

## Privacy Notice – National Fraud Initiative

Ayrshire College (the College) is providing you with this information to comply with data protection law to ensure that you are fully informed and that we are transparent in how we collect and use your personal information (data).

Your privacy and trust are very important to us, and this Privacy Notice provides essential information about how the College handles your personal data and the rights you have in relation to how we use your data. The College is committed to complying with all applicable data protection laws.

## Who are we?

Ayrshire College is the ‘Controller’ and is responsible for looking after the personal data that you provide.

Registered office – Ayr Campus  
Dam Park, Ayr  
KA8 0EU

For any queries or concerns about how your personal data is being processed you can contact the Data Protection Officer (DPO) at [dataprotection@ayrshire.ac.uk](mailto:dataprotection@ayrshire.ac.uk)

## This privacy notice relates to the following process:

### Sharing Data with Audit Scotland – National Fraud Initiative

The College is required by law to protect the public funds it administers. It may share information provided to it with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds, in order to prevent and detect fraud.

On behalf of the Auditor General for Scotland, Audit Scotland appoints the external auditors to audit the accounts of the College. Audit Scotland also has responsibility for carrying out data matching exercises under the National Fraud Initiative.

Audit Scotland requires the College to participate in a data matching exercise to assist in the prevention and detection of fraud.

Data matching involves comparing computer records held by one body against other computer records held by the same or another body to see how far they match. This will include personal information. Computerised data matching allows potentially fraudulent claims and payments to be identified but the inclusion of personal data within a data matching exercise does not mean that any specific individual is under suspicion. Where a match is found it indicates that there may be an inconsistency that requires further investigation. No assumption can be made, or is made, as to whether there is fraud, error or other explanation until an investigation is carried out. The exercise can also help bodies to ensure that their records are up to date.

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The College is required to provide particular sets of data to Audit Scotland for matching. The exact nature of the data supplied is set out in Audit Scotland's instructions, which can be found at: <https://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/our-work/counter-fraud>

The use of data by Audit Scotland in a data matching exercise is carried out under their statutory authority, normally under its powers in Part 2A of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000. The data matching exercise does not require the consent of the individuals concerned under UK data protection law. Data matching by Audit Scotland is subject to a Code of Practice. This Code of Practice can be found through the following link: <https://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/publications/code-of-audit-practice-2021>

For further information on Audit Scotland's legal powers and the reasons why it matches particular information see Audit Scotland's full text privacy notice: [National Fraud Initiative in Scotland: Privacy notice \(audit-scotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/national-fraud-initiative-in-scotland-privacy-notice)

## Ayrshire College lawful basis for processing

The College's legal reason for processing personal data is that use is necessary for the performance of a task in the public interest - Article 6, (1), (e).

For special category (sensitive) data: Processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest and is authorised by domestic law proportionate to the aim pursued - Article 9 (2) (g) and sections 6, 10, 11, and 12 of schedule 1 to the Data Protection Act 2018.

## Who does the College share this information with?

The information is shared with Audit Scotland for the purposes of data matching under The National Fraud Initiative.

**This processing does not involve any automated decision making by the College.**

**This processing does not involve any international transfer of data by the College.**

The College will ensure that suitable technical and organisational measures are in place to safeguard and secure the data we collect and to ensure that only staff with an operational need have access.

You can view the College's full text privacy notices relating to the processing of your data here: [Privacy Notices \(ayrshire.ac.uk\)](https://www.ayrshire.ac.uk/privacy-notices)

## Your rights

Under data protection law you have certain rights in relation to how the College manages and uses your personal information:

- The right to be informed (this is the Privacy Notice)
- The right to access your personal data
- The right to rectification if the personal data we hold about you is incorrect
- The right to restrict processing of your personal data

The following rights apply only in certain circumstances:

- The right to withdraw consent at any time (if consent is our lawful basis for processing your data)
- The right to object to our processing of your personal data
- The right to request erasure (deletion) of your personal data
- The right to data portability.

For more information about your rights please see [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

## Contact us

If you have any issues about this notice or the way the College has handled your personal information, please contact our Data Protection Officer in the first instance:

email: [dataprotection@ayrshire.ac.uk](mailto:dataprotection@ayrshire.ac.uk)

Telephone: 0300 303 0303 or write to:

Data Protection Officer  
Ayrshire College, Kilmarnock Campus  
Hill Street  
Kilmarnock  
KA1 3HY

## Complaints to UK Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

If you are dissatisfied with the response from the College, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the ICO about our handling of your data:

Email: [Data protection complaints | ICO](mailto:Data.protection.complaints@ico.org.uk)

Telephone: 0303 123 1113 or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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