

# SKILLINVEST

## PRIVACY POLICY

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### APPROVAL

Any updates or amendments to this policy must be approved by the Skillinvest Board of Directors

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### SKILLINVEST'S PRIVACY COMMITMENT

The *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)*, the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic)* and the *Health Records Act 2001 (Vic)* (**Privacy Laws**) seek to protect individuals against interferences with their privacy by regulating the way in which personal information is collected, handled, disclosed, used and stored.

Skillinvest Limited understands the importance of, and is committed to, protecting the privacy of an individual's personal information. In handling personal information, Skillinvest is committed to complying with the Privacy Laws.

This policy sets out how Skillinvest aims to protect the privacy of your personal information, your rights in relation to your personal information managed by Skillinvest and the way Skillinvest collects, holds, uses and discloses your personal information. This policy may be updated from time to time.

If personal information is collected during an application, recruitment or other assessment process and you subsequently become an employee of Skillinvest, Skillinvest's handling of such personal information may no longer be governed by the Privacy Laws and this policy will no longer apply to you. Skillinvest will nevertheless treat personal information it holds about its employees appropriately in the circumstances.

You are under no obligation to provide your personal information to Skillinvest. However, without certain information from you, or where information provided is inaccurate or irrelevant, Skillinvest may not be able to provide its services to you or may be limited in its ability to provide its services to you.

### WHAT IS PERSONAL INFORMATION?

Personal information is any information or an opinion about an identified individual or an individual who can be reasonably identified from the information or opinion. Information or an opinion may be personal information regardless of whether it is true.

### WHAT WE DO

Skillinvest is a quality provider of employment, group training and training services. We use highly skilled staff to provide employment, group training and training services, which responds to the needs of employers, applicants and students.

Skillinvest supplies temporary, on-hired and hosted placement services to a wide range of businesses in many industries.

Skillinvest also provides career development, training, assessment and certification, outsourcing and administrative services.

In addition, Longerenong College which is part of Skillinvest is an agricultural college that provides students with access to modern agricultural practices and hands on training whilst living **on** campus. Longerenong is also a working farm with a commercial focus.

### JOB SEEKERS

## **YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**

During the provision of Skillinvest's services, Skillinvest may collect your personal information. Generally, the kinds of personal information Skillinvest collects may include:

- general contact and identification details (e.g. name, address, email address and phone number);
- information about your education and work history, qualifications and skills;
- opinions of others about your work performance (whether true or not), which will only be collected with your consent;
- information about your work rights and your eligibility to work within Australia which may include details, copies or presentation of the originals of any applicable visa, passport, birth or citizenship certificate, or other relevant documentation;
- sensitive information (e.g. information about your health, medical history or specific condition, criminal record, professional memberships etc), which will only be collected with your consent;
- any results of relevant tests in which you participate including testing carried out on Skillinvest's behalf or by other providers;
- any personal information relevant to any training programs you undertake;
- your tax file number and relevant bank and superannuation account information necessary to facilitate the payment of wages and superannuation contributions and to ensure appropriate taxation treatment;
- driver's licence number and relevant information about your driving history or infringements and any other applicable licences and certificates; and
- other information relevant in the circumstances.

In some circumstances, Skillinvest may also hold other personal information provided by you.

## **HOW WE COLLECT, HOLD AND MANAGE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Generally, personal information will be collected from you directly when you complete an application form for positions or training programs, or submit your resume, either online or in hard copy, attend an interview, or otherwise provide Skillinvest with personal information in person or via telephone, email, video, post or other means, whether at Skillinvest's request or at your own initiative.

Personal information may also be collected when Skillinvest:

- undertakes reference checks by inquiring with, or Skillinvest otherwise receives references or performance feedback (whether negative or positive) from, any of your former or current employers, work colleagues, professional associations or registration bodies (reference checks are only undertaken with your consent);
- receives results of any medical tests or criminal history checks, (which are only undertaken with your consent);
- receives results from any competency tests in which you participate;
- receives results from any other online process or testing including assessments, induction courses and background checks carried out by Skillinvest or other providers on Skillinvest's behalf;
- undertakes a check using an external agency to assess your eligibility to work within Australia;
- receives any complaint from or about you in the workplace;
- receives information from your employer for the provision of training services;
- receives information about a workplace accident in which you were involved; and

- receives any information about any insurance investigation, litigation, registration or professional disciplinary matter, criminal matter, inquest or inquiry in which you were or are involved during, or in connection with, a work placement.

There may be other occasions when Skillinvest collects your personal information from other sources such as an information services provider, your employer or ex-employer or a publicly maintained record, including records publicly available through social media. Generally, Skillinvest will only collect your personal information from sources like these if it is unreasonable or impracticable to collect your personal information from you.

### **HOW SKILLINVEST USES YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Skillinvest collects, holds, uses and discloses your personal information where it is reasonably necessary to provide you with recruitment, work placement services, apprentice and training services, or education and contracting services. This may include using and disclosing your personal information to facilitate, or otherwise in connection with:

- its requirements to provide the Victorian Department of Education and Training with student and training activity data. This includes personal information collected in the Skillinvest enrolment form and unique identifiers such as the Victorian Student Number (VSN) and the Commonwealth's Unique Student Identifier (USI);
- you being offered a position as an apprentice or student of Skillinvest;
- you being offered employment or an engagement with a client of Skillinvest;
- your actual or potential work placements with clients of Skillinvest;
- undertaking performance appraisals in relation to your former or current work placements with clients of Skillinvest;
- any test, assessments or checks (including medical tests and assessments and criminal record checks) that you might be required to undergo for the purposes of assessing your suitability for a potential work placement or task with a client of Skillinvest;
- identifying, assessing or facilitating your training needs;
- any necessary workplace rehabilitation during, or for the purposes of, a current or future work placement with a client of Skillinvest in accordance with applicable legislation;
- the management of any complaint, investigation or inquiry in which you are involved during a work placement with a client of Skillinvest; or
- any insurance claim or proposal in which Skillinvest is involved by virtue of your current or previous work placements with a client of Skillinvest.

Skillinvest may also collect, hold, use or disclose your personal information for:

- administrative and business management purposes;
- marketing purposes and to identify and inform you of products, services and training courses that may be of interest to you;
- its own internal recruitment processes; and/or
- any other legal requirement.

### **DATA PROVISION REQUIREMENTS 2020**

Under the *Data Provision Requirements 2020*, Skillinvest is required to collect personal information about you and to disclose that personal information to the National Centre for Vocational Education Research Ltd (NCVER).

Your personal information (including the personal information contained on this enrolment form and your training activity data) may be used or disclosed by Skillinvest for statistical, regulatory and research purposes.

In all circumstances where personal information is used or disclosed, Skillinvest takes steps reasonable in the circumstances to ensure it is relevant to the purpose for which it is to be used or disclosed.

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION DISCLOSED TO A THIRD PARTY**

Skillinvest will only disclose personal information about you for the purposes of recruitment or training (eg.,for example, recruiting you to specific positions or for work placement services).

This may include disclosing your personal information to:

- Commonwealth and State or Territory government departments and authorised agencies;
- your School;
- the National Centre for Vocational Education Research Ltd;
- clients of Skillinvest who may be your potential or actual employer, or with whom you may be placed on a work placement;
- your referees;
- other divisions and departments within Skillinvest, for the purpose of recommending and facilitating courses or programs through which you can upgrade your skills and undertake further training;
- Skillinvest’s insurers;
- a professional association or registration body if relevant to the provision of Skillinvest’s services or otherwise with your consent;
- a workers compensation body in accordance with applicable legislation;
- Skillinvest’s contractors and suppliers including external providers of online training and induction, i.e. mandatory online health and safety induction and background checking agencies, and IT contractors and database designers;
- a federally registered Job Services Provider, for the purpose of confirming hours of work and hourly rate of pay;
- Skillinvest’s professional advisors;
- any other entity, with your consent, or to whom disclosure is required or authorised by law; and/or
- any other third parties engaged to perform administrative or other services.

This disclosure is always on a confidential basis or otherwise in accordance with law.

### **USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

To aid quick and more accurate decision-making (and therefore make the recruitment process much more efficient and effective for you), Skillinvest may use automated systems that use an element of artificial intelligence, such as algorithms or machine learning (including those provided by third parties), to analyse data about you and other candidates, as well as data we hold on our clients' needs. This can include applying tools that use algorithms (such as filtering tools or machine learning) to your personal information in order to help Skillinvest come up with the best possible shortlist for a particular role.

### **CLIENTS**

#### **HOW YOUR INFORMATION IS COLLECTED AND USED**

If you’re a Skillinvest client, Skillinvest collects information that is reasonably necessary for Skillinvest to provide the best recruitment and or business solutions for you and your business needs. The main types of information Skillinvest collects about its clients include:

- Your contact details.

- Details of your job title/description and organisational needs.
- Records of Skillinvest's interaction with you and your confidential feedback about a candidate.

Skillinvest collects information about you when:

- Skillinvest meets you or communicates with you.
- You provide your opinion or confidential feedback about a candidate.

Skillinvest collects, holds, uses and discloses your personal information to provide you with recruitment services. This includes disclosing information and feedback you provide to Skillinvest to a candidate Skillinvest has submitted to you regarding their application or interview with you.

## REFEREES

Skillinvest may disclose personal information and opinions you provide to Skillinvest as part of a reference check to its client (**potential employer**). Where you have agreed to be contacted by a potential employer, Skillinvest will also need to disclose your information to the potential employer.

The type of information that Skillinvest typically collects and holds about referees is information about a candidate's suitability for particular jobs or particular types of work. It might include:

- Information about you and your preferred contact details.
- Your opinions regarding the candidate's character and work performance or work environment.
- Facts or evidence supporting those opinions, sometimes involving your knowledge and experience of having worked with the candidate.

## SITE USERS

Skillinvest may collect certain information when you visit its websites, mobile sites, applications and social media pages (Sites). For example, Skillinvest's servers receive and record information about your computer, device and browser, including potentially your IP address, browser type, and other software or hardware information.

If you subscribe to a Site, fill in an online registration form or email Skillinvest via the email link on a Site, Skillinvest may collect your name, contact details and other personal information to enable Skillinvest to provide information as per your preferences.

If you use a mobile or another device to access Sites, Skillinvest may collect a unique device identifier assigned to that device, location data, or other transactional information from that device.

Any cookies Skillinvest uses are to remember your Site preferences. They may be used to collect and store information such as pages you have visited, content you have viewed, search queries you have run and viewed advertisements on the Site and other websites you have visited.

You can always disable the use of cookies by changing the security settings of your browser. However, this may affect your access to certain features, content or personalisation available through the Sites.

## OVERSEAS DISCLOSURES

Skillinvest will not disclose your personal information to an overseas recipient.

### **DIRECT MARKETING**

Skillinvest may use and disclose your personal information in order to inform you of products and services that may be of interest to you, If you do not wish to receive such communications, you can opt out by contacting Skillinvest via the contact details set out below or through any opt-out mechanism contained in a marketing communication to you.

### **SECURITY OF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Skillinvest takes all reasonable steps to ensure the personal information it holds is protected against misuse, interference and loss and from unauthorised access, modification or disclosure. Skillinvest holds personal information in both hard copy and electronic forms in secure databases on secure premises, accessible only by authorised staff.

Skillinvest will destroy or de-identify personal information in circumstances where it is no longer required, unless Skillinvest is otherwise required or authorised by law to retain the information.

### **YOU CAN ACCESS YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Skillinvest takes steps reasonable in the circumstances to ensure that the personal information it holds is accurate, up-to-date, complete, relevant and not misleading. Under the Privacy Act, you have a right to access and seek correction of your personal information that is collected and held by Skillinvest. If at any time you would like to access or correct the personal information that Skillinvest holds about you, or you would like more information on Skillinvest's approach to privacy, please contact Skillinvest via the contact details set out below.

Skillinvest will grant access to the extent required or authorised by the Privacy Act or other law and take steps reasonable in the circumstances to correct personal information where necessary and appropriate.

To obtain access to your personal information:

- you will have to provide proof of identity. This is necessary to ensure that personal information is provided only to the correct individuals and that the privacy of others is protected;
- Skillinvest requests that you be reasonably specific about the information you require; and
- Skillinvest may charge you a reasonable administration fee, which reflects the cost to Skillinvest for providing access in accordance with your request.

Skillinvest will endeavour to respond to your request to access or correct your personal information within 30 days of your request.

If Skillinvest refuses your request to access or correct your personal information, Skillinvest will provide you with written reasons for the refusal and details of complaint mechanisms.

Skillinvest will also take steps reasonable in the circumstance to provide you with access in a manner that meets your needs and the needs of Skillinvest.

### **COMPLAINTS PROCESS**

Please direct all privacy complaints to Skillinvest's Privacy Compliance Officer via the contact details below. At all times, privacy complaints:

- will be treated seriously;
- will be dealt with promptly;

- will be dealt with in a confidential manner; and
- will not affect your existing obligations or affect the arrangements between you and Skillinvest.

Skillinvest's Privacy Officer will commence an investigation into your complaint. You will be informed of the outcome of your complaint following completion of the investigation. If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your complaint, you may refer the complaint to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

If you have any questions in relation to privacy or feel the information Skillinvest holds is incorrect and wish to amend this, please contact Skillinvest. You can do this by contacting Skillinvest at:

- By Mail: Privacy Officer, Skillinvest, PO Box 930 HORSHAM VIC 3402;
- By Email: [PrivacyOfficer@skillinvest.com.au](mailto:PrivacyOfficer@skillinvest.com.au),
- By phone: 1300 135 008
- From Skillinvest's website at <https://www.skillinvest.com.au>

## REFERENCES

Privacy Act 1988

Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012

Australian Government Privacy Fact Sheet 17 – Australian Privacy Principles

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2018 Notifiable Data Breaches Scheme

National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011 (Cth)

The National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Data Provision Requirements)

Instrument 2020 (Cth)

National VET Data Policy

### **SKILLINVEST DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVENESS CLAUSE:**

Skillinvest values and promotes diversity, fairness and inclusiveness in the workplace and is committed to ensuring workplace diversity and inclusiveness through establishing proactive strategies, policies and procedures. Skillinvest aims to ensure that all employees, clients, business partners and stakeholders are treated with respect, dignity and fairness to ensure Skillinvest promotes inclusiveness and positive working relationships.

Skillinvest is committed to recognising the value of diversity and inclusiveness in the workplace and ensures that work practices promote equal opportunity and are non-discriminatory.