sensitive information' is a subset of personal information and is defined as:

- (i) information or an opinion (that is also personal information) about an individual's:
 - racial or ethnic origin
 - political opinions
 - membership of a political association
 - religious beliefs or affiliations
 - philosophical beliefs
 - membership of a professional or trade association
 - membership of a trade union
 - sexual orientation or practices, or
 - criminal record
- (ii) health information about an individual
- (iii) genetic information (that is not otherwise health information)
- (iv) biometric information that is to be used for the purpose of automated biometric verification or biometric identification, or
- (v) biometric templates

In order to comply with our obligations under Australian law, we may collect some sensitive information on behalf of the Australian Government, including your language background, citizenship status, status as an indigenous Australian, disability status and health information.

We only collect sensitive information where it is reasonably necessary for our business functions and you have consented, or we are required to do so by law.

2.3. Information other than personal information ("non-personal information")

2.4. Website: some of the information that is collected about your visit is not personal information, because it does not reveal your identity. We use this information to help us improve our services. We may aggregate this information for our own statistical purposes. Provided that it remains anonymous, we may disclose that aggregated information to third parties or publish it for marketing or research purposes.

2.5. Site visit information: We may record your server address, the date, time and duration of your visit, search terms you used, the pages you viewed, any documents you downloaded and the type of device, browser, and operating system you used.

2.6. Cookies: a cookie is a small string of information that a website transfers to your browser for identification purposes. The cookies we use do not identify individual users. We use cookies to hold anonymous session information. This information is used to personalise your current visit to the website. Most internet browsers are set to accept cookies. If you prefer not to receive them, you can adjust your internet browser to reject cookies, or to notify you when they are being used. Rejecting cookies can, however, limit the functionality of our websites.

2.7. Remarketing: We may remarket your information. Remarketing is a way for us to connect with users, based upon your past interactions with the Upskilled website.

- 2.8. Third-party marketing vendors may be hired by Upskilled to perform remarketing services. As a result, third-party vendors, including Google, may show Upskilled ads on sites on the internet. Third-party vendors, including Google, use cookies to serve ads based on a user's prior visits to Upskilled's website.
- 2.9. To opt out of customised Google Display Network ads please [email Google](#). To find out more about how Google uses any data it collects please visit <https://policies.google.com/technologies/ads>. Any information collected is used only for remarketing purposes and will not be used by them for any other purpose.

3. Disposal of Personal and Sensitive Information

- 3.1. Upskilled only retains a student's personal and sensitive information for as long as required to fulfil its obligations as an education provider
- 3.2. Assessment records are stored for a period of six months after the date the assessment decision was made
- 3.3. Other records may be kept for longer to comply with various requirements in different state jurisdictions
- 3.4. Upskilled maintains a register of all AQF qualifications and statements of attainment it has issued and retains records of any AQF certification documentation that has been issued for a period of thirty (30) years

4. How Do We Collect Personal Information?

- 4.1. We will collect personal information by lawful and fair means as required by the Privacy Act
- 4.2. We will also collect personal information directly from you where this is reasonable and practicable
- 4.3. We collect personal information in several ways, including:
 - a. Directly from you in person, over the phone, through written communications (either on paper or electronic) or by you completing forms or answering questions on our websites
 - b. From third parties, including direct marketing database providers, government agencies, our related companies, and your authorised representatives
 - c. From our own records of your use of our services.
 - d. Communicating with Trainers and Assessors
 - e. Communicating with our Education Managers
 - f. Communicating with the Student Support Team
 - g. Logging on to and engaging with the content and services provided by MyUpskilled (Upskilled LMS)
 - h. Requesting further information relating to courses offered by Upskilled
 - i. Communication with the Upskilled Accounts Team
 - j. Managing complaints and appeals
 - k. Student surveys including AVETMISS

5. Why Do We Collect, Hold, Use and Disclose Your Personal Information?

- 5.1. The main purposes for which we collect, hold, use and disclose personal information are:
 - a. To identify you and verify your identity
 - b. To communicate with you about our services
 - c. To provide our services to you, including:

- (i) Facilitating your enrolment in a course of study
 - (ii) Facilitating your access to online vocational education
 - (iii) Facilitating your communications with others via our website
 - (iv) Obtaining payment for our services
 - d. For purposes required or authorised by or under law
 - e. To help us improve our services
 - f. For any other purposes that you have consented to
 - g. Individuals have the right to choose not to disclose personal or sensitive information to Upskilled, however this may limit or prevent Upskilled's ability to provide services
- 5.2. Direct marketing: Where we have your express or implied consent, or where we are otherwise permitted by law, we may use your personal information to send you information about the services we offer, as well as other information. We may send this information by mail, email, SMS, and telephone
- 5.3. Opting out: You can opt out of receiving these communications at any time, in the following ways:
- a. Contact us ([see Further Information](#)) and tell us
 - b. Use the unsubscribe facility that we include in our commercial electronic messages (i.e., email or SMS) to opt out of receiving those messages

6. To Whom Do We Disclose Your Personal Information?

- 6.1. To service providers, contractors, and other third parties that help carry out the uses described above. Upskilled requires third parties to: (1) abide by this Privacy Policy and applicable law; (2) handle Personal Information in a confidential manner and maintain adequate security; and (3) use Personal Information only as needed to fulfill the relevant purpose(s). In some cases, the Upskilled website and individual courses are integrated with third-party services or contain links to websites published by third parties, including other content providers as well as service providers. These third parties are responsible for their own privacy practices, so you should pay attention anytime you are redirected to a third-party website and be sure to review its privacy policy.
- 6.2. To other learners in courses that you take and with other visitors to the Upskilled website. This is done to create an interactive learning environment, support class participation, and share course information. It includes sharing comments, coursework, or other information or content that you submit in your learning management system (LMS) while completing your coursework which has been designed to be viewed by other students or for public communication. Upskilled may also provide opportunities for you to communicate with other students who may have similar interests or educational goals, for instance, recommending specific study partners or connecting potential student mentees and mentors. In such cases, Upskilled and each partner that offers a course in which you enrolled may use all information collected about you to determine who might be interested in communicating with you, but will only provide others your username (for clarity, no disclosure of your real name or email address).
- 6.3. To employers, government programs, institutions, or other enterprises that sponsor your enrolment in a course for training or other educational purposes. If an entity pays for or otherwise sponsors your verified certificate or course participation, Upskilled will share information with the entity as needed to confirm your enrolment, participation, progress, and completion status in that course.
- 6.4. To various federal and state authorities, including but not limited to Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), State and Territory Education Authorities.
- 6.5. Third Party debt collection agency in case of a default in payment.
- 6.6. The Police when an alleged breach of Student Conduct may involve criminal behaviour.

- 6.7. In compliance with any legal court order to provide information.
- 6.8. With affiliates of Upskilled or a Partner, or with successors in the event of a merger, acquisition, or reorganisation, for their use consistent with this Privacy Policy.

Upskilled or an Upskilled Partner may also seek your consent for additional disclosures of information, including Personal Information, and will share it only as described to you. In addition, Upskilled or a Partner may share with the public and with third parties, including but not limited to researchers and business partners, information and Personal Information that is de-identified or aggregated in a manner that does not personally identify you.

7. Data Quality and Security

- 7.1. We hold personal information in several ways, including in electronic databases, email contact lists, and in paper files held in secure premises. Paper files may also be archived offsite in secure facilities. We take reasonable steps to:
 - a. Make sure that the personal information which we collect, use, and disclose is accurate, up to date and complete and (in the case of use and disclosure) relevant
 - b. Protect the personal information that we hold from misuse, interference, and loss and from unauthorised access, modification, or disclosure
 - c. Destroy or permanently de-identify personal information that is no longer needed for any purpose that is permitted by the APPs
- 7.2. The steps we take to secure the personal information we hold include ICT security (such as encryption, firewalls, secure server environments, anti-virus software and login and password protection), secure office access, personnel security and training, and workplace policies
- 7.3. Payment security: We process payments using EFTPOS and online technologies. All transactions processed by us meet industry security standards to ensure payment details are protected
- 7.4. Website security: While we strive to protect the personal information and privacy of users of our website, we cannot guarantee the security of any information that you disclose online, and you disclose that information at your own risk. If you are concerned about sending your information over the internet, you can contact us by telephone or post (see [Further Information](#))
- 7.5. You can also help to protect the privacy of your personal information by maintaining the confidentiality of your Learning Management System (LMS) account (including your password), and by ensuring that you log out of your LMS account when you have finished using it. In addition, if you become aware of any security breach, please let us know as soon as possible

8. How Can You Access and Correct Your Personal Information?

- 8.1. You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you and request corrections by contacting a Student Support officer at studentsupport@upskilled.edu.au. Upskilled will authenticate a student's identity prior to releasing any personal and/or sensitive information held about the student
- 8.2. In the event a request to access personal and sensitive information presents a risk relative to Australian Privacy Principle subclause 12.3 (for example, releasing the information may have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of other individuals), Upskilled may refuse such a request, or provide access to subsections of the information. In such cases, our Operations Officer will advise the student in writing of the decision relating to the request and reasons for the decision
- 8.3. Upskilled will respond to requests for access to personal and/or sensitive information within three business days

- 8.4. Upskilled endeavours to maintain accurate and up to date information relating to a student during their enrolment period
- 8.5. Students are able to confirm and update their personal and sensitive information by contacting the Student Support team at studentsupport@upskilled.edu.au

9. Privacy Complaints

- 9.1. If you have a complaint about how we have handled your personal information, please contact a Student Support officer at studentsupport@upskilled.edu.au
- 9.2. Student Support will endeavour in the first instance to deal with your complaint and take any steps necessary to resolve the matter within five (5) business days
- 9.3. If your complaint can't be resolved at first instance, we will ask you to send a Privacy Complaint email to our Operations Officer
- 9.4. Complaints process: We will endeavour to acknowledge receipt of the Privacy Complaint Email within five (5) business days of receiving it and to complete our investigation into your complaint in a timely manner
- 9.5. In most cases, we expect that complaints will be investigated, and a response provided within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Privacy Complaint Email. If our investigation may take longer, we will let you know
- 9.6. If you are unhappy with our response, you can refer your complaint to the [Office of the Australian Information Commissioner](#) or, in some instances, other regulatory bodies, such as the [Australian Communications and Media Authority](#)

10. Further Information

Please contact us if you have any queries about the personal information that we hold about you or the way we handle that personal information. Our contact details for privacy queries are set out below.

Operations Officer
Upskilled Pty Ltd
Suite 2, Level 4
27 Christie Street
St Leonards, NSW 2065
Telephone: 1300 009 924

For online enquiries you can contact us [via email](#).

11. Changes to This Policy

We may amend this Policy from time to time. The current version of this Policy will be posted on our website.

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