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## **ACTION AGAINST HUNGER UK**

### **CANDIDATE PRIVACY STATEMENT**

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<b>Policy</b>	Candidate Privacy Statement
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## **PURPOSE**

As part of its recruitment process, Action Against Hunger UK collects and processes personal data relating to job applicants. The organisation is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses that data and to meeting its data protection obligations.

### **1. WHAT INFORMATION DOES ACTION AGAINST HUNGER COLLECT?**

Action Against Hunger collects a range of information about you. This includes:

- your name, address and contact details, including email address and telephone number;
- details of your qualifications, skills, experience and employment history;
- information about your current level of remuneration, including benefit entitlements;
- whether or not you have a disability for which the organisation needs to make reasonable adjustment during the recruitment process;
- information about your entitlement to work in the UK;
- details of any relevant criminal convictions.

### **2. HOW DO WE COLLECT THIS DATA?**

We may collect this information in a variety of ways. For example, data might be contained in application forms, CVs or resumés, obtained from your passport or other identity documents, or collected through interviews or other forms of assessment, including online assessments.

The organisation may also collect personal data about you from third parties, such as recruitment services, references supplied by former employers, information from employment background check providers and information from criminal records checks when applicable to the role.

### **3. HOW DOES ACTION AGAINST HUNGER STORE THIS DATA?**

Data will be stored securely in a range of different places, including on your application record, in HR management systems including third party recruitment platforms like Charity Job, and on other IT systems (including email correspondence).

### **4. WHY DO WE PROCESS PERSONAL DATA?**

The organisation needs to process your data to review your application and potentially enter into a contract with you.

In some cases, the organisation needs to process data to ensure that it is complying with its legal obligations. For example, it is required to check a successful applicant's eligibility to work in the UK before employment starts.

The organisation has a legitimate interest in processing personal data during the recruitment process and for keeping records of the process. Processing data from job applicants allows the organisation to manage the recruitment process, assess and confirm a candidate's suitability for employment, and

to decide to whom an offer of employment is made. The organisation may also need to process data from job applicants to respond to, and defend against, legal claims.

The organisation may process special categories of data, such as information about protected characteristics, including ethnic origin, sexual orientation or religion or belief, to monitor recruitment statistics. We may also collect information about whether an applicant has a disability in order to make reasonable adjustments for a candidate. The organisation processes such information to carry out its obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

For some roles, the organisation is obliged to seek information about criminal convictions and offences. Where the organisation seeks this information, it does so because it is necessary for us to carry out our obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

The organisation will not use your data for any purpose other than the recruitment exercise for which you have applied.

## **5. WHO HAS ACCESS TO DATA?**

Your information may be shared for the purposes of the recruitment exercise. This includes members of the HR team, interviewers involved in the recruitment process (including third-party consultants for certain positions), relevant employees in the team with a vacancy, and IT staff, if access to the data is necessary for the performance of their roles.

We may use third-party organisations to support our recruitment and equality and diversity activities and we may share your personal information with third-party organisations who will process it on our behalf. Where we use the services of third-party organisations for these purposes, we have in place contracts to ensure appropriate protection of your personal information and our processor will only ever act on our instructions.

If your application for employment is successful and we make you an offer of employment, then the organisation will share your data with former employers to obtain references for you. We may also share your data with employment background check providers to obtain necessary background checks, and the Disclosure and Barring Service to obtain necessary criminal records checks if applicable to the role.

We may transfer personal data we collect about you to third parties described above who are located outside of the country or region in which you are resident. In such cases, we will take appropriate measures to ensure your personal data remains protected to the standard described in this privacy notice. If you have any questions or need more information regarding international transfers of your personal data, please contact us via this email: [support@actionagainsthunger.org.uk](mailto:support@actionagainsthunger.org.uk)

## **6. HOW DO WE PROTECT DATA?**

Action Against Hunger UK takes the security of your data seriously. It has internal policies and controls in place to ensure that your data is not lost, accidentally destroyed, or misused or disclosed, and is not accessed except by our employees in the proper performance of their duties. Restricted access to folders, password protection, and server security protects data kept in digital format; paper records are secured in locked filing cabinets in locked buildings to which access is limited to member of the HR and Finance teams.

## **7. FOR HOW LONG DOES ACTION AGAINST HUNGER KEEP YOUR DATA?**

If your application for employment is unsuccessful, the organisation will hold your data on file for six months after the end of the relevant recruitment process, unless you agree that we can retain it for a longer period in order to consider you for other roles. At the end of that period, or if you withdraw your consent for the organisation to hold your data during this time, your data will be deleted or destroyed.

If your application for employment is successful, personal data gathered during the recruitment process will be transferred to your personnel file and retained for employment purposes.

## **8. YOUR RIGHTS**

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

- access and obtain a copy of your data on request
- require the organisation to change incorrect or incomplete data
- require the organisation 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 organisation is relying on its legitimate interests as the legal ground for processing.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact [support@actionagainsthunger.org.uk](mailto:support@actionagainsthunger.org.uk) or the recruiting manager.

If you believe that the organisation has not complied with your data protection rights, you can complain to the Information Commissioner.

## **9. WHAT IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE PERSONAL DATA?**

We seek to ensure that our information collection and processing is always proportionate. We will notify you of any changes to the information we collect or to the purposes for which we collect and process it. If you do not provide the information requested, the organisation may not be able to process your application properly or at all.

## **10. POLICY REVIEW**

This policy shall be reviewed periodically and, at a minimum, on a 3 yearly basis, to evaluate its effectiveness and implementation, taking advice from external specialist advisers where appropriate. Any improvements identified will be implemented as soon as practicable.

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